

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Serendipity has so much delight to its definition - chance and opportunity are aligned with joy and adventure. In the context of diligence and routine, we all yearn for a favourable outcome from chance encounters and spontaneous decisions. However, education implies preparedness and, consequently, the overt working against serendipitous events and outcomes. Choices made, whether bad or good, can follow us forever and affect everyone in their path one way or another. Life can be a matter of chance encounters; chance that is implied in 'the roll of the dice'. However, as any educator can attest, the definition of 'achievement' has intrinsic to it aspects such as preparation, application and determination - the idea that we happen upon achievement by luck or chance or serendipity is not evidenced in schools or seen too much in life beyond school. Seneca, the great Roman statesman, captured the essence of the importance of preparation by stating, "Luck is a matter of preparation meeting opportunity".

At St Patrick's, we are only a few days from completing the very eventful 2020 school year, and our staff are encouraging all students to continue to commit to learning, learning and education that has a greater focus on relationships and values rather than the cognitive focus that is the strong feature of most school days. I thank the many parents who have committed their time to help their child and St Patrick's School staff to make the most of the school year; discussing strengths, discerning areas for future growth and making the most of opportunities to relate our shared joys, and occasional shared despair, that are intrinsic to being part of a vibrant, busy school community.

Last night's Year 6 Leavers' Liturgy and Dinner was another occasion that validated the value of home-school partnerships in the development of character. The students presented themselves beautifully and parents and staff were right to be proud of our joint role in helping in each child's life-long learning journey. Many thanks to Father Steven, Mrs Kingshott,

Mrs Anthony, Mrs Adams, Mrs Harris and Mrs Marshall for supporting preparations and facilitating the evening, and to Mark and his talented staff at Belly's for their catering of last night's event.

This newsletter, the final for the year, includes important information regarding our school routines and I commend it for your reading and reference. I wish our families the best for the Christmas season and a very happy new year, and I look forward to welcoming families on our first school day of 2021, Monday 1st February 2021.

Regards, Rod Linhart (Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR - details inside today DECEMBER

Monday 14th	5.00pm Year 6 Leavers' Liturgy and Dinner
Tuesday 15th	9.00am Whole-school assembly - 3rd week of Advent focus.
Wed 16th	9.00am Thanksgiving Assembly - Year 6 Awards and Kinder-Year 6 farewell - Year 6 parents/guardians have seating priority (COVID-19 School Safety Plan)
Thursday 17th	Final school day for students - students to wear sports uniform Sausage/s and bread, drink and icy-pole offered to students.

Wednesday 20th January: **school office opens (closed Mon 25th & Tues 26th Public Holiday)**
Wednesday 27th January: **staff return**

SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2021

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 Suraya Khan (Year 4) 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: Ava Franklin

Dooley House: Amaja Scott

Martyn House: Zara Omogbai-Musa

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Amir Khan for being a mercy person showing kindness, compassion and respect for others.

Year 1: Emmy Radich for her thoughtful and consistent acts of kindness.

Year 2: Liam Becker for his positive engagement with learning in Year 2.

Year 3: Rose Evans for maintaining a fantastic attitude and applying herself to learning tasks all year.

Year 4: Tyla O'Toole for her application and dedication towards extending her skills.

Year 5:

Year 6: Reuben Stephenson for his care and patience while practicing with the Kinder students for the final assembly.

Year 2 News (Mrs Badcock)

If we could write down all of the things that Ms Mundy does to support our learning in Year 2 it would fill the whole newsletter ... and more. This is a short note to express our appreciation of Ms Mundy and to wish her all the best for her exciting events in the new year. Included is a picture of students working with Ms Mundy making gingerbread biscuits. A great effort with over 100 biscuits being made and noses in the air as the corridors were filled with delectable aromas. Thank you Ms Mundy.

Canteen Thanks!

Last Friday we thanked Amy and Carl for their wonderful service to our school community with small gifts that reflect our deep gratitude for the healthy and delicious food that was offered throughout the year. We look forward to their support of our school canteen next year. Thank you to the many families who were involved in the canteen as either customers or volunteers.

MacqLit and MiniLit Reading Intervention (Mrs Badcock)

During 2020 the MiniLit and MacqLit reading intervention programmes were implemented in classes to support the development of reading skills. Students were assessed on their alphabetic sound recognition and their ability to decode real and nonsense words. Students worked on decoding skills in small groups with teachers and teacher assistants. Data was collected on the progress students made during their lessons and there was significant success in the development of their decoding skills.

Congratulations Mr and Mrs Butcher.

Mr Butcher is on carer's leave, looking after Mrs Butcher and their new-born son, Rami Mac Butcher, who was born last Saturday. We wish Brady, Hannah and Rami best wishes for their first Christmas as a family.



Year 4 News (Mrs Meech)

As the end of year is drawing to a close, we were reflecting over our time together and we identified many highlights including; working in the garden, designing pizza recipes and cooking them, the swimming program, literacy groups, learning about money and giving change, visiting Camp Clayton, the athletics carnival, class buddies, board games and our reading party. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the students of Year 4 and I have been impressed with the care, compassion and acceptance they have demonstrated towards each other over the course of the school year. I would like to thank families for all their efforts in supporting their child's learning and I wish you all a restful and safe holiday. Over the past two weeks we have been busy completing design tasks and enjoying some Christmas craft.



2021 Staffing and classes

We look to begin term 1 2021 with a student population of approximately 180, which allows us to continue to offer straight, single-stream classes. The following list of **proposed 2021 staffing**, as of Tuesday 15th December, is now quite 'firm' and we do not anticipate any significant changes; we will be welcoming Laura Stoessiger and Abbey O'Brien back from Paternity leave during the year, which will necessitate some staffing changes later in the year.

School Support staff

- School Executive Officer: Lennice Leonard
- School Administrative Officer: Tameka Harris.
- Deputy Principal: Kurt Atkins.
- Student Support: Melissa Marshall (Gwenda Gregson is on leave term 1.)
- School Utility Officer: David Broos.
- School Chaplain: David Angliss.
- School Counsellor: Sophie Eaves.
- School Librarian and ICT teacher-aide: Melissa Carter.
- Inquiring Minds/Set-up for Success Birth-to-4 program facilitator: Mrs Klug.
- Music and choir K-Year 6: Leonie Watson-Peters (Dominique Baker is taking leave for 2021.)
- Health and Physical Education K-Year 6: Mrs Hayes.
- Languages (Japanese) Prep-Year 6: Lockett Sensei.
- Principal: Rod Linhart.

Our teacher-assistants who will assist in classes (details to be confirmed) to enhance student learning outcomes are: Kim Klug (Kinder); D'Arne Adams; Anita Tueon; Kelly Mundy (on leave terms 1 & 2 – replacement TBC); Tammy Hyland; Michelle Lamprey; Janine Males, Tameika Anthony; and Tim Lowry.

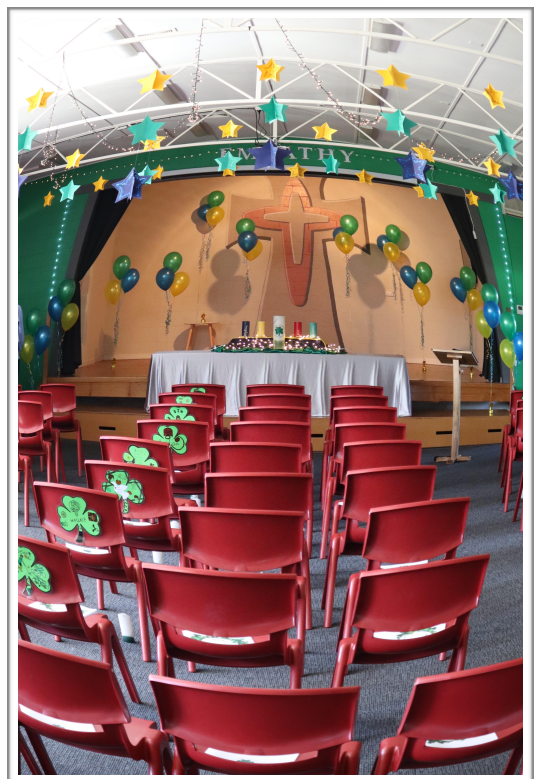
Class Teachers

- Kinder teacher: Kylie Fenton (Term 1) - Laura Stoessiger returns at the beginning of term 2.
- Prep teacher: Ann Jak.
- Year 1 teacher: Shane O'Brien.
- Year 2 teachers: Tina Badcock (4-days) and Mrs Marshall (1-day).
- Year 3 teacher: Megan Meech.
- Year 4 teachers: Jane Stuart (4-days) and Mr Atkins (1-day term 1.)
- Year 5 teachers: Erin Moore (2-days) and TBC (3 days).
- Years 6 teacher: Karyn Kingshott.

Year 6 News (Mrs Kingshott)

On Thursday, during assembly, our whole school was treated to an inspiring performance by Cassie Ogle. The Year 6's had the pleasure of working with Cassie's dad, Marty, unpacking what high school may be like and how 'Making Jesus Real' can help with the transition. Students compiled 10 tips on how to take little steps, whenever we have a big change occurring in our life. I am sure the students will re-visit these valuable tips again during their Summer holiday break.

Then, came Friday's fantastic End-of-Year 'excursion' to Launceston. Students had a ball bouncing around the trampolines at Air-time 360, with flips, cartwheels, tumbles and handstands. All gracefully executed! Yummy, hot pizza was delivered by an ever reliable Mr Angliss. Students gladly ate their pizza, prior to entering the Windmill Hill Swimming Pool Complex. Students happily swam, splashed and got a large bucket of water dumped on their heads. Some dared to jump of the diving boards, while others found the height and curves of the water-slide an adrenalin rush. Students appreciated the ice-creams that were generously supplied prior to leaving the pool and boarding our bus back to school.



Final Week - Calendar

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 - junior choir to sing.
- 9.40-10.40 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; re-opens Wednesday 20th January 2021.



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

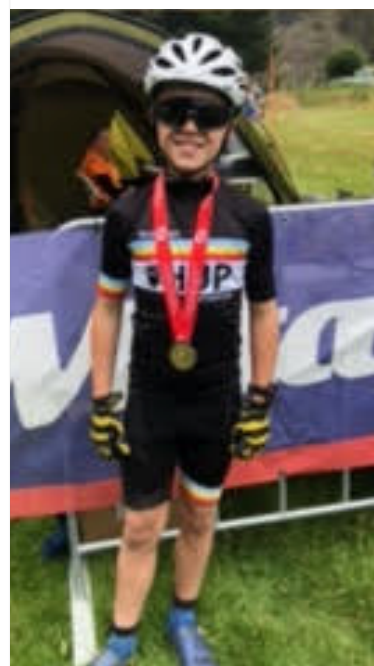


BOOKINGS FOR EACH MASS IS ESSENTIAL
DETAILS: <https://mersey-leven-christmas.eventbrite.com.au>

RECONCILIATION: Our Lady of Lourdes Church Devonport – Wednesday 9th December, 7pm
Sacred Heart Church Ulverstone – Thursday 10th December, 7pm

Student Achievement

Monty Manion (Year 5) recently won the state championships for cross county mountain biking on Saturday. All set for nationals in March 2021!



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>

Year 1 News (Mr O'Brien)

While term 4 is the term that things start to wind up, Year 1 has shown no signs of slowing down. This term has been jam packed with all kinds of activities including our speeches, space suit designs, coding robots and finishing up our unit on Space. Year 1 have had a tremendous year and should be proud of themselves. While term 4 has been full of changes and adjustments to routines, students have managed to adapt and be resilient to the various interruptions and challenges. As we are getting into the spirit of Christmas the students have continued to display WEST qualities that they have consistently displayed throughout the year. Year 1, thank you for a fantastic year.



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.**
- 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.

A REMINDER: THE SCHOOL OFFICE WILL REOPEN (Close from noon Friday 18th December) ON WEDNESDAY 20th JANUARY 2021 FOR STATIONERY PACKS AND ANY UNIFORM NEEDS.

Kris Kindle - REMINDER.

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.

P & F Raffle - Congratulations to the following winners

- **1st prize: Aiden Adkins - 2 Children's kayaks, including paddles, and seat pads** *Donated by the Wescombe family (MGP) and the Jones family (S & K Building) Valued at \$300*
- **2nd prize: Johny Young - \$50 Ritchie's voucher and; a hand made wooden cheese platter a bottle of wine & crackers** *Donated and handmade by the Adams family*
- **3rd prize: Blair Legge - \$50 Bunnings voucher**
- **4th prize: Taylor Glover - A homemade Christmas pudding, and a homemade Christmas cake plus a bottle of wine** *Home made and donated by the Young family*
- **5th & 6th prize: Harrison Fawcner & Aiden Adkins - \$30 Top Shop Voucher** *Donated by Latrobe Top Shop*

Contacting the school after hours - REMINDER: A reminder for after hours contact to ring the school number (6426 1626) to talk to or leave a message for Mr Linhart who will get back to you as promptly as time and circumstance permits.

St Patrick's School Giving Tree - REMINDER

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 regarding the school's Christmas Giving Tree. Please contact Lennice or Tameka in the school office or Mr Linhart for any information.

End Of Year Reports - REMINDER

Families will receive their child's or children's End of Year Reports today - 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.



SCHOOL KIDS NEED A...

HOLIDAY BLAST!

COME AND TRY WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. IT'S A FUN AND ACTIVE PROGRAM FOR KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES – WHETHER IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME WITH A BAT OR YOU'RE A BACKYARD CRICKET STAR!

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JOIN A CREW NEAR YOU TODAY

PLAY CRICKET

OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM



Year 3 News

Our final term in Year 3 has been a busy one! Students have been working on Design Technology tasks. Our class started with designing healthy recipes using products from the Kitchen Garden. Students were then given the challenge of designing a new product from repurposed materials. All Year 3's were very creative with their design and production skills. Our class have also been engaged with 30 minute STEM challenges, working collaboratively to create solutions to problems. The first challenge was to create a structure out of pegs and paddle pop sticks that would hold the greatest weight. For the next challenge, students used the same materials to create the tallest structure they could. The results were amazing!

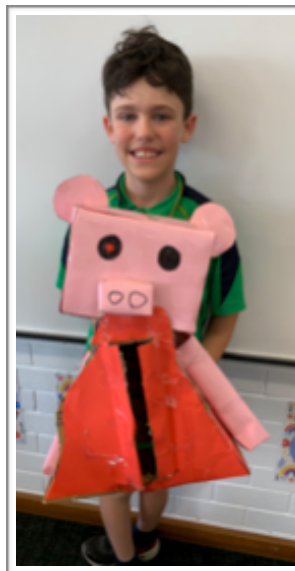
We have appreciated working with genuinely kind and caring students. Their enthusiasm for learning has made them a pleasure to teach. We can't wait to tackle Year 4 together!



Left: Year 3 students ate raw broccoli salad...and came back for seconds!

Right: Pencil case STEM response by Tanner.

Far right: Secret storage STEM task by Chas.



**STEM
Collaboration
Prep and
Grade 6
worked
together with
the Dots and
Dashes. Great
collaboration.**

Third Week of Advent Prayer

Dear Jesus,
Help us to focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. Guide us to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger at Christmas.
Amen.



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.