

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

There is a saying in regards to gratitude that implies an action or thought that we receive that makes us feel special; this becomes a stored memory of the **heart**, rather than the **mind**. At St Patrick's, I believe staff work very hard with families on activating both heart and mind. Being grateful is 'a duty' and an authentic sign of courtesy, and we all fall short of our obligation to display gratitude to those around us whose actions, be they small and subtle or grand and extravagant, are not acknowledged. Having been 'around the teaching ridges' for 38 years, I can say with utter confidence that I am grateful to have such a hard-working, collaborative and creative staff, who are supported by students and parents who are aware of our WEST ideals. As a school community I believe the vast majority of us earnestly living out our Mercy values through a variety of our actions.

In Shakespeare's play Coriolanus, the line, 'Ingratitude is monstrous' has stood the test of time as being as relevant to families and workplaces today as it was in the seventeenth century. I hope our staff, and those families and students who work hard to support our initiatives, feel that their efforts are valued because that is the kernel of showing gratitude. As such, I thought I would bring to your attention some actions by staff for which I am exceedingly grateful: Ms Stuart for her patience with renovations to her classroom throughout the school year; Mrs Jak's superb organisation of her class coupled with Mrs Adams' life-affirming presence thus ensuring a focused learning environment; Mrs Marshall writing personal welcome cards for her new students to commence every year - being part of such an effective team with Mr O'Brien and Mrs Tueon in Year 1; Mr O'Brien, Mr Atkins and Mrs Adams for their extraordinary support of First Lego League; Mrs Badcock's wonderful ability to juggle her leadership roles in early years curriculum and ICT with her delivery of creative Year 2 teaching; Lockett Sensei's thoroughness in her LOTE planning; Mrs Fenton's and Ms Mundy's diligence in setting a strong and caring atmosphere of learning in Year 2; the effective collaboration and communication that is displayed between Miss Moore, Mr Butcher, Mrs Males, Mrs Anthony and Mr Lowry in Year 5; and Ms Stuart, Mrs McIver and Mrs Lamprey in Year 3, resulting in effective programming for the children in these classes; Mrs Kingshott, ably supported by Mrs Anthony, who together are impressive in their ability to ensure the Year 6 class is settled and effectively engaged in tasks that reflect many of the multiple intelligences; Mrs Meech and Mrs Hyland whose calm, astute leadership of learning have enabled significant growth in Year 4; Mrs Wescombe, Mrs Klug and Mrs Adams in providing our Kinder students, with ample opportunities for engaging in very well-planned learning sequences that

gradually lifted their ability to continue to be life-long learners; Mrs Hayes for supporting a variety of sport incursions; Mrs Carter's dedication in promoting our library; Mrs Gregson for her support of student learning; Mrs Leonard for her exemplary fiscal management and diligence in all tasks; Mrs Harris for her positive engaging reception presence; Mr Broos whose broad talents know no bounds; Mr Angliss's support for others in so many contexts; Mrs Watson-Peters and Mrs Bakers personal gifts as musicians playing out beautifully in the magical melodies of classes each week; Amy and Carl creating gastronomical delights for an ever-appreciative and growing 'fan-base'.

I am so very grateful because every staff member goes well beyond expectations - visitors to our school **always** comment of the WEST feel from all they meet and the cheerful disposition of our staff, and this is reinforced by many families who are new to our school who generally comment on 'how different' we are - those of us who have been 'around' for a while can become complacent of the many 'extras' that characterise our school. Staff are grateful for the support that they receive from families and they do not rely on your displays of appreciation, HOWEVER, I hope you make the most of any opportunity over the next few days to offer your gratitude to individual members of staff, as, I am sure, our staff will also reciprocate in kind in regards to their gratefulness for your support over what has been an interesting year.

Regards,

Rod Linhart (Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR - details inside today SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2021

Wednesday 20th January: **school office opens (closed Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th Public Holiday)**

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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WEST Award

Congratulations to Mushtaq Khan (Year 3) who received a WEST Award during today's morning assembly. Congratulations to Frank Dewrance-Milligan for being awarded the Aussie of the Month. 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 - Not drawn this week.

Byrne House:

Dooley House:

Martyn House:

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Archer Parry excellent work, Archer, saying messages to teachers and adults. Thank you for always trying your best.

Year 1: Ellie Hayes for consistent display of WEST qualities and positive contribution to Year 1.

Year 2: James Sullivan for effective use of number strategies when solving addition problems and Rori Eagling for showing attention to detail during artistic tasks.

Year 3: Egan Bos for being encouraging of and working cooperatively with his peers.

Year 4: Salma Ragheb for her excellent application towards completing tasks.

Year 5: Amelia Jones for an outstanding improvement with her reading.

Year 6: Koby Harrington for being grateful and appreciative to work with the Prep students using the Dots and Dashes.

End Of Year Reports

Families will receive their child's or children's End of Year Reports next Tuesday 15th December - children who have separated family arrangements will be provided with two reports for the child to then distribute to the respective families unless the school office is notified of a preferred alternate arrangement. To provide some clarity for parents regarding grades that are awarded in the reports, students in Prep to Year 2 are awarded: Outstanding; High; Sound; Partial or; Minimal Achievement against the respective Year Level Standard. Similarly, students in Years 3 to 6 are awarded A; B; C; D or; E against the respective Year Level Standard. A 'Sound' or 'C' grade is what is considered the norm for the Year group in regards to a child's knowledge, skills and understandings of the Year Level curriculum. Parents are welcome to contact their child's teacher to discuss any aspect of this report - please contact your child's teacher (diary or request a call at a mutually convenient time) or contact Lennice or Tameka in the school office and we will organise a mutually convenient time.

Prep Nativity Play (REMINDER)

Preps will be performing a Nativity Play on two different occasions in December this year. This Nativity Play will be performed in the School Assembly Hall on the following dates:

1. Friday 11th December at 10.30am - **Prep parents and family members** are welcome.
2. Monday 14th December at 9.30am - **St. Patrick teachers and students**.

Should parents and family members of Prep students be unable to attend the first performance they are more than welcome to attend the second performance. All costumes and materials will be provided by the school, unless otherwise advised/ requested. As with all school events, all visitors, staff and students are expected to abide by the *St Patrick's Catholic School COVID-19 School Safety Plan* (a one page summary is once again included in this Newsletter.)

Second Week of Advent Prayer

Dear Jesus,

You entered our world at Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.



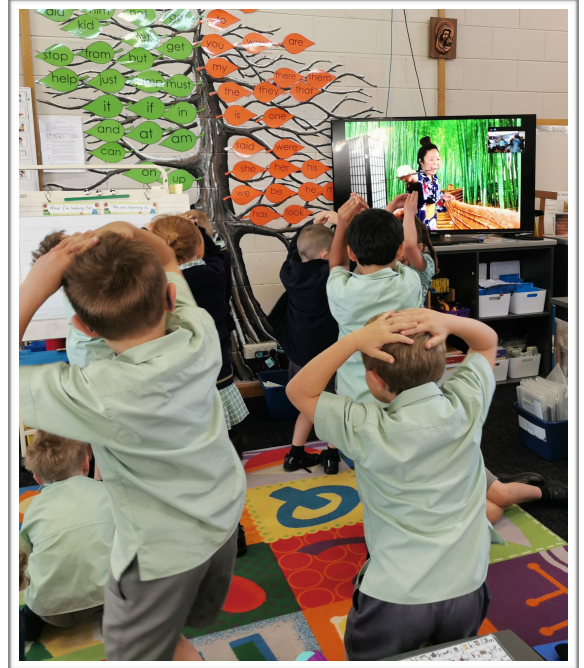


Languages - Japanese (Lockett Sensei)

Prep had an incursion in Japanese today with Aiko Sensei. They sang and danced and listened to a Japanese folk story. It was an enjoyable session and we look forward to doing it again one day.

Lego Advent Calendar winner.

Many thanks to the Kelly family who donated a Lego Advent Calendar. Many students put their name into the free draw, which was drawn at a recent morning assembly - congratulations to Ross Crawford whose name was drawn.



St Patrick's School Giving Tree

Many thanks to the generosity of the many families who have provided a small gift by way of a voucher or donation that will be used to support those families who often require assistance throughout the year due to circumstances often out of their control - information regarding this initiative was included in previous weeks' Newsletters. Please contact Lennice or Tameka in the school office or Mr Linhart for any information.

Kris Kindle.

Kris Kindle presents will be presented to students during a **gift giving ceremony on Wednesday 16th December**, our second last day of school for 2020. Please restrict the gift to approximately \$10.00. Gifts should be brought to school prior to Wednesday 16th December to be left in the classroom, next to the class Christmas focus (Christmas tree, poster, display etc) to help facilitate the joyous anticipation that characterises this special Christian season.

Library

Last week was our **final week of school library** borrowing. We are asking for families to check at home and to please return all school library books this week.

St Patrick's Giving Tree

Thank you to all of the families who have generously contributed to our very own St Patrick's Giving Tree this year.

As as 4.12.20 we have received the donations shown on the Christmas Tree.

Your kindness is so gratefully appreciated and will go towards families in our very own community whose Christmas will be made that little bit more special by your support.

Donations can still be made to the school office until the end of the week.

Final Weeks - Calendar

Monday 7th

- 9.00am (9.30) to 10.30am: Final Pre-Kinder session for 2020.

Friday 11th December

- 9.00-10.30 Final Inquiring Minds/Set-up For Success (Birth to 4) program for the year.
- 10.30am Whole-school assembly – Prep Nativity Play for family members of the Prep class followed by morning tea.
- Year 6 excursion to Launceston.
- Final School Canteen day for 2020.

Monday 14th December

- 9.30am Whole-school assembly – Prep Nativity Play for staff and students of St Patrick's.
- 5.00pm Year 6 Leavers' Liturgy (St Patrick's Catholic School, Latrobe) and dinner.

Tuesday 15th December

- 9.30am Whole-school assembly – 2021 class orientation (students to bring pencil case and fruit.)
- 2.55pm End of Year Reports and School Yearbook distributed to families.

Wednesday 16th December

- Class Kris Kindle gift-giving during the day in classrooms.
- 9.00am Thanksgiving Assembly – Year 6 Farewell (Year 6 family members have preference for seating in the hall - limited numbers due to COVID-19 Safety Plan)
 - A showcase to the school of the Year 6 digital presentation (this will be shown at the Leavers' Liturgy on Monday evening).
 - Year 6 Awards.
 - Kinder-Year 6 Farewell song.

Thursday 17th – Final school day for students (**BBQ offered – free sausage and bread, icy-pole and drink**)

Students to wear sports uniform. Alternative activities will be offered throughout the day including sport, indoor games, garden, sustainability, generally assisting with cleaning and tidying.

Friday 18th Noon - school office closes

EAST DEVONPORT HOLIDAY HAPPENING Free Holiday Club
Ages 5-12
18 - 21st Jan 2021 • 2 - 4.30pm • East Devonport Football Club

Champion's Challenge!

craft games Bible stories fun

For more info: **James Todd 0439 950 965** or **www.sutas.org.au**
Holiday Happening is hosted by Scripture Union Tasmania and supported by local churches

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PARENTS & FRIENDS (Tameika Anthony) REMINDER

We will be holding a Canberra trip fundraiser on Wednesday 9th December. Frog in the ponds will be available at recess for \$2.00.

COMMUNITY NEWS & REMINDERS

2021 STATIONERY PACKS - REMINDER

- 2021 class stationery packs are now available for sale to parents from the school office - **almost 90 families have already purchased and picked-up their packs. Stationery packs can be purchased next year prior to commencement of Term 1, Monday 1st February. The office will be open from Wednesday 20th January for purchases.**
- Parents have been provided with a stationery list for their child's respective 2021 class - parents may choose to purchase items through their preferred supplier **OR** they may choose to purchase the stationery pack from school.
- Parents are requested to refrain from purchasing outside the set class 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 which usually causes unneeded anxiety if the item gets lost or broken.

Other information to note regarding the 2021 stationery packs include:

- Please ensure your child's stationery items are **clearly labelled with your child's name** - unnamed items get lost very quickly and are often not reclaimed and school staff may need to ask for extra items to replace lost items sooner than expected.
- We prefer all stationery pack list items are **brought to school at the beginning of the school year** - school staff will carefully store each child's pack and also label your child's specific books early in 2021 with the respective subject e.g. *Mathematics, Writing, Journal, Science, HaSS, Health, Religion*.
- Please ensure your child's **pencil case is large enough** to fit in a set of pencils, set of textas, scissors and glue stick; small pencil cases do not fit all these items.
- Your child's current teacher will inform you later this term if there is a need for new **headphones** - most children will simply carry on using their existing headphones.
- Each class will have a set of six to ten **waterproof smocks** that can be shared amongst the class.
- The P & F will be supporting the purchase of **library bags** on behalf of families that will reflect some school-related, child-created art; therefore, this will not be an expense.



Mersey Leven Catholic Parish Christmas Mass Times 2020

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, STEWART STREET, DEVONPORT

CHRISTMAS EVE: 5:00pm Children's Mass
6:30pm Children's Mass
8:00pm Mass
Midnight Mass (Carols starting at 11:15pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:00am Mass

SACRED HEART CHURCH, ALEXANDRA ROAD, ULVERSTONE

CHRISTMAS EVE: 6pm Children's Mass
8pm Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY: 9am Mass



BOOKINGS FOR EACH MASS IS ESSENTIAL
DETAILS: <https://mersey-leven-christmas.eventbrite.com.au>

Please find following the link for the Eventbrite Site to book for Mass at any of the 8 times for Christmas:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mersey-leven-parish-christmas-mass-2020-tickets-130636205407>



2021 School Holiday Clinics

FUN-FILLED HOCKEY SESSIONS FOR SCHOOL KIDS OF ALL AGES

Meercroft Park, Devonport



**Tuesday 12 January
& Tuesday 19 January**

10:00am - Midday

Cost: \$25 per day

Registration

hockeytasmania.com.au/participate/junior-zone/



All enquiries to Participation Coordinator Tania.Barry@hockeytasmania.com.au

www.hockeytasmania.com.au

Catholic Education Tasmania

Concession Cards information



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In order to simplify the application process for fee remission discount, families with a Valid Concession Card can present these for verification with Catholic Education Tasmania in order to receive reduced fees.

The card must list, as dependents, the students for whom the discount is sought. The card holder must be the person legally responsible for paying the school fees i.e. the person who has signed the enrolment form. The card must be current (e.g. not expired) on the first day of term.

Concession Care Cards

Only cards with the following concession codes are subject to an income test that qualifies to be eligible for the reduced fee amount:

- CP/CAR (Carer Payment)
- LI/LIC (Low Income)
- PA (Partner Allowance)
- PP/PPP (Parenting Payment) (partnered)
- JSP/JS (Job Seeker Payment) includes old codes NS/NA/SA/NSA (New Start & Sick Allowance)
- SL/SpB (Special Benefit)
- WA (Widow Allowance)
- FA (Family Allowance)
- FTB (Family Tax Benefit Part A max rate)
- FH/LHS (Farm Household Allowance)
- PPS (Parenting Payment Single)
- YA (Youth Allowance)
- DSP (Disability Support Pension) **single only**

Health Care Card example



Pension Card example



The following concession codes do not qualify for the reduced fee amount:

- AP (Aged Pension)
- DSP (Disability Support Pension) couple
- FO (Foster Child Health Care Cards)
- CA (Carer Allowance caring for a child under 16 years)
- EH (Ex-Carer Allowance (Child) Health Care Card)
- SHC (Commonwealth Seniors Health Care Card)
- CD (Child with Disability)
- DVA (Department of Veterans' Affairs)
- MOB (Mobility Allowance)

How much is the reduced fee amount?

The amount is determined at the start of term 4 for the following year as is communicated by Catholic Education Tasmania. For 2021 the maximum amount a family is required to pay per student is \$750 per primary student and \$1750 per secondary student with an eligible concession card. This includes all fees and levies with the exception of any interstate or overseas camps or trips. A family discount applies to these amounts for 3 or more children at Catholic Education Tasmania.

How to apply?

Eligible parents and carers can apply for the concession by completing the Concession Card Discount Form and providing a copy of their concession card. Electronic forms with attached photo or scanned copy of the card will be accepted via email. Alternatively, the application can be submitted directly to the school office.

The fee discount will then be applied to the current year's fees invoices. For families with children at more than one Catholic Education Tasmania school this process must be repeated for each school.

The discount arrangement will expire on the expiry date of the card.

Parents and carers receiving a discount have a duty to inform the school of any renewal or change in eligibility for the card.

What if a family is still not able to pay the discounted fees and levies?

Families in significant financial hardship are asked to complete the **Application for financial assistance form** and make an appointment with the School Principal / Finance officer who will assess whether the family's financial circumstances meet the criteria for additional support. The process looks at family income, the number of dependents and the family's cost of housing (rental or mortgage). This process requires full disclosure and is treated with sensitivity and confidentiality.

No child will be denied enrolment due to financial difficulty.

What if a family without a means tested concession card is having difficulty in paying fees?

Families without an eligible Concession Card who are experiencing genuine financial hardship in paying fees should speak with their School Principal/ Finance Officer to apply for special consideration. Families will be asked to complete the **Application for financial assistance form** and make an appointment with the School Principal / Finance Officer who will assess whether the family's financial circumstances meet the criteria for additional support. The process looks at family income, the number of dependents and the family's cost of housing (rental or mortgage). This process requires full disclosure and is treated with sensitivity and confidentiality.

Families who have already provided the office with a copy of their concession card will soon be provided with the new Concession Card Discount Scheme form to complete.

Further information: Please contact Lennice or Tameka in the school office or Mr Linhart.

Care and Concern

A reminder for all families that we have the ability to prepare some 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.**



St Patrick's Catholic School COVID-19 School Safety Protocol

- Adults to please **hand sanitise** upon entering any school building: the school provides hand sanitiser at school venue entry points or adults may use their own (and be observed to use a sanitiser).
- Adults, where practicable, to **maintain 1.5m physical distancing**, observing seating arrangements as communicated by signage or instruction please: indoor event attendance limited to one person per 2 square metre per indoor space.
- Adults to **sign-in**, either at the school office or on a list provided at the entry of the school building. The school is obligated to record contact details of visitors to school events held in school venues, with this information stored securely for a period of 21 days.
- Appropriate COVID safe signage is communicated at school entry points. Key message to visitors - **if feeling unwell, it is important not to be in attendance**; the school will bar entry to people who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who are close contacts of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Although daily cleaning of frequently touched internal surfaces is undertaken, we ask adult visitors to avoid touching surfaces unnecessarily.

THANK YOU

PLEASE:

- **DO NOT ENTER IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL.**
- **SIGN-IN AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE/ASSEMBLY HALL** IF YOU ARE STAYING MORE THAN 10 MINUTES.
- **APPLY SANITISER** UPON ENTRY TO ANY BUILDING.
- **OBSERVE APPROPRIATE SOCIAL DISTANCING.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR SCHOOL COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN.