

# St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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## PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

St Francis of Assisi is attributed to making the following statement: "Above all the grace and gifts that Christ gives to His beloved is that of overcoming self." As with most communications - the spoken word, the written text, the image - we sometimes have to be engaged in 'the message' numerous times and in many contexts for the message to become more profound; for its intrinsic lesson to be appreciated. St Francis's message of rising to challenges in order to achieve a bigger, bolder vision is apparent in our daily endeavours and we may often have to be deaf to both our inner voice of indecision and to the doubts of others in order to 'overcome self.' A book called "The Power of Self-Esteem," by psychologist Nathaniel Branden, points out that a workforce lacking confidence in its ability to think and cope with life's challenges won't be very productive. Branden reminded managers to help employees stretch by supporting training and workshops, and to tolerate mistakes provided people learn from these experiences. He also counselled listening to employees as a means to stimulate new ideas, resulting in the building of confidence by hopefully sharing sincere compliments and encouragement.

What occurs when this happens, is the creation of a workforce with a "growth" mindset, instead of a "fixed" mindset that fears change. Each individual, within the full spectrum of the community hopefully views each situation as an opportunity for growth; change is sought, not feared. Personal development is vital, and not an afterthought and becomes a critical investment, providing each team member, regardless of job responsibilities, every opportunity to know he or she is an integral components in the community's success. As the old saying goes, "A rising tide floats all boats."

Our school staff are involved regularly in formal and informal processes and opportunities that contribute to our school improvement plan being dynamic, being characterised as a systematic set of specific strategies that aspire to increasing student effort, enjoyment of participation and enhanced performance, and for integrating a broad range of advanced learning experiences and higher-order thinking, skills into any curricular area, course of study, or pattern of school organisation. The general approach of our school improvement model is one of infusing more effective practices into existing school structures.

The leverage we need to make meaningful change cannot be had without doing away with two mindsets: 1. that one person or one group knows the right answer and; 2. that change is linear. Staff, parents and students need to collaborate during all phases of the change process by examining our respective capacities and motivations in conjunction with the desired changes; our 'collective wisdom' and collaborative efforts can support our school improvement plan, shaping a vision and developing the procedures that will be needed to realise and sustain that vision. Thank you to all staff, parents and students who contribute so willingly in supporting change, progress, through the lens of collective wisdom.

Regards, Rod Linhart (Principal)

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

Monday 26th Standardised testing (PAT) in Reading, Maths, Spelling and Vocabulary.  
Wed 28th Socktober Mini-Vinnies fund-raiser (casual clothes and crazy sock day - gold coin donation please)

### NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd Recreation Day **Public Holiday**  
Thursday 5th School Athletics Day  
Monday 9th Two-week Swimming program begins for students in Years 2, 3, 4 & 5  
9.00-10.30am Pre-Kinder session at St Patrick's  
Mitch ('Spirit of Jesus') visiting - Years

## SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2020

Term 4 Mon 12th October 2020 - Thursday 17th Dec 2020

## SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2021

Wednesday 20th January: school office opens

Wednesday 27th January - Staff return

Term 1 Mon 1st Feb - Thursday 1st April 2021

Term 2 Mon 26th April - Friday 2nd July

Term 3 Mon 20th July - Friday 24th September

Term 4 Mon 11th October - Thursday 16th December

(One student free day yet TBC)

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## Children's Book Council Book Week Celebrations (19th October to 23rd October).

Thank you to all students and staff who supported this year's CBC Book Week celebrations ('Curious creatures, wild minds'), the highlight of which was the Book week character assembly last Wednesday 21st October. Thank you to everyone who purchased from our book fair which was held during Book Week.



## Crazy Sock Day - Wednesday 28th October

As part of a Mini-Vinnies fund-raiser to raise money for Missions, students are invited to wear casual clothes with 'crazy socks' as a feature. A gold coin donation will be welcomed.



## Design Technology Year 2 (Mrs Badcock)

Students in Year 2 designed and decorated donuts. They created boxes for their donuts aimed at persuading others to buy their product. They then created a spoken advertisement using green screen technology. An image of their donut was used behind them as they spoke about the advantages of their donut.



## 2021 Class Stationery Packs

After considerable discernment, we have decided to make some changes to our Class Stationery Pack organisation for 2021. More information next week, however, some changes include:

- The school should have the 2021 class stationery packs available for sale to parents from Tuesday 17th November 2020 - we will be storing these packs at school and on-selling them to families.
- From Tuesday 17th November parents will be provided with a stationery list - parents may choose to purchase items through their preferred supplier OR they may choose to purchase the stationery pack from school.
- We are requesting parents refrain from purchasing outside the set stationery list - in the interests of avoiding unneeded distractions in class, please do not purchase items such as sequined pencil, cases or outlandish stationery items that will distract children and usually causes unneeded anxiety if the item gets lost or broken.

## Student Achievement - Kyle Jordan

It was a busy weekend for Kyle who competed at the Tasmanian All Schools Athletics Championship in Hobart. Competing against a very competitive field of Year 6 boys from all over Tasmania, Kyle is to be congratulated on winning a bronze medal in the 800m and in the 1500m. Kyle said that he had fun and by all accounts he represented St Patrick's very well on and off the field often helping the adults to set up and pack away equipment at the end of each event. We are all very proud of both Kyle's continuing growth of character and in the sportsmanship that he shows his fellow competitors.



## School Athletics Carnival - Thursday 5th November

A detailed program will be distributed with next week's Newsletter, however, in summary, after a whole-school morning assembly students will walk to the Latrobe Recreation Ground to participate from 9.30am - 12.30pm (11.00-11.20am recess at school) in running races and some field events such as Vortex and ball games. Upon return to school at 12.30pm a BBQ will be available for students with a sausages in bread available and each student will also be offered an icy-pole. Classes resume (in classrooms) after lunch at 1.30pm.



## WEST Award

Congratulations to Sophie Franklin (Year 3) who received a WEST Award during Monday's morning assembly. We will continue to acknowledge those students who exhibit WEST (Welcoming, Encouraging; Sorry; Thankful) qualities and Mercy Values (Hospitality, Compassion, Mercy and Respect) by presenting awards at our Monday morning assemblies.

## House Raffle Winners

**Byrne House:** Melanie Garrad

**Dooley House:** Lachlan Riley

**Martyn House:** Hamish Crawford

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Isaac Banks for an excellent effort in reading and writing.

Year 1: Peyton Allford for a great effort with listening and for asking good questions during discussions.

Year 2: Izabella Goss for her clever use of words when writing imaginative texts.

Year 3: Melia Sesara for kindness towards others and her exemplary attitude towards learning tasks.

Year 4: Indy Wells for great expression with Readers Theatre Presentation.

Year 5: Maddy Hawkins for positive attitude towards all learning task.

Year 6: Thomas O'Grady for a huge improvement in applying the focus phoneme when learning his weekly spelling words.

## Mandatory Reporting requirements under The Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1997

This Act legally requires members of certain professions within the community to report concerns, or suspected abuse or neglect of children to Child Protection Services, or to a Gateway Service. For example, all employees within the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Education and Catholic Education Tasmania are mandated to report their knowledge, belief or suspicion that a child has suffered, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect; workers are legally obligated to report and may be held accountable if they fail to do so, which overrides any confidentiality and privacy requirements that may otherwise govern behaviour in this regard. Staff, therefore, are obliged to make notifications, usually through the principal, of any concern observed or communicated to them - staff do not investigate, nor interrogate and such details are treated as confidential.

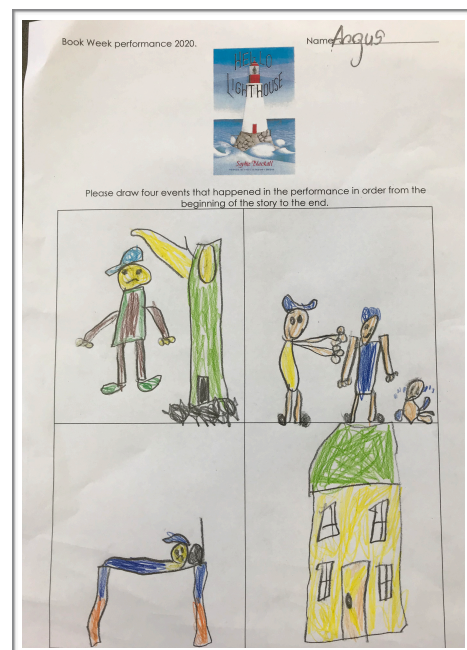
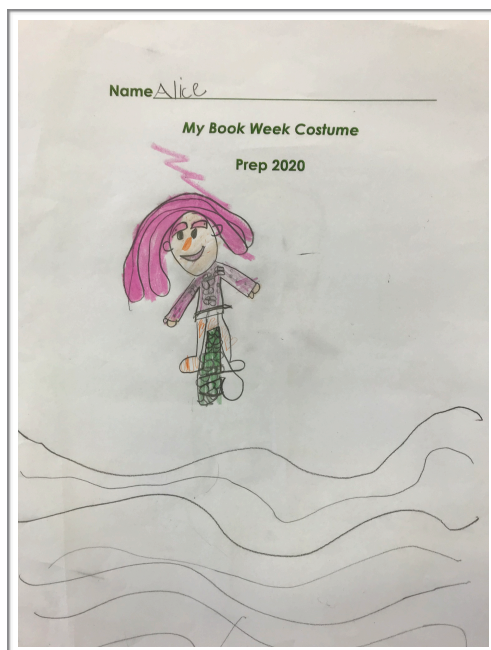
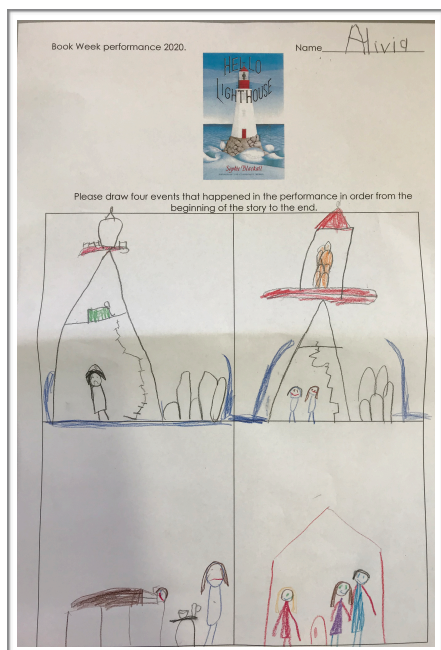
## COVID School Health & Safety Plan - Thank you for your continued support and vigilance.

Thank-you to all our parents who continue to support our school's COVID-19 Safety Plan by observing signage regarding health and hygiene protocols. The following activities are now permitted:

- Families making a birthday cake or cakes that are shared with a child's class to celebrate a birthday - PLEASE contact the class teacher first to ensure if any class member has any food allergies.
- Adults attending assemblies - please sanitise or hand-wash upon entering any of the school buildings (as is the protocol for all staff and students) and sign-in on the assembly hall sign-in sheet.
- Adults volunteering in classes - please sanitise or hand-wash upon entering any of the school buildings (as is the protocol for all staff and students) and sign-in at the school office.

## Bookweek Responses - Prep (Mrs Jak)

Prep created some interesting responses to last week's Book Week focus.



## Emergency Practice

Within the next few weeks, whilst at recess or lunch, we will hold an unannounced emergency practice with staff & students, to test our response to a potential scenario that staff identify a threat warranting the school go into lockdown (opposite to evacuation). Like for fire evacuation drills, we recognised the worth to test this process. We have plans in place to make this practice as least disruptive as able. If you have queries please call our Safety Officer, Simon Natoli on 0400 105 476

## COMMUNITY NEWS & REMINDERS

### Years 2 - 5 Swimming Program: Monday 9th November to Friday 20th November.

Students in Grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 will participate in their Swimming program at the Latrobe Swim Centre from Monday 9th November to Friday 20th November inclusively. We support the Latrobe Swim Centre's request that we communicate to parents that they are abiding with the current ruling by Health and Safety Standards, in regards to "no parent/ spectator present" during swim programs whilst the facility is booked. A summary of important points, including a permission form must be completed no later than 3pm Thursday 5th November. Students will experience a variety of activities aimed at increasing confidence in the water and improving swimming skills. The Swimming Program is part of our Physical Education Curriculum and all students are expected to participate.

## Care and Concern

A reminder for all families that we have the ability to prepare meals and to let the school office or Mr Linhart now if you would like a meal delivered. Please feel welcome to be included in our Care and Concern Volunteer List - thank you to the many school community members who are already on this list and are assisting others: **Always please contact the office staff or Mr Linhart if you feel we could offer support in any way to anyone in our school community in need.**

### 2020 Pre-Kinder; 2021 Kinder

St Patrick's School will be offering a Pre-Kinder program each Monday morning for five weeks for children who have been accepted into our 2020 Kindergarten class. The sessions will begin at 9.00am and conclude at 10.30am, and all sessions will take place in the St Patrick's School Kindergarten classroom on the following days (children to bring a drink & morning tea): **Monday 16th November; Monday 23rd November; Monday 30th November; Monday 7th December; Monday 14th December.** This timetabling will mean the usual 'Inquiring Minds – Setup for Success' sessions that we offer on Fridays will still be offered as usual. The five Pre-Kinder sessions are aimed to provide children with a realistic 'taste' of kindergarten for 2021; it is expected parents leave their children with the kindergarten staff for the duration of the program – coffee, tea and a light morning tea will be available to parents for all sessions. The parent sessions will be convened in the school assembly hall, beginning at 9.15am, concluding with a catered morning tea at 10.15am. More information will be communicated in the coming weeks.



PSYCHOLOGISTS- KRISTINE BULL AND  
LUCY KARAFILIS PRESENT:

## Helping Children with Anxiety and Depression

Strategies for Helping Children at Home and in the  
Classroom, Including Children With Autism

**Saturday 21 Nov 2020, 1 - 3.30 pm**  
Pathway to Life Church, 20 Nicholls Street, Devonport

Cost \$30, Tickets available at:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/126179086043>

**Photos that appear in newsletters:** Parents are welcome to contact Tameka, Lennice or Mr Linhart if they would like any photo that we take of their child or children that appear in the Newsletter.