

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Lord,
Grant us at all times, a clear vision of the truth, and the courage to work towards it, regardless of the cost.

Grant us wisdom in all our decisions,
prudence in all our troubles,
courtesy in all our differences,
and respect in all our views.

Give us the humility to know that we are not always right,
and that another's opinion may have more worth than our own.

Help us work, not for our own advantage, but for the welfare of each other and the good of our children and our community.

And this prayer we make through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.

This prayer provides the focus for every School Board meeting epitomising key values that are intrinsic to all relationships within the context of our school community - **truth; wisdom** (or the search for it); **prudence; courtesy; respect**. The prayer recognises that we will have differences; however, we are to be courteous. It acknowledges that we are not always right; however, we should be humble in seeking resolution and actively seek a clear vision of the truth. The prayer is a prayer for wisdom and courage; it confirms for us the goal that our endeavours need to be for the greater good of all and every action, every decision has subsumed to it an opportunity cost that will not necessarily favour all in the school community. If I was to stop and ask you what brings you to St Patrick's, I would expect the word '**hope**' to be used somewhere early in the conversation. As we move closer to the much anticipated Advent season, my hope is that all in our school community work to become people who make a positive difference in the lives of others.

One of the ways we view 'hope' is through building strong relationships with others - to build on what we have in common. As a rule, friendships are built on common experiences, common backgrounds, and common values. Unfortunately some of our decisions reflect an **unconscious bias**, which rests on the belief that we act on the basis of internalised representations of which we are unaware sometimes leading us to engage in discriminatory behaviours without conscious intent. We are all prone to make decisions based on our past experiences and the

emotions we attached to them. These are usually filed away in our brains without much further thought or reflection. However, it is that **further thought and reflection** that allows us to better evaluate our beliefs and replace them as necessary when we see such beliefs are holding us back, and may even be acting against what is good for us and others.

My hope as we embark on a busy pre-Advent period is that in our busy lives, by our discernment and pausing between thought and action, that we offer hope to others and that we work hard to make a positive difference - a mantra that reflects our vision and values over the next few weeks.

Regards, Rod Linhart (Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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
	Mitch ('Spirit of Jesus') visiting Years 4 & 3
Wed 11th	Remembrance Day morning assembly
Monday 16th	9.00 am - 10.30am Pre-Kinder Session 1
Friday 20th	Swimming program concludes
Monday 23rd	9.00 am - 10.30am Pre-Kinder Session 2
Sunday 29th	Advent season commences

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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Staff

Mrs Gregson is on leave until the commencement of the 2021 school year - we wish her well on her recovery from an operation - Mrs Marshall has taken on some of Mrs Gregson's Student Support responsibilities and Mr O'Brien is teaching five days a week in Year 1; we welcomed back Mrs Meech who had been away on leave for the past four weeks; Mr Atkins will be away attending a deputy principals' meeting in Launceston this Thursday and Friday; Mrs McIver has secured a teaching role at Our Lady of Lourdes beginning in 2021 and we wish her all the very best with her new responsibilities - we have advertised for Mrs McIver's replacement. We will welcome Rosie Maunder to provide staff with some useful information regarding ADHD during our staff meeting this week - Rosie is an Australian-based health professional, a Clinical Psychologist, Psychologist and she has a practice located in Hobart.

School Athletics Carnival - Thursday 5th November

A detailed program is included in this week's Newsletter and is also available on our school website. Students from kinder to Year 6 will participate in events and activities 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. A BBQ for students will be available with a sausage in bread available, each student will also receive an icy-pole at 12.30pm. **NORMAL CANTEEN WILL STILL BE OFFERED.** Classes resume (in classrooms) after lunch play at 1.30pm.

Library 100% Reading Winners

Mrs Carter congratulated James, Lincoln and Sophie on being the recipients of a Library 100% Reader Winner - students who have 100% borrowing (borrow each and every week) are eligible and Mrs Carter 'pulls out' three names each term as a means of promoting the use of our wonderful library resources. Many thanks to those parents who support their child's or children's regular borrowing and reading of library books.

Latrobe Lions Club Christmas Parade - Cancelled

The annual Latrobe Lions Club Christmas Parade has been cancelled, however, as a means to brighten up the Latrobe streetscape and promote some festive cheer, the Latrobe Lions Club is requesting organisations to participate in some Christmas decorating of shop-fronts that reflect the theme, 'Stockings and Stars.' St Patrick's has been provided with the responsibility/opportunity to decorate Ritchies IGA shop-front windows. School staff will be discussing some opportunities that will hopefully involve as many children as possible in our collective endeavours to bring some smiles to the faces of 'window-shoppers.'



Socktober 2020



*"We are God's hands, we are God's heart,
we are here like a part of the Body of Christ in the world".*

Bishop "Kike"

Thank you to all students and families who donated to our Socktober event held last week. Your donations will go toward Catholic Mission. Catholic Mission through Socktober, aims to engage young people in a holistic experience of mission - activating a learning mind, an open heart and hands for action.



At assembly we watched the story of Dara, a young boy from Cambodia who suffered physical injury as a result of the conflicts in his country and saw him given the opportunity to go to a school that can cater for his unique needs. At the turn of the century, Bishop Enrique "Kike" established the Arupe Welcome Centre for children with disability caused by landmines, injury or illness. Today, he and a staff of mostly volunteers continue to care for children by providing educational, vocational, social and sporting opportunities. The money collected will go to the Arupe Welcome Centre to help children like Dara. Together we raised \$227.05.

WEST Award

Congratulations to Grace Steele (Year 6) who received a WEST Award during today'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: Darcy

Dooley House: Alivia

Martyn House: Hamish

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Darcy Wrangmore for the excellent effort with your writing Darcy; the presentation of your work is outstanding.

Year 1: Jacob Hingston for his fantastic engagement with task and great listening during class discussions.

Year 2: Hamish Crawford for his amazing application and attitude to learning.

Year 3: Lachlan Riley for his great application and effort to produce a fantastic watercolour landscape inspired by Albert Namatjira.

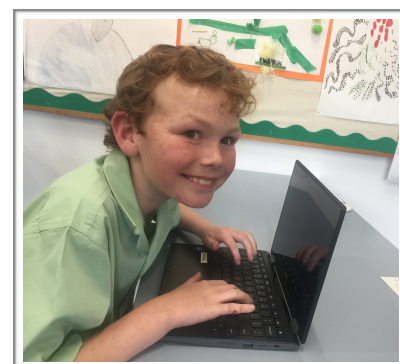
Year 4: Thomas Marshall for his courtesy and consideration, and helpfulness.

Year 5: Jaxon Boyle for his consistently strong work ethic.

Year 6: Bradley Venton for his focused effort with making a 'Wind-powered Sail Car' in Science.

Chromebooks (Mrs Badcock)

Year 3 and Year 4 have a number of new Chromebooks, which now allows each student to use their own device. The school has gradually been building up these resources for students and currently Years 3-6 have 1:1 access and there are Chromebooks and iPads available in Kindergarten-Year 2 classrooms. Students are being taught the knowledge and skills to effectively use digital technology at school to be confident and positive digital citizens. These devices are used for educational purposes at our school and student engagement will be monitored.



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 or 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 on the assembly hall sign-in sheet.

Years 2-5 Swimming Program

Our 10-day school swimming program will be offered Monday 9th November to Friday 20th November. We support the Latrobe Swim Centre's request that we communicate to parents that they are currently running with the ruling by Health and Safety Standards, in regard to **"no parent/ spectator present"** during swim programs whilst the facility is booked. Class times are:

Year 5: 9.00am - 9.45am.

Year 4: 9.45am - 10.30am.

Year 3: 10.30am - 11.15am.

Year 2: 11.15am - 12.00pm.

Some important considerations include:

- Earrings and band-aids are not to be worn in the pool.
- Students may wear their PE uniform to and from school for the duration of the swimming program.
- A bathing cap is essential – students will not be permitted to swim without a cap (The office will have a small amount (15) available for purchase if you are unable to locate/purchase prior to swimming).
- Students will walk to and from the venue under the supervision of school staff.
- Children should bring a plastic bag in which to put their wet bathers, bathing cap and wet towel.
- Goggles (may be worn when permitted by the instructor).
- Students may wear bathers to school, however, students will require clean underclothes to change into - students are not to wear wet bathers underneath their school sports uniform: it would be beneficial if families support us by encouraging their children to dry and dress themselves at home in preparation for the swimming program;
- Sunscreen is the responsibility of each student to bring and apply, and;
- Permission forms must be completed no later than 3pm Thursday 5th November. Permission can now also be completed on your child's compass profile.**

2021 Class Stationery Packs

After considerable discernment, we have decided to make some changes to our Class Stationery Pack organisation for 2021. **2021 Stationery Pack letters that include a list of items will be included with next week's Newsletter.** As mentioned last week, 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 selling them direct to families.
- 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. Packs available through the school office are unable to be split.
- 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 sequinned pencil, cases or outlandish/overly distractive stationery items that will distract children and usually causes unneeded anxiety if the item gets lost or broken.

Mathletics Masters!

Congratulations to Edmund and Victor Barker who recently were awarded their **SECOND** Gold Certificate in Mathletics - Fantastic attitude and application!

Emergency Practice

Within the next few weeks, whilst at recess or lunch we will hold an unannounced emergency practice with staff and students, to test our response to a potential scenario that staff identify a threat warranting the school go into lockdown (opposite to evacuation). 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

Latrobe Demons Basketball - Intro to basketball for boys

The Latrobe Basketball Association will be running a 4-week introduction to basketball for boy's keen to head down to the Latrobe Basketball Stadium and learn how to shoot some hoops! Who knows, we may uncover a future Jack Jumper for the Tasmanian NBL team! **AGES:** Boys born in 2012 & 2013; **WHEN:** Monday 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th of November; **WHERE:** Latrobe Basketball Stadium, Cotton Street Latrobe; **TIME:** 3:30 to 4:30pm; **COACHES:** Matthew Parker & Jarrod Nasiukiewicz; **WHAT TO BRING:** Drink bottle, clean non-marking shoes, & lots of energy for some fun and games!; Coaches Matt Parker & Jarrod Nasiukiewicz look forward to seeing you there! Please register your son's interest to: Matthew Parker Email: coachingcoordinator@latrobebasketball.com.au

Care and Concern

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 at 10.15am.

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.