## St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe





School Newsletter Number 1 February 6th 2020

#### PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

The feeling of being grateful - for the incredible blessings and privileges that support our individual and collective flourishing as people and as a community that is associated with being a member of a unique school such as St Patrick's has been very much at the forefront of my thoughts over the past few weeks as I have witnessed staff preparing themselves for the forthcoming 2020 school year. So, it is from this perspective that I welcome you back to school as we embark on what will hopefully be a year in which we will collaborate in our collective desires to contribute towards the growth and realisation of each person's potential.

In the preparations for the new school year, as with our preparations for any events that have significance due to their potential to act as 'watershed' moments in our lives, I always find that I have to get my own 'house in order' before I can be more effective in being of possible support to others. The following prayer attributed to an ageing seventeenth century nun provided me with both a wry smile at her sense of humour and some ageless reminders of 'behavioural guide-posts' that I hope will act to prompt me to serve you this year with patience and humility.

"Prayer of an Anonymous Abbess

Lord, keep me from becoming too talkative, and especially from the unfortunate habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and at every opportunity.

Release me from the idea that I must straighten out other peoples' affairs. With my immense treasure of experience and wisdom, it seems a pity not to let everybody partake of it. But thou knowest, Lord, that in the end I will need a few friends.

Keep me from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point.

Grant me the patience to listen to the complaints of others; help me to endure them with charity. But seal my lips on my own aches and pains -- they increase with the increasing years and my inclination to recount them is also increasing.

I will not ask thee for improved memory, only for a little more humility and less self-assurance when my own memory doesn't agree with that of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong.

Keep me reasonably gentle. I do not have the ambition to become a saint - it is so hard to live with some of them.

Make me sympathetic without being sentimental, helpful but not bossy. Let me discover merits where I had not expected them, and talents in people whom I had not thought to possess any. And, Lord, give me the grace to tell them so.

Amen''

### **SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2020**

Term 1 Thursday 6th February - Thursday 9th April Easter break Friday 10th April-Tuesday 14th April Term 2 Mon 27th April - Friday 3rd July Term 3 \*Tues 21st July 2020 - Friday 25th September 2020 Term 4 Mon 12th October 2020 - Thursday17th Dec 2020 (\* Monday 20th July: Staff PL Day - Student Free Day)

School Calendar: details within, via the school website and available in 'real-time' via Compass.

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### SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT, W.E.S.T. and MERCY VALUES

#### **WEST Award**

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. Families are always most welcome to attend our assemblies.

#### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

We will continue the tradition of acknowledging students in all classes throughout the year, in regards to recognising attitudes that support our WEST, PBS and Mercy values.

### Important: Forms to return please - please return by <u>Thursday 13th February.</u> (Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated.)

Please find included in an envelope with this Newsletter some forms that we require returned as soon as possible please:

- 2020 Payment Arrangement Form.
- Compass login information if you have not already logged in as a Compass user.
- Bus Travel form (if applicable).

Information regarding updates to **medical information and/or address and contact details <u>THAT HAS CHANGED</u> from last year must be communicated to us as soon as possible - please ring the school or note details in your child's diary. A letter that will include these details that reflect our school records will be forwarded to families next week and families are asked to please check these details and make any necessary updates as detailed with next week's letter.)** 

### Family Get-together - Wednesday 13th February (5.30 - 6.30pm)

All families are invited to attend our Family Get-Together, which is timetabled for next Wednesday 13th February. We plan to begin the occasion at 5.30pm with an 'Open Classroom' opportunity - teachers will be in their respective classrooms and will welcome families who wish to have a chat or to review the classroom and appreciate the wonderful work staff have completed in ensuring their classrooms are stimulating and places that prompt and encourage positive habits of learning. Teachers will have information sheets available for families, which outline class routines, expectations and some important aspects of the curriculum coverage. At 6.00pm, the BBQ will be ready with sausages and burgers available for families, following on from the bbq there will be ice-creams. Sporting equipment will be made available for use. We expect the evening will conclude by 6.30pm. Children are under the direct supervision of families and must not be left unattended at this event. This occasion is aimed to allow families the opportunity to both meet their children's teacher/s and hopefully meet families of children in their child's or children's class or classes in an informal, happy atmosphere.

### School Stationery/Book-Packs

Please provide Mr Linhart or Mrs Harris with any feedback in regards to the school stationery orders, a service that is undertaken by OfficeMax. Your comments and feedback will be compiled and Mr Linhart will communicate a whole-school response - without your feedback, the school will have limited scope to offer suggestions to this service provider in regards to offering what we would hope would be an efficient and cost-effective service in this annual task.

#### **LIBRARY**

Next week will be our first week of borrowing books. We ask that families please ensure their child or children bring a library bag to school on their class library day (this bag can be a plastic shopping bag - any bag the protect the library books when being transported).

### 'Inquiring Minds Birth to 4 program'

Our 'Inquiring Minds' birth to 4 program will begin Friday 14th February from 9.00am to 10.30am. This program involves considerable focus on communicating to parents the learning intentions of important activities that are associated with early years learning. Mrs Stoessiger and Mrs Klug will be working together from to engage parents in early years learning experiences that will ensure children who are enrolling in kindergarten, will be informed in regards to developing key social, emotional, physical and cognitive skills and understandings. Parents or an adult family member stays for the duration of these sessions; there is no obligation in regards to any cost. Please feel welcome to participate.

#### Care and Concern

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 your child's teacher, the office staff or Mr Linhart if you feel we could offer support in any way to anyone in our school community in need.

#### **Novel coronavirus**

You may be aware of the novel coronavirus which was recently detected in Hubei Province, China. The Australian Government has advised that there is no need for alarm and the risk to the public is currently low.

Consistent with national advice, the Department recommends the following for our students:

- Those who have been in contact with any confirmed novel coronavirus case should not attend school or childcare and remain isolated in their homes for 14 days following exposure;
- Those who have recently visited Hubei Province in China should not attend school or childcare and remain isolated in their homes for 14 days after leaving Hubei Province; and
- Those who have departed mainland China and arrived in Australia on or after the 1st of February should not attend school or childcare and remain isolated in their homes for 14 days after leaving China.
- Those who arrived in Australia from mainland China (other than Hubei Province) before 1 February can attend school or childcare, as long as they are well.

If your child fits in to one of these categories, please let the school know. If you are unsure whether this applies to you, or have other questions, please call the Tasmanian Hotline on 1800 671 738.

And of course, any child who is unwell should also stay at home.

A Fact Sheet from the Department of Education with more detailed advice about novel coronavirus and help resources is available from a link on our school website. I strongly suggest that you read the Fact Sheet to familiarise yourself with this important information. General information about the virus can also be found at <a href="https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov">https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov</a>

### **FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

Sacramental program: Information was distributed today regarding participation in this program, which is of relevance for children and their families in Year 3 and above who wish to be part of our Parish Sacramental Preparation for 2020. If you know of any child/ren who are eligible to be prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist please contact Father Mike, Mrs Marshall, Mr Linhart or the Parish Office 6424 2783. An information evening will be conducted at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Devonport on Monday 24th February, commencing at 7.00pm - all are welcome to attend.

### Year 2 News (Mrs Badcock, Mrs Fenton)

Year 2 students in 2020 will work hard with Mrs Fenton, Mrs Badcock and Ms Mundy in their new room that has been freshened up over the holidays by Mr Broos. They will continue to develop their literacy skills through the Initialit program and to explore new concepts from the Year 2 Mathematics curriculum throughout the year. Mr Atkins is looking forward to teaching Science each week. Programs provided by Mrs Hayes (Health and PE), Mrs Watson-Peters (Music, Choir), Mrs Carter (Library) and Mrs Lockett (Japanese) will certainly provide the students with further opportunities to experience a wide range of knowledge and skills.



### **February**

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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3 WEEK 1STAFF START	4	5	6 STUDENTS START TERM 1	7	8	9
10 WEEK 2 9.00am morning assembly Fairbrother – building works in the hall. Principals meeting – Ulverstone (Mr Llahatt)	11 Fairbrother – building works in the hall	12 Fairbrother – building works in the hall 9.30cm Parish Mass 5.30 – 6.30pm Family welcome BBQ and open classroom opportunity.	13	14 School Census Day. 9.00-10.30 Inquiring Minds	15	16
17 WEEK 3, 9,00am morning assembly (Year 1) – Commissioning Service (staff and student leaders) 6,00pm School Board meeting	18	19 Anthea Denholm (Student Support) visiting. 9.30am Parish Mass – Years 1 & 4	20 Mrs Badcock away – Mrs Fenton in Year 2. Mrs Hayes away.	21 9.00-10.30 Inquiring Minds.	22	23
24 WEEK 4, 9,00am morning assembly (Year 5) Mrs Badcock away – Mrs Fenton in Year 2.	25 Mrs Badcock away – Mrs Fenton in Year 2. Shrove Tuesday. School photo day. Student Support Coordinators meeting (Campbell Town) – Mrs Gregson	26 9.30am Ash Wednesday Parish Mass – Years 5, 6, 4 & 3 Project Compassion – Launch (Beginning of Lent) Mrs Badcock away – Mrs Fenton in Year 2.	27	28 9.00-10.30 Inquiring Minds	29	

Correct as of Tuesday 4th February 2020

### March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30 WEK 9 Milch visiting - Years 3 and 4 'SOJ Day' Primary Moderation meeting (Launceston) - Mr Atkins Mrs O'Brien away 9.00am morning assembly (Prep) - Palm Sunday focus.	31. Parent-Student- Teacher meetings. Mrs O'Brien away	weunesday	muisady	rnady	Salorady	1.
2 WEEK 5 9.00am morning assembly (Year 6)	3. Marty Ogle 11.00- 2.40pm in Year 6.	4. 9.30am Parish Mass – Years 6 & 2 Principals' Meeting (Hobart) – Mr Llabart LP Meetings	5. Principals' Meeting (Hobart) – Mr Llahart Mr O'Brien away LP Meetings	6 Principals' Meeting (Hobart) – Mr Linhart Mr O'Brien away 9.00-10.30 Inquiring Minds	7	8
9 WEEK 6 8-Hour Day Public Holiday	10.	11.	12 School swimming carnival	13 Mrs Jak away. 9.00-10.30 Inquiring Minds	14	15
16. WEEK 7 6.00pm School Board meeting and AGM 9.00am morning assembly (Year 3) Mrs Jak away.	17. St Patrick's Day.	18 9.30am Parish Mass – Years 3 & 4	19. NW Swimming Carnival (Burnie) Jim Ireland – SRB audit Early Learning Network meeting (Mrs Staessiger: Mrs Klug)	20 9.00-10.30 Inquiring Minds	21 Harmony Day	22
23 WEEK 8 9.00am morning assembly (Year 4)	24 School Book Fair	25 School Book Fair – Years 4 & 1 9.30am Parish Mass	26	27 9.00-10.30 Inquiring Minds	28	29

### Koala in the Creek

# Fundraiser for WWF Australian Wildlife and Nature Recovery Fund (Mrs Marshall)

It has been estimated that around 1.25 billion animals have been killed across Australia to date in the recent bushfires. This includes thousands of koalas and other iconic species such as kangaroos, wallabies, kookaburras, cockatoos and honeyeaters burnt alive, and many thousands more injured and homeless.

That is why WWF-Australia has called for immediate global support to establish a AUD\$30 million Australian Wildlife and Nature Recovery Fund.

We would like to help!

On Thursday 13th February, Mini Vinnies will sell an Aussiethemed treat at recess.

Pre-orders are essential. No late orders will be accepted.



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### Merseylink Bus Services.

Regarding school bus services for the first term of 2020, we would like to provide the following advice.

We have received communication from the Department of State Growth, indicating that school bus services will be similar to 2019, aside from some streamlining of services in the Ulverstone and Sprent area. This will mean that generally speaking, all buses and routes would stay in place, most likely until the end of first term this year. Please be advised that there have been some slight changes in bus run times, and they may arrive or leave a particular stop, or school, at a different time to last year. Some bus numbers and driver names have also changed, and all schools should advise parents and students to check the Merseylink website for correct details, or phone the office for assistance.

Should this advice change at any stage, we will communicate this as early as possible. We expect there to be more changes to bus services in April 2020. If you would like to discuss further, please contact our friendly office staff, or email me directly. More information is available at: <a href="https://www.merseylink.com.au">www.merseylink.com.au</a> or by ringing 283 Port Sorell Rd, Wesley Vale 7307 ph. (03) 64 277 626



### 'What to expect in Year 3 in 2020...

Year 3 will be a fantastic year of growth and challenge for our children. It is the first year of being part of the primary years of schooling. With this, comes greater expectations for organisation and independence. Ms Stuart will be teaching Year 3 Monday to Thursday and Mrs McIver on Fridays. The class will be supported by teacher assistant, Mrs Lamprey. Some of the units that we will be focussing on this term include symmetry and place value in Mathematics, Living things in Science, Imaginative writing in English, cyber safety in Digital Technologies and prayer in Religious Education. Preparation for NAPLAN testing will be embedded throughout first terms units of work. It is important to remember that this is not intended to be a stressful process. You will receive more information regarding NAPLAN closer to the time. We trust this will be an enjoyable and productive year. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year please do not hesitate to contact us and we can arrange a time to discuss your child's progress.



### Year 5 News (Mrs O'Brien and Miss Moore )

Welcome to the 2020 school Year and a very special welcome to the Year 5 students and their families. We are both very excited to be the lucky teachers in Year 5 this year and have many varied and sure to be enjoyable opportunities lined up for the Year 5 students. The beginning of the year will see a big focus around team work, collaboration and goal setting. This term students will also take part in learning opportunities to extend their Literacy



### Year 1 News Mr O'Brien, Mrs Marshall and Mrs Tueon

In Year 1 we are excited for what lies ahead in 2020. We are looking forward to our new Year 1 class and meeting some new students beginning their time here at St Patrick's School. As always there are a lot of fun and interesting things that we are going to be exploring and learning about. This term we are going to be learning all about our pets and what it takes to be a good and responsible pet owner. Also install for this term, are some exciting opportunities in our school garden including planting, growing and harvesting some of our own produce and coming up with some clever, creative dishes to enjoy our harvest. We



### PARENTS & FRIENDS (Tameika Anthony, President)

Tameika, Kirrilly and Anita look forward to welcoming any interested family member or friend of St Patrick's to our informal and productive P & F meetings. The dates and some agenda items will be communicated to the school community in the next few weeks.

### **School Policies**

A summary of some important school policies are located in the front of the school diaries, which were distributed today. Thank you for the support we receive from families in the implementation of these policies, which are ratified by the School Board and are designed to support our school's Vision and Mission and our desire to acknowledge the importance of a holistic education.







### **2020 NEWS and REMINDERS**

### Staff News - Reminder

The 2020 class and staff structure is summarised below. Changes from 2019 include increasing the profile of Music in the school (including an opportunity for the creation of an instrumental group), and combining Health and Physical Education into the one responsibility area for a specialist teacher. Routines that support early literacy learning, a focus on some numeracy skills and understandings will be a strong focus for the school year - exciting times ahead for 2020 building on the growth of 2019:

- Kinder: Laura Stoessiger (3 days) and Kim Klug.
- Prep: Ann Jak (5 days) and D'Arne Adams.
- Year 1: Melissa Marshall (2 days); Shane O'Brien (3 days) and Anita Tueon.
- Year 2: Tina Badcock (3 days); Kylie Fenton (2 days) and Kelly Mundy.
- Year 3: Jane Stuart (4 days); Anna McIver (1 day) and Michelle Lamprey.
- Year 4: Megan Meech (5 days) & Tammy Hyland.
- Year 5: Erin Moore (2 days); Abbey O'Brien (3 days) and Tim Lowry and Janine Males.
- Year 6: Karyn Kingshott (5 days) and Tameika Anthony.
- Library: Melissa Carter.
- Health & Physical Education (HPE): Courtney Hayes: (2 days.)
- Languages Other Than English (LOTE): Kayla Lockett (1 day.)
- Early Childhood Education (ECE Kinder-Year 2) Music: Leonie Watson-Peters (1 day).
- Primary Music (Years 3-6): Dominique Baker (1 day).
- Student Support: Gwenda Gregson (3 days) and Melissa Marshall (2 days).
- Religious Education Coordinator: Melissa Marshall (1 day).
- ICT/School Special Programs Support: Tina Badcock (1 day).
- Chaplain: David Angliss (2 days).
- Deputy Principal: Kurt Atkins (5 days).
- School Executive Officer: Lennice Leonard (5 days).
- School Administration Officer: Tameka Harris (Mondays-Thursdays).
- School Utility Officer: David Broos (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays).
- Principal: Rod Linhart (5 days).

### Specialist Classes Timetable 2020

- HPE: Prep and Years 1 & 2 <u>each Monday;</u> Years 6, 5, 4 & 3 and Kinder Gross Motor <u>each Thursday</u>.
- **Music**: K, Prep, Years 1 & 2 and choir each Tuesday.
- **Music**: Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 each Friday.
- LOTE for all classes each Wednesday.
- **Library**: Year 2 each Monday; Kinder, Prep, Year 1 each Tuesday; Kinder, Years 6, 5, 4 & 3 each Wednesday.

### School Canteen - Commencing Thursday 13th February.

We are planning on the school canteen to continue to operate on <a href="Thursdays and Fridays">Thursdays and Fridays</a> each week - beginning week 2 of term 1 2020 (No canteen on the first two days of the school year.) When Devonfield were no longer in a position to support the canteen, the school provided staff support by reallocating staffing hours to Tameika Anthony, who lead the school canteen magnificently, supported by many wonderful volunteers, especially Carl Garrad and Lorraine Young. Late last year Tameika, Carl and Lorraine were thanked and provided with a small gift in appreciation for their generosity of time and spirit. We are looking to continue to offer families affordable, healthy, tasty food options. Amy Davis, a parent and experienced chef, will coordinate the school canteen and we look forward to what 2020 might bring in regards to a continuation of the wonderful, personalised service that we have enjoyed by way of our canteen. A menu for term 1 is included with this Newsletter and is also available as a download from our school website.