

# St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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## PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

English psychologist Edward de Bono is quoted as saying, 'Logic will never change emotion or perception.' Last weekend's Gospel reading focused on **duty, preparation** and **consequences** - words that resonate today as poignantly as they did 2000 years ago. The parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids highlights the merits of planning for the future and pacing oneself to see that one has a future to enjoy. In Christian theology this is called 'discernment'. St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, wrote a lot about discernment and one of his teachings is that the Holy Spirit allows us to prepare for our future without living it.

All of us, at various times of our lives, are participants of a difficult interview or a conversation we would rather not have. If we have the opportunity, we play out in our mind how the interaction will run; the encounter rarely happens how we imagine and we either find that our anxiety and fear has often been misplaced, or our lack of preparation has eventuated in an escalation of conflict. What is curious and reflects our frail 'human condition' is that on the next occasion we often go through this same process of trying to live the future all over again. Unfortunately, at times we are so anxious about an aspect of our future that we try and control it and everyone associated with it often resulting in an inability to contend with another's perspectives, leading to a stalemate at best.

St Ignatius was suspicious of this process. Ignatius seems to have understood last weekend's Gospel very well. The early church thought Jesus would return quickly - there was a crisis of faith when he didn't. Some Christians lived as though this imminent return was a fact - we are still waiting. Matthew tells us then, that the Christian life is about wisdom, right judgment and reading the signs of the times. St Ignatius tells us the best way to prepare for the future is to let go of the unhealed past, as best as we can, and live in the here and now. The Christian believes that the Holy Spirit helps us see what needs to be done today and what preparation is necessary for tomorrow. When

considering our interactions with others that are potentially challenging, there is much that is intrinsically sensible in appreciating de Bono's sentiments that relate to appreciating the emotion and perception of the other, and oneself, in addition to discussing what one considers 'the facts' because emotion and perception has a way of either magnifying or diminishing such facts. Thank you to all in our school community who appreciate the need to enter into hard conversations with an appreciation of the emotion and perception of all parties involved.

Regards, Rod Linhart (Principal)

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

Monday 9th	Two-week Swimming program begins for students in Years 2, 3, 4 & 5 9.00-10.30am Pre-Kinder session at St Patrick's Mitch ('Spirit of Jesus') visiting Years 4 & 3 Sophie, school counsellor, visiting Remembrance Day morning assembly
Tuesday 10th	9.00 am - 10.30am Pre-Kinder Session 1
Wed 11th	2021 class stationery packs available from the school office Sophie, school counsellor, visiting
Monday 16th	Swimming program concludes
Tuesday 17th	9.00 am - 10.30am Pre-Kinder Session 2
Friday 20th	Devonport Show Holiday (no school)
Monday 23rd	Advent season commences
Friday 27th	
Sunday 29th	

### 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

(One student free day yet TBC)

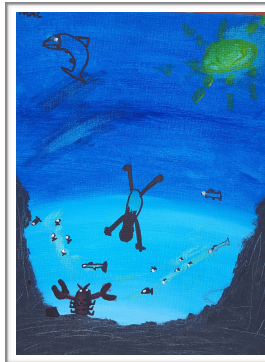
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## Staff

Peter Mitchell ('Mitch') worked with Year 3 and Year 4 yesterday on promoting the 'Spirit of Jesus' program; Sophie, our school counsellor, worked with students during her weekly visit - please contact Mr Linhart, Lennice, Tameka or your child's teacher if you are possibly interested in making use of Sophie's expertise; Mrs Marshall attended a Student Support meeting today; Mrs Wescombe and Mrs Klug worked yesterday on preparations for our Pre-Kinder program that is due to commence next Monday 16th November (9.00am to 10.30am); Mr Linhart will be away attending a principals' meeting from noon this Wednesday and on Thursday and Friday.

## NAIDOC Week (Mrs Kingshoff)

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia annually to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Year 6's enjoyed the amazing experience of Storytelling Circles with Elder Aunty Dawn. Ever since people walked the earth, we have sat down together and shared stories. Through Aunty Dawn sharing her story the students had the opportunity to develop an appreciation and respect for Aboriginal culture. The students responded to different aspects of Aunty Dawn's story through art making. This process assisted the students with gaining an understanding of Aboriginal dreaming, culture and history. The result of students' sharing openly and interweaving their understandings and perspectives, they gained better clarity and envisioned ways for reconciliation to grow.



## Lunch-time Table tennis competition (Mr Angliss - School Chaplain)

We are grateful for Mr Angliss's tireless work in offering a variety of lunch-time activities for students as a means of promoting opportunities for social skills and participating in some fun activities. Congratulations to the winners of this competition who were presented with medals during Monday's assembly.



## **WEST Award**

Congratulations to Isaac Banks (Prep) who received a WEST Award and Emma Watson (Year 5) who received the Aussie of the Month Award for October 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:** Melia

**Dooley House:** Angus

**Martyn House:** Hamish

## **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Prep: Indiana Bowkett for having an excellent 'Good Sport' attitude at the Athletics Carnival and for being a kind and caring class member.

Year 1: Violet Furley for her great effort with her speech on what she wants to be when she grows up.

Year 2: Ahmed Ragheb for developing independence in his attitude and application to learning.

Year 3: Sebastian Gee for his engagement in discussions and activities in Design Technology.

Year 4: Claire Simpson for improved application towards completing her work and for her great participation in all school activities.

Year 5: Luke Thompson for willingly and confidently participating in class discussions.

Year 6: Samuel Ling for the compassion he displayed during Storytelling Circles with Tasmanian Aboriginal Elder Auntie Dawn.

## **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.

## **Changes to bus services, commencing January 2021 (Merseylink)**

On 17 January 2021 the Department of State Growth will be implementing changes to urban bus routes and timetables operated by Merseylink within the Devonport and Latrobe urban areas. This will be followed by changes to school bus routes commencing in Term 1, 2021.

The changes will impact the general access (i.e. public bus) network, as well as some student-only school bus services that operate within Devonport and the greater Devonport area.

Consultation on the general access network changes occurred in September-October 2019. A [final public consultation report](#) was published in February 2020, which outlined State Growth's responses to submissions, including changes to the draft timetables and routes based on community feedback. Consultation on the school bus network also occurred in September 2020.

As the implementation of the general access network was delayed due to COVID-19, State Growth has made some additional tweaks and improvements to the general access network.

For St Patrick's Catholic School, the following additional changes (beyond those mentioned in the public consultation report) will be implemented:

Students living in the Palmers Road/Frankford Road area will now be able to catch a Merseylink school bus to and from school.

We will publish final timetables and route maps for the new general access and school bus networks on our website in late November. We will be in contact with you again at this time to provide you with more information.

If you have any questions, please contact [ptscontracts@stategrowth.tas.gov.au](mailto:ptscontracts@stategrowth.tas.gov.au).

# SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

## Age Champions

### Year 6

Girls - Luca Adams 27 pts; Matilda Hayes 25 pts; Maddy Withers 15 pts.

Boys - Samuel Ling 27 pts; Mac Butler 19 pts; Kyle Jordan & Koby Harrington 13 pts.

### Year 5

Girls - EJ 27 pts; Keira 25 pts; Talei 13 pts.

Boys - Charlie Brazendale 25 pts; Monty Manion 19 pts; Coby Christie 15 pts.

### Year 4

Girls - Tyla O'Toole 33 pts; Sophie Mulcahy 23 pts; Ruby Anthony 17 pts.

Boys - Connor Anderson 25 pts; Brad Jones & Lincoln McQueen 17 pts; Cameron Reeves 15 pts

### Year 3

Girls - Melia Sesara 23 pts; Amaja Scott 17 pts; Zarna Bakes 16 pts.

Boys - Egan Bos 21 pts; William Brazendale 17 pts; Tanner Davis & Livai Sesara 13 pts.

### House points:

**Byrne: 272 points** **Dooley: 328 points** **Martyn: 285 points**



Beautiful sunny weather supported our annual school athletics fun day this year. Our day commenced with the house captains leading some rousing motivational songs. The older classes, in addition to completing some competitive events, worked with some early childhood classes on some fun, fitness activities before we all finished the day at 12.30pm with a sausage (or two) and an icy-pole. Well done to all the active participants, to our dedicated staff and to our many supportive parents who cheered everyone to try their best.



## 2021 Proposed Class Structure and staffing

We look to begin 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 10th November, **may alter** as aspects of planning that aim to maximise student outcomes and staff welfare are discerned:

- Lennice Leonard: School Executive Officer.
- Tameka Harris: School Administrative Officer.
- Mr Atkins: Deputy Principal.
- Mrs Gregson (3 days) and Mrs Marshall: Student Support.
- Mrs Marshall: Religious Education Coordinator.
- David Broos: School Utility Officer.
- David Angliss: School Chaplain.
- Sophie Eaves: School Counsellor.
- Mrs Carter: School Librarian and ICT teacher-aide.
- Mrs Klug: Inquiring Minds/Set-up for Success Birth-to-4 program facilitator.
- Mrs Watson-Peters will teach Music and choir K-Year 6 (Mrs Baker is taking leave for 2021.)
- Mrs Hayes: Health and Physical Education K-Year 6.
- Lockett Sensei: Languages (Japanese) Prep-Year 6.
- Mrs Marshall (Term 1 - Mrs Stoessiger returns at the beginning of term 2) and Mrs Klug: Kinder teacher and teacher-assistant. (Tues, Wed, Thurs.)
- Mrs Jak and Mrs Adams: Prep teacher and teacher-assistant.
- Mr O'Brien (5 days term 1; 3 days from term 2 when Mrs Marshall will then teach two days in Year 1) and Mrs Tueon: Year 1 teacher and teacher-assistant.
- Mrs Badcock (3 days), Mrs Fenton (2 days) and Ms Mundy from term 3 (terms 1 and 2 teacher-assistant TBC): Year 2 teacher and teacher-assistant.
- Ms Stuart (4 days) and Mrs Lamprey: Year 3 teacher and teacher-assistant. (Teacher for one day TBC.)
- Miss Moore (2 days), Mr Butcher (3 days), Mrs Males and Mr Lowry: Year 5 teacher and teacher-assistants.
- Mrs Kingshott and Mrs Anthony: Years 6 teacher and teacher-assistant.
- Mr Linhart: Principal.

An orientation day for 2021 classes is planned for the morning of Tuesday 15th December, which is aimed at familiarising students with their 2021 class teacher and teacher-assistant.

## 2021 Class Stationery Packs

Included with today's Newsletter is a cover letter and the class stationery pack list for your child's 2021 class.

- The school should have the 2021 class stationery packs available for sale to parents **from Tuesday 17th November 2020** - we will be storing these packs at school and selling them to families.
- Parents may choose to purchase items through their preferred supplier OR they may choose to purchase the stationery pack from school. Book Packs will not be split.
- We are requesting parents refrain from purchasing outside the set 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 usually causes unneeded anxiety if the item gets lost or broken.

## SRC Talent Show (Mr Atkins)

Our SRC Talent Show is planned for the 7th December. Dates for auditions for this event are below. Auditions will be held at lunch times.

- Prep Auditions - Monday 23 November
- 1/2 Auditions - Tuesday 24 November
- 3/4 Auditions - Wednesday 25 November
- 5/6 Auditions - Thursday 26 November
- Final Talent Show - Monday 7 December 1:30pm in the Hall

Students may only audition one time each. They may audition individually or as part of a group. Students wanting to audition as a group can only form groups with other students in their year level. Only 2 acts from each year level will progress to the final. Due to the restricted area available for the audience (we can support up to 12 adults) in the interests of fairness, we are restricting this event to students and staff only.

## COVID-19 Update (Mr Linhart)

As you are no doubt aware the Tasmanian Government has recently relaxed Tasmania's border controls and travel restrictions. Whilst this is welcome news the Tasmanian Government has acknowledged the corresponding risk of COVID-19 infection reoccurring in Tasmania. Therefore, accordingly, the Tasmanian Government requires St Patrick's Catholic School to maintain a high state of COVID-19 risk management readiness.

Thus, I am pleased to advise you that all normal day to day school activities and associated interactions are permitted with the exception of:

- In-door gatherings involving large numbers of parents / visitors in excess of 250 persons.
- School indoor end of year functions with more than 250 persons in attendance.

However, mindful of the Tasmanian Government's requirements, St Patrick's will continue to maintain a range of COVID-19 risk management practices including:

- Discouraging visitors, staff and students with cold or flu symptoms from coming to School.
- Adults, where practicable, to maintain physical distancing.
- The recording of contact details of visitors to school events held in school venues.
- The provision of hand sanitiser.
- Appropriate COVID safety signage at school entry points.
- Cleaning of frequently touched internal surfaces.

As we progress towards a new normal, St Patrick's Catholic School, as guided by Catholic Education Tasmania will continue to take into account the level of risk of COVID-19 which exists in the community together with changes in government restrictions and will calibrate our management of the COVID-19 risk accordingly.

Updates will continue to be shared with the school community as they become available. Thank you for your ongoing co-operation and understanding of our efforts to keep our community safe.

## **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.

## Emergency Practice

Within the next few weeks, whilst at recess or lunch we will hold an unannounced emergency practice with staff & students, to test our response to a potential scenario that staff identify a threat warranting the school go into lockdown (opposite to evacuation). Like for fire evacuation drills, we recognised the worth to test this process. We have plans in place to make this practice as least disruptive as able. If you have queries please call our Safety Officer, Simon Natoli on 0400 105 476

## COMMUNITY NEWS & REMINDERS

### Years 2-5 Swimming Program

Our 10-day school swimming program commenced on Monday 9th November and will run through 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.

Some important considerations include:

- Band-aids are not to be worn in the pool - Earrings may be worn.
- Students may wear their PE uniform to and from school for the duration of the swimming program.
- A bathing cap is essential – students will not be permitted to swim without a cap. We have a small amount of swimming caps available at the school office for sale. (\$3.50)
- Students will walk to and from the venue under the supervision of school staff.
- Children should bring a plastic bag in which to put their wet bathers, bathing cap and wet towel.
- Goggles (may be worn when permitted by the instructor).
- Students may wear bathers to school, however, students will require clean underclothes to change into - students are not to wear wet bathers underneath their school sports uniform: it would be beneficial if families support us by encouraging their children to dry and dress themselves at home in preparation for the swimming program;
- Sunscreen will be available, however, students will need to apply the sunscreen themselves.



### 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 will be offering a Pre-Kinder program each Monday morning for five 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 take place 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 (FINAL PRE-KINDER.)** 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 9.15am, concluding at 10.15am.

**Photos that appear in newsletters:** Parents are welcome to contact Tameka, Lennice or Mr Linhart if they would like any photo that we take of their child or children that appear in the Newsletter.