

# St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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## PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Last Wednesday our school assembled for a Remembrance Day liturgy conducted by our Mini-Vinnies group. It is clear that students are getting tired, teachers' job lists are getting longer and deadlines are no longer looming - they are here and now! However, our 'suffering' of the effects of a long and busy school year is nothing compared to the deep and traumatic suffering that millions experience through the effects of war. St Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans (5: 3) that, "We rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces endurance; endurance produces character; and character, hope." There is no shallow dismissal of 'suffering' in St Paul's statement; he was a man who apparently experienced significant personal suffering in his life. In our own 'remembrance' of the year, we come to a reflection based on our own personal understanding and there would be few of us who could call on the terrible personal and often daily suffering that is the experience of countless millions who are cruelly persecuted and are powerless to act in the face of injustice. However, that doesn't prevent us to be fully empathetic to another's plight and needs.

It is interesting to hear responses from parents when they are asked in the enrolment interview to state what they would like from St Patrick's - what is their expectation of us as a school. Invariably it is the hope that their child is safe, followed shortly after by the provision of routines and a culture that supports children learning values that enhance relationships. Being in a relationship - whether it is with family, friends, work colleagues or members of the public - has a degree of 'suffering'. Just as we should not expect all prayers to be answered merely because we add, "In Jesus name" at the conclusion, so too we shouldn't expect every and all of our relationships to be a bed of roses.

I believe our school establishes realistic expectations for all members of the school community; expectations that are well communicated and generally universally embraced. The challenge for all of us is to endure the occasional 'suffering' that we experience as we are daily challenged to enter into meaningful relationships with

each other for the collective benefit of the school community. To be people of hope and character, as espoused by St Paul, we need to be aware of the suffering of others and assist them in persevering and being courageous. As we get closer to the Advent period, a season of goodwill is promoted and there may be a tendency for 'cracks to be wallpapered over'. Let's acknowledge the importance of grace in suffering - that we need to move higher than merely taking the good with the bad; we need to see gifts in each experience and be creative in our response and hence grow from the experience.

Regards,

Rod Linhart (Principal)

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

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  
Wed 25th P & F Lunch Day.  
Sunday 29th Advent season commences

### DECEMBER

Tuesday 1st Years 6-7 2021 orientation day for prospective St Brendan-Shaw College and Latrobe High students.  
Friday 4th Mitch (SoJ) visiting - Years 3 & 4  
Monday 7th 9.00-10.30am Pre-Kinder session  
6.00pm School Board and P & F Dinner  
Thursday 10th Year 6 social excursion  
Friday 11th Prep Nativity Play for Prep families.

### 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

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## WEST Award

Congratulations to Harper Clark (Year 2) 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:** Lulu Meech

**Dooley House:** Fraser Smith

**Martyn House:** Eden Mayes

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Angus Anthony - excellent work, Angus, using reading strategies effectively.

Year 1: Edmund Barker for a consistent effort and attitude towards all aspect of his learning.

Year 2: Violet Watkins for applying number strategies to problem solving.

Year 3: Hailey Mitchell for being an engaged learner and giving her best in all activities.

Year 4: Lincoln McQueen for kindness towards his classmates demonstrating compassion and always encouraging others.

Year 5: Emily Phegan for her perseverance with learning tasks.

Year 6: Alex O'Grady for his focus and excellent teamwork while constructing components of a Tetrahedral Kite in Science.

## Spirit of Jesus (SoJ) with Mitch

We went through our SoJ books and from the 65 headings, quotes and bubbles we bought them down to 25, then 15, which we put on a card, then on the front cover we wrote our top five values and attitudes that we want to take in our lives and then our top three that we put on a reflective sheet of paper and we hope you enjoy reading them:

- *Being switched onto the Spirit of Jesus in my life.*
- *Life is tough and so are we.*
- *Having an attitude of gratitude is so important.*
- *I am in charge of my attitude to people and life.*
- *How do we show the Spirit of Jesus to others?*
- *Be a Giver rather than a Taker in friendships.*
- *I should learn from my mistakes in life*
- *What sort of a person do you want to be?*
- *Prayer is like talking to a friend .*
- *Doing random acts of kindness.*
- *Today is going to be awesome....keep feeding the positive wolf.*
- *Spread you attitude everywhere as it is catching.*
- *How can we become more like Jesus?*
- *Can I improve in the way 'Greet Treat and Speak to people'*
- *A smile is an act of love a gift to that person.*
- *Jesus never gets tired of forgiving us so we should try to be the same with others.*
- *Happy people are grateful for what we have.*
- *No one can have greater love than a person lay down his life for his friends.*
- *Jesus Spirit is in our play and recess time*
- *You can go into your "Heart Room anytime.*

Mitch then asked students what they liked about their SOJ book, making the card, and their comments on the inspiring videos they watched.

- *I really now like my SOJ book better, loved the colouring in, it helps me to be a better person.*
- *I like using the gel pens to doing my card and using the stickers at the back of the books.*
- *The videos were great and I liked the one man who changed his attitude and he ended up walking and running again.*
- *I enjoyed all the lesson and making choices to my attitudes in doing the card.*
- *I liked writing the little messages I got from my doing my card.*

## Years 3/4 Boys and Girls Basketball Competition

The Year 3/4 boys played their final fixture last Friday and, by all accounts, their level of competitiveness increased with each week of the Friday night competition. The Year 3/4 girls play their final fixture this Friday night. Many thanks to our coaches, Mrs Lamprey, Mrs Meech, Eddie and the parents who have supported this competition.



## PARENTS & FRIENDS (P & F)

- The P&F will be holding a lunch day next Wednesday 25th November. An order form is included with today's newsletter. Order cut off is this **Friday 20th November no late orders will be accepted.**
- A P & F meeting will be held this Friday 20th November at 2.00 pm in the Kinder room. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the committee and what we do are welcome to come along.

## Religious Education

Father Mike has been appointed as the Parish Priest of Kingston Channel Parish, effective from January 11th 2021. Fr Jaison Kuzhiyil has been appointed as Administrator of Mersey Leven Parish. We welcome Father Jaison and will farewell Father Mike formally later this year. We wish Father Mike well in his new appointment.

## Latrobe Christmas Streetscape Initiative

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the annual Latrobe Lions Club Christmas Parade has been cancelled this year – traditionally, Prep participates in this parade. As a means to support some festive spirit, the Latrobe Lions Club has organised a Festive Shop-front initiative that reflects the theme, 'Stars and stockings.' St Patrick's School has been invited to decorate the Ritchie's IGA shop-front as a means of a community response to enhancing Christmas spirit in the absence of this parade. We are grateful to the artistic support of Inge Watkins who is working with us on creating a suitable artistic response that will hopefully enable all classes to contribute to the shop front theme.

## Library Book Club due 27th November

BOOK CLUB Issue 8 is out now! This issue has got some fabulous offers to help keep the kids entertained over the holiday break. Thank you to everyone for supporting Book Club again this year, our library has reaped over \$800 of free books because of this and keeps our readers up to date with new releases!

## NAIDOC Week - Art with Aunty Dawn in Kinder

During NAIDOC Week, our Kinder students were lucky enough to have an art experience with Aunty Dawn. Aunty Dawn spoke to the Kinder class about Tasmanian Aboriginal Culture, and they then worked on a collaborative piece of artwork.



**Book Club has summer reading sorted!**

**ISSUE 8 OUT NOW!**

**Don't forget orders are due by: FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER**

There's something for everyone!

**SCHOLASTIC**

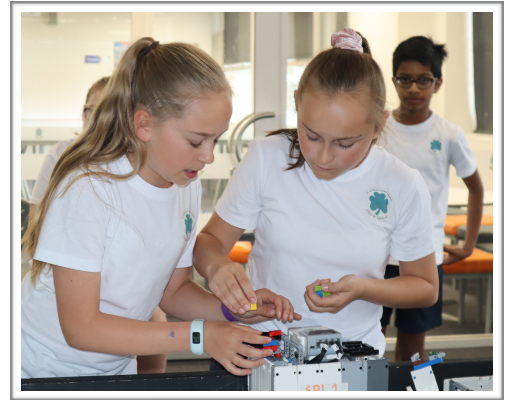


### Next week's Newsletter:

- Kris Kindle.
- St Patrick's School Giving Tree.
- December School Calendar.

## First Lego League

Very well done to the First Lego League students, Mr Atkins, Mr O'Brien and Mrs Adams for their participation and achievement in last Saturday's First Lego League competition in Hobart. We have lots of photos and a report to share in next week's Newsletter.



## Schedule of Fees 2021

Please find as an insert the Schedule of Fees for 2021. Due to all Catholic Education Tasmania schools moving to a new finance database early next year, there are some differences to this schedule compared to last year that we wish to highlight:

- The payment in full option that attracts a 3% discount has been extended to a 31st March 2021 deadline (Option 1).
- The 10 equal monthly instalments will commence on the 8th March 2021 (previously this commenced 27th February - Option 2).

We have been able to keep the 2021 school fees to the minimal increase of 1.2 % and, as always, we are always willing to assist families who wish to receive assistance in this regard - a Fee Assistance form will be required to be completed annually please.

## Book Packs 2021

As advised in last weeks newsletter the 2021 book stationary packs are now available for purchase at the school office. These can be purchased at anytime during school office hours 8.30am-3.30pm.

## COMMUNITY NEWS & REMINDERS

### 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 current 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.

### 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.

### 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 is offering a Pre-Kinder program **each Monday morning for four 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 begin 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.** 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 9.30am, concluding at 10.15am.