

# St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



School Newsletter Number 5 March 3rd 2020

## PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Lieutenant General David Morrison, the 2016 Australian of the Year, credited the current Governor-General of Australia, David Hurley with the phrase, "the standard you walk past is the standard you accept". It is a statement that we have been referring to a few times over the last few weeks during our morning assemblies - repetition of such an adage will hopefully reinforce the principles that underlie this statement, which is a call to action, drawing on our individual courage, wisdom and compassion.

A few years ago I was travelling in a train carriage with two of my children. I had my back to a man in the carriage who became loud and obnoxious in his berating of a silent companion. My daughter was sitting opposite me and could witness the scene and was quietly anxious. My son, who was sitting next to me was becoming increasingly restless. After a few minutes, I looked at my daughter and son, nodded my head to indicate that I think enough is enough and that I would be offering support to the silent companion. The look of concern on my daughter's face, however, caused me to pause and ensured that I did not intervene; the man left the carriage at the next stop.

On reflection, especially in regard to the statement of 'walking past', I have done a lot of soul-searching; was my inaction out of concern for my daughter who feared a possible escalation of a drama that did not include her family; was my inaction cowardice in not wanting to challenge a behaviour that is contrary to my values because of fear of reprisal? Such a personal episode certainly heightened for me the bravery of the actions undertaken by many who daily do not 'walk past' behaviours that they cherish as their 'standards' or expectations, committing to such standards often at great personal cost. The Easter story, the culmination of our current Lenten journey, is certainly a story of strength of character, of the determination and resilience that springs forth in actions due to principles that oblige us, as Gospel people, to be people of principled action referring to Jesus's example as being people who are called to act and not 'walk past.'

Regards,

Rod Linhart (principal)

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### March

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| Wed 4th       | 9.30am Years 6 & 2 attend Parish Mass<br><b>Cupcakes for Wildlife - gold coin donation for a cupcake to help raise money for wildlife rescue (available at the school canteen.)</b>                    |
| Friday 6th    | <b>Casual clothes Day - 'Superstar' theme</b><br><b>SRC fund-raiser for some of our student stars.</b><br><b>First roster game for the two 3/4 girls, the 3/4 boys and 5/6 girls basketball teams.</b> |
| Monday 9th    | 9.00-10.30am 'Set-up For Success Inquiring Minds birth to 4 program in the kinder classroom (all welcome)  |
| Tuesday 10th  | Public Holiday<br>Sophie - School Counsellor visiting<br><b>Learning Plan Parent-Teacher meetings</b><br><b>P&amp;F Lunch Day</b>  |
| Wed 11th      | School swimming carnival   |
| Thursday 12th | 9.30am Confirmed Catholic students attend Parish Mass with Mr Linhart  |
| Wed 19th      | <b>Learning Plan Parent-Teacher meetings</b>   |
| Monday 16th   | 9.00am morning assembly (Year 3)<br><b>6.00pm School Board meeting (staffroom)</b>   |
| Tuesday 17th  | St Patrick's Day - 'Green Theme' casual clothes day.<br>6.00pm School P & F meeting (staffroom)  |
| Wed 18th      | 9.30am Years 3 & 4 attend Parish Mass  |
| Thursday 19th | NWCPS swimming carnival  |

## 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  
(\* Monday 20th July: Staff PL Day - Student Free Day)  
Term 4 Mon 12th October 2020 - Thursday 17th Dec 2020

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

### WEST Award

Congratulations to Connor Anderson (Year 4) and Sienna van der Hulst (Year 2) who received a WEST certificate during Monday'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. Families are always most welcome to attend our weekly assemblies.

### House Raffle Winners

**Byrne House:** Lachlan Riley

**Dooley House:** Alivia Dewrance-Milligan

**Martyn House:** Emma Watson

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Prep:** Xavier Parker for his enthusiastic approach towards all learning tasks.

**Year 1:** Porter Smith for his great effort with listening and engagement with class conversations.

**Year 2:** Taylor Goss for always bringing his biggest smile and a positive attitude into our classroom.

**Year 3:** Melia Sesara for her studious work ethic.

**Year 4:** Ryan Jackson for his application to tasks and for being a caring and cooperative class member.

**Year 5:** Abbie Venton for the positive attitude you bring to the classroom.

**Year 6:** Aiden Adkins for his motivation and application towards completing his self-directed project.

### School Board

Vacancies exist on this year's School Board. Our current board members are Joanne Mulcahy, Julie Fawcner, Kate Warren, Nicholas O'Toole, Felicity Derrin and Belinda Kelly. If you would like to know more about this role, please speak to one of the current members or to Mr Linhart. The commitment is for approximately 6 meetings per year and to assist with policy and financial decisions for the school. Meetings are held on Monday evenings from 6.00pm. If you feel you could contribute to the school in this way and have the time available, please contact Mr Linhart or Lennice or Tameka in the school office for a nomination form (or download this form from the school website.) Some current School Board members attended as observers for a few meetings to see if the involvement suited them.

### Staff News

Mrs Meech will be away this week; Mrs Carroll-Jones will teach Year 4; Mrs Marshall will attend an RE meeting tomorrow; Marty Ogle ('Making Jesus Real') worked with Year 6 today; Mr Atkins attended a meeting for part of Monday; Mr Linhart will be attending a statewide principals' meeting from 11.00am tomorrow until Friday afternoon.

### Year 2 News

Thank you Mr Broos for his artistry in ensuring the Year 2 classroom is educationally eye-catching.





## 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.**

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### School Fee Assistance

As a small school we have a limited discretionary budget that we can commit to support families who have applied for fee assistance - families are encouraged to discuss any request for fee assistance with Mr Linhart at the earliest convenience please. We are yet to be guided by a new Catholic Education Tasmania Fee Assistance Policy, however, **we will do our best to support families who request fee assistance.** Please contact Lennice Leonard (School Executive Officer) or Mr Linhart for any advice.

### Soccer

The 2020 Soccer Season will commence on Saturday 28th March. Registrations are now open and can be completed on line at <https://account.footballnetwork.com.au/register>. All teams must be finalised and submitted to DJSA by no later than Friday 13th March. Please note we will not be entering **ANY** teams if they do not have a registered coach. Please find further information in regards to the 2020 Soccer season and the registration process accompanying today's newsletter.

## P&F NEWS (Tameika Anthony)

The P&F had an informal catch up a fortnight ago to touch base and regroup for the 2020 year. As you all should be aware by now, we decided last year to run the School fair every 2nd year. We have a few exciting fundraising ideas in the pipeline to trial throughout the year. Our lunch days prove to be very popular amongst the students, so we will continue these days regularly throughout 2020. The first being held on Wednesday 11th March. The order form for this is included in today's newsletter. We will be holding a Mothers day stall this year. This will be run on the Wednesday and Thursday morning leading up to Mother's Day. A wide variety of lovely gifts will be available to purchase for between \$2-\$6. This will be a nice addition to the lovely class made cards and gifts for all the Mums and mother figures for the students. We will be running a Mothers Day raffle, more details on this in the coming weeks. We will be running a major raffle for the year. The prize will be a \$2000 Flight Centre travel voucher. There will be a limit of 200 tickets available at \$20 each. The voucher will be valid for 3 years, Tickets will be available as of next week. The prize will be drawn at the last Monday Assembly of Term 2. Plenty more ideas are in the pipeline, we will bring them to you as the year goes on. Now for the EXCITING bit..... what all the hard earned dollars have been put towards of late, thanks to the school community for their continued support and contribution to all our fundraising efforts.

Our Multilit program rolled out in full swing last week. The Multilit program is a new literacy program that has been introduced at St Pats, following a number of staff members attending training workshops toward the end of last year. The P&F kindly purchased a second resource pack valued at over \$6000, to make the resources available to all classes on a daily basis. Secondly, we have finally, got our much anticipated drinking station installed in our playground. This will no doubt be an exciting attraction for the students at first. It has a drinking nozzle as well as a bottle refill option. These are great additions to our school. The committee would like to thank you all for getting onboard and making our fundraising efforts so successful, allowing us to provide these extra items for our students.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17th March at 6pm in the staff room. We welcome all old faces and new members. It doesn't matter how much or how little you can contribute, we would love to have you onboard. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the committee, wanting to join, or wanting to know anything about what we do, please feel free to ask myself, Anita Tueon or Kirrilly Jones.



## Project Compassion

First Week of Lent (School Week beginning 2nd March). Around 2.8 million children in the Philippines do not go to school. We begin Project Compassion learning about the story of Shirley. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep her children in school. She faced regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting her family's access to food, education, employment and healthcare. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker. She has learnt to supplement her income and is able to feed her family. The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school. Thank you to all the families whose small, regular contributions towards this year's Project Compassion via the Caritas Project Compassion 'money box' will go a long way towards making a positive difference in the lives of those in great need.



### Sophie - School Counsellor

Sophie visits St Patrick's every Tuesday and works with students and parents upon request. Prior to meeting with Sophie, parents are required to complete the 'School Counsellor Referral Form', which is available from the school office or as a download from the school website. Sophie provides confidential support for families in a variety of ways and, currently, she has time available to include additional families.



## Friday 6th March - Superstars Theme Day

This Friday 6th March, for a gold coin donation, students are welcome to dress according to the casual clothes day theme, 'Superstars.' This theme is deliberately chosen to reflect some of our students who, through their attitude and application are aspiring to achieve at high levels. Lachlan Wallace has set himself a goal of raising \$1500 towards contributing in the field of medical research that is investigating effective treatment of blood cancer; Monty Manion will represent Tasmania in the National XC Mountain Biking Championships in Bright, Victoria; Kyle Jordan will represent Tasmania in a forthcoming Triathlon to be held in. Funds raised as part of this casual clothes day will assist the three boys in their endeavours.





## Devonport Primary School Basketball Competition

Thank you to Mrs Meech who has organised our school's participation in this local basketball competition, and thank you, too, to the parents who are supporting these teams by way of scoring, managing or coaching. The school will have a number of teams represented in this competition; we were unable to fill a 5/6 team, however, the players have been joined with another school and we will be informed of details soon. Rosters with game times will be distributed as soon as we receive them, with the first game being timetabled for this Friday 6th March.

### 3/4 Girls

#### Leprechauns

Sophie Mulcahy  
Zara Omogbai-Musa  
Sherlin Golamari  
Hailey Mitchell  
Marli Cameron  
Lily Tomlin  
Bryn Embrey  
Tyla O'Toole

Coach: Mrs Lamprey

#### Shamrocks

Ruby Anthony  
Claire Simpson  
Melia Sesara  
Zarna Bakes  
Lulu Meech  
Amaja Scott  
Rose Evans  
Sasha Tucker

Coach: Mrs Meech

### 3/4 Boys

Frank Dewrance-Milligan  
Buckley Davis  
Oliver Parry  
Chas Kelly  
Jimmy Tueon  
Livai Sesara

Coach: David Tueon

### 5/6 Girls

Abbie Venton  
Georgie Tueon  
Talei Sesara

### BYE TEAM: Dragons (3/4 Boys)

Time	Court 1	
3.30	Ocelots v Opals	3/4 G
4.10	Dancers v Saturns	3/4 G
4.50	Pirates v Lynx	3/4 B
5.30	Celtics v Novas	5/6 G
6.10	Pistons v Legends	5/6 B
6.50	Devils v Strikers	5/6 B
Time	Court 2	
3.30	Panthers v Shamrocks	3/4 G
4.10	Blues v Nuggets	3/4 B
4.50	Pumas v Saints	3/4 B
5.30	Mystics v Jays	5/6 G
6.10	Lakers v Nikes	5/6 B
6.50	Knights v Slammers	5/6 B
Time	Youth Centre	
3.30	Leprechauns v Stars	3/4 G
4.10	Lasers v Nets	3/4 B
4.50	Bulls v Magpies	3/4 B
5.30	Falcons v Suns	5/6 G
6.10	Power v Demons	5/6 B
6.50	Dunkers v Marlins	5/6 B

## School Swimming Carnival - Thursday 12th March

A final program is distributed to families today, however, a summary of the day includes:

- 9.30am - 12.30pm Students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be involved in swimming events and some novelty events at the Latrobe pool.
- 12.30pm - 2.30pm Students in Prep, Year 1, Year 2 will be involved in novelty events at the Latrobe pool according to the following timetable:
  - 12.00pm: Years 1 & 2 students have lunch at school.
  - 12.20pm: Year 2 walk to the pool for a supervised free swim of 45 minutes (12.30-1.15pm)
  - 1.00pm: Year 1 walk to the pool for a supervised free swim of 45 minutes (1.15-2.00pm)
  - 1.30pm: Prep walk to the pool for a supervised free swim of 40 minutes (1.50-2.30pm)

Students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be participating in races for selection to represent the school at the NW Catholic Schools' Swimming Carnival that will be conducted in Burnie on Thursday 19th March.

The school canteen will still operate on this day - Students will not be able to use the kiosk whilst at the pool.

Parents may take children home from the pool provided school staff are informed please.

Sunscreen will be provided by the school and available at the pool for students to apply.

## Dangerous Online Challenges (Mr Atkins)

Today on Compass and on our facebook page we have posted a link to an article from the eSafety Commissioner. This article describes the dangers around young people involving themselves in so called "Online/Internet Challenges". Online Challenges have been around for a number of years now and they all aim to entice young people to do something that is dangerous, reckless and in some cases deadly. The most recent Online Challenge involves students filming themselves tripping over another student in a particular way and then posting this video to social media. Needless to say, this type of action could lead to serious harm for the unsuspecting student that is tripped and there has been one case reported overseas where a student has died after hitting their head. Students will often get involved in these challenges because they want to be part of the **"trend"**. Currently, the app called **Tik Tok** is the main space where these videos are surfacing (it is not the only space). Tik Tok is an extremely popular app amongst teenagers and pre-teens, so it is quite possible that any student using this app may have seen videos posted regarding this challenge. Tik Tok's terms of service state that it is only to be used by people 13 years and over, so **no primary school aged children should be using Tik Tok**. However, If your child/ren use/s Tik Tok, then it would be worth having a discussion regarding the dangers of becoming involved in this, or any other, online challenges, as many young people do not think through the consequences of following through with it. For more information about this, or any other aspect of online safety, visit [esafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)

## St Brendan-Shaw College visit.

Several staff and two ex-St Patrick's Catholic School students visited the Year 6 class yesterday as an initial question and answer session about both the college and Year 7. Our students appeared engaged and interested in learning about what will be a new chapter of schooling that they will be involved in next year. Thank you to the SBSC staff and in particular Mrs Christie, Taya and Tora for the interesting information session.



## Cupcakes for wildlife: Wednesday 4th March

Emily, Kiera, Loretta, Stella, Emma and Talei have been busy making cupcakes in an effort to raise funds for wildlife that have been affected by the recent bushfires. The

cupcakes were decorated under the expert supervision of Lorraine Young today in preparation for being offered for sale during recess tomorrow. Cupcakes will be on sale for \$2. Thank you to the girls, Lorraine and Mr Angliss for their involvement and support of this worthy initiative.







# Spirit of Jesus

## at St Patrick's...

Week 5



- ✿ Jimmy - invited Frank to join in their game
- ✿ Amaja - using kind words to make others feel better
- ✿ Lachlan - including others in games
- ✿ Zarna - got a seat for Egan in assembly
- ✿ Tyla - lent me her pencils
- ✿ Tully - helping Emily with some tricky words
- ✿ Prep, Year 1 & Year 3 - using their manners

- ✿ Harry H - sharing his sharpener with me
- ✿ Mrs Kingshott - helping in the canteen
- ✿ Monty - picking up rubbish and putting it in the bin
- ✿ Charlie - displaying good sportsmanship during cricket
- ✿ Harrison - got chairs for teachers in assembly
- ✿ Mr Linhart - got a chair for Mrs Badcock
- ✿ Cooper - holding the door for people
- ✿ Mac - for asking Merinda if she was ok when she got hurt
- ✿ Year 5 - being inclusive of others during a game of round ups
- ✿ Keira - making others laugh when they were having a bad day
- ✿ Jasper, Nate, Melanie & Stella - helping Mrs Baker in music
- ✿ Kale - teaching Prep the actions to the "Our Father" prayer
- ✿ Kinder & Preps - saying "Happy Birthday!" To Mrs S
- ✿ Year 5 - congratulating Year 3 when they got a point in volleyball
- ✿ Volleyball players - encouraging others
- ✿ Mrs Anthony - for making cupcakes for Mrs Adams' birthday
- ✿ Paul - good sportsmanship



## COMMUNITY NEWS & REMINDERS

### 'Inquiring Minds' Birth to 4 program - a 'Set-Up for Success' Catholic Education Tasmania initiative.

Our 'Inquiring Minds' birth to 4 program runs every Friday 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 stay for the duration of these sessions; there is no obligation in regards to any cost. Please feel welcome to participate.



**Open Information Night**  
6:30 - 8:30pm Wednesday  
25<sup>th</sup> March 2020

*All 2021 Prospective Students Welcome!*  
Information Session  
School tours  
Enrolment Packs

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## Inquiring Minds at St Patrick's

### A play-based Birth - 5 program open to all families

Qualified early years educators plan developmentally appropriate experiences for you and your child to explore together.

Our educators work with families to support parental understanding of the development of early literacy, numeracy and communication skills.



## Devonport Chess Club

### CHECK IT OUT

From Novice to Grandmaster, everyone is welcome.

The club meets on the 2nd. & 4th. Tuesdays during school term

East Devonport Community House

106 David St.

East Devonport

6 - 8 p.m.

(03) 64277542

EVERYONE WELCOME

- WHERE:** St Patrick's Catholic Primary Kindergarten Room
- WHEN:** Every Friday during school term
- TIME:** 9am - 10:30am
- WHAT TO BRING:** A hat, water bottle, piece of fruit & gold coin donation

**We look forward to welcoming your family to our Birth-5 Sessions**

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