

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

John Lennon's 1956 headmaster wrote that, 'He has too many wrong ambitions and his energy is too often misplaced'; Richard Branson left school at 16; Steven Spielberg was rejected from film school. A significant number of people who have had a noteworthy influence on their world do not look back fondly on school years that would be described as positive, golden years' for them, their families or teachers. However, they achieved quite remarkable things in their chosen adult 'vocations.'

Martin Seligman at the University of Pennsylvania has studied this phenomenon, and he has found that success in life is driven by one critical distinction—whether you believe that your failures are produced by personal deficits beyond your control or that they are mistakes you can fix with effort. Success isn't the only thing determined by your mindset; Seligman has found much higher rates of depression in people who attribute their failures to personal deficits. Optimists fare better; they treat failure as learning experiences and believe they can do better in the future.

According to Seligman, successful people appear to believe in several simple notions:

- They believe that they are the average of the five people with whom they spend the most time.
- They focus their attention on all the things for which they are grateful; they look for the good that is happening in the world.
- They focus their effort on doing what they can every single day to improve their own lives and the world around them, because these small steps are all it takes to make the world a better place.

Research suggests that when planning a future with students the number of students who failed to reach age-appropriate grades dropped by more than one half if they were asked what kind of future they would like to have, what hurdles they anticipated, how they might deal with them, and which of their friends would be most helpful along the way. An important aspect of our daily conversations involve teachers expecting the student to identify goals for progress, and endeavouring to support

and consolidate the possibility of the achievement of goals; healthy and open discussions about performance and outcomes are key features for all involved in education.

Henry David Thoreau, the American philosopher, stated that, 'The only way to tell the truth is to speak with kindness. Only the words of a loving person can be heard.' I always take heart that the education we endeavour to provide at St Patrick's reflects not only academic rigour, but also a recognition of the value of character. A child's academic performance is important, however, it is only one measure of his or her learning. I thank all in our school community who supports our Vision and Mission, which results in a home-school relationship that values a holistic education.

Regards,

Rod Linhart (Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR (Items in red are recently added.) May

Monday 20th	6.00pm School Board meeting 9.00am Year 2 morning prayer assembly
Wed 22nd	9.30am Years 2 & 6 attend parish Mass P & F canteen day
Thursday 23rd	School cross country
Monday 27th	9.00am Year 3 morning Prayer Assembly
Wed 29th	9.30am Year 3 and Year 4 Parish Mass

June

Monday 3rd	9.00am Year 1 morning Prayer Assembly
Wed 5th	9.30am Year 1 and Year 3 Parish Mass
Monday 10th	Public Holiday (no school)
Thursday 13th	NW Catholic Schools Cross Country (Stella Marist Catholic School, Burnie)
Monday 17th	9.00am Year 4 morning Prayer Assembly
Wed 19th	9.30am Year 4 and Year 1 Parish Mass
Monday 24th	9.00am Prep morning Prayer Assembly
Wed 26th	9.30am Prep and Year 6 Parish Mass

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

WEST Award

Congratulations to Thomas Marshall (Year 3) 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

Dooley House: Ruby Warren and Ruby Anthony

Byrne House: Suraya Khan

Martyn House: Jed Atkins

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Edmund Barker for trying his best with all of his school work. Well done for your consistent effort Edmund.

Year 1: Izabella Goss for great work with Science and reaching Star Student.

Year 2: Egan Bos for making excellent progress with his understanding of analogue time.

Year 3: Suraya Khan for her diligent application to all learning tasks.

Year 4: Adam van der Hulst for his mature attitude and helpfulness around our school.

Year 5: Matilda Hayes for always being an enthusiastic class member who always shows pride in the presentation of her written work.

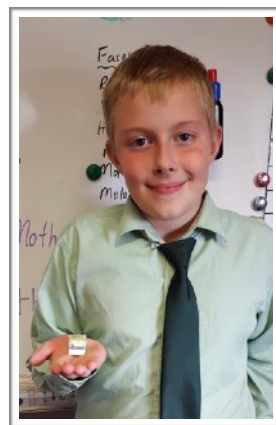
Year 6: William Higgins for consistently presenting his work to a high standard and the positive effort he is putting into his information writing.

Spelling at St Patrick's: Whole-School Initiatives

Your child is involved in our whole-school, timetabled, literacy block each morning. Elements of this literacy block involve spelling, reading, viewing, writing and oral language. Students engage in learning experiences which include explicit spelling, guided reading, journaling, modelled writing and small group work. Our approach to the early years literacy program and the Year 2-6 spelling program is being enhanced in Term 2 by incorporating *InitialLit* and *Spelling Mastery* initiatives. In 2019 Year 2 will use *Spelling Mastery* and *InitialLit* resources. The *InitialLit* reading program incorporates a synthetic approach to the teaching of phonics alongside a rich literature and vocabulary component. The *Spelling Mastery* Program focusses on developing spelling skills by blending phonemic, whole-word and morphemic approaches. Each of these programmes has strong links to The Big 6 (oral language, phonological awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension) and to the Australian Curriculum. **If you are interested in finding out more details on these programmes, information sessions will be held for InitialLit (Kinder-Year 1) and Spelling Mastery (Year 2-Year 6) in the staffroom on Thursday 6th June at 2:30 pm. Afternoon tea will be offered**

Year 5 News (Mrs Kingshott)

Year 5 have been exploring the 2D shapes that form the nets used to create 3D shapes. Students made a Trapezoidal Prism from a net to make a 'car' that used a marble to propel it. Students then drew their 'car' and identified the 3D shapes through labelling and colouring. Students then did a test run with their 'car' and they recorded five distances travelled. Students needed to record the correct unit of measurement, as well as, the shortest run, longest run and total distance of all the runs.



NAPLAN - Online.

Well done to our Years 3 and 5 students for their participation in last week's Australia-wide NAPLAN tests. Thank you to Mr Atkins for coordinating these tests. Some points of possible interest for families:

- NAPLAN 2019 began Tuesday 14 May 2019 with around 50% of schools across the country taking the assessments online. Last year, 15% of schools took the assessment online.
- Over 350,000 NAPLAN online tests were successfully submitted on the first day of the two week testing window across the country.
- The technology and logistics of a national online project of this size are highly complex.



Mini Vinnies

Last week Mini Vinnies met for the first time to begin preparing for a Winter Appeal. Thank you to all students - both old and new who came along and showed an interest in our group. More details on our Winter appeal will be available in coming weeks.

At this moment, we were wondering if there would be any parent/grandparent volunteers that can knit, and are willing to teach some of our Mini Vinnies students to knit some simple scarves to help with our Winter Appeal. This could be either a Wednesday or Friday lunch time. If you have a WWVP check and are able to assist, please let Mrs Marshall know. If you would like to inquire about getting a WWVP, please contact the school office. We have some very eager students who are keen to learn and your help would be greatly appreciated!

If any one has knitting needles or wool that could be donated to our Mini Vinnies group for knitting scarves, that would be greatly appreciated! You could leave at the office or give to Mrs Marshall.



Canberra Staff Carwash

Mr and Mrs Meech, Mr Dowling and some Year 6 girls raised \$215 for the Canberra Years 5 & 6 trip during a recent staff car wash. Many thanks to the adults and children who appeared to thoroughly enjoy the experience.

International Education Support Day

Our two school captains presented our education support workers with a certificate and a delicious chocolate gateaux morning tea last week in recognition of the wonderful support that they provide teachers and students. Many thanks to Mrs Leonard, Mrs Harris, Mrs Klug, Mrs Adams, Mrs Tueon, Mrs Mundy, Mrs Lamprey, Mrs Hyland, Mrs Anthony, Mr Lowry, Mrs Males and Mrs Carter. Nothing says 'We love your work,' more than a chocolate gateaux!



Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents & Friends of Tasmania Newsletter.

Visit the link below to view this P & F newsletter:

<http://tcspc.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/58177>

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

The P & F will be holding a lunch day tomorrow Wednesday May 22nd. This will be a pasta and jelly day. Students that are ordering from this menu have already pre-ordered these. There will be no orders accepted on the day. Thank you (Mrs Anthony.)

REMINDERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

School Cross Country - Thursday 23rd May

All students will be welcome and encouraged to participate in this year's school cross country to be conducted at the Latrobe Recreation Ground next Thursday afternoon. Years 3 to 6 will be running to qualify for the NW Catholic Schools cross country. All participants will receive an encouragement sticker or ribbon and the afternoon will finish with the opportunity for all children to walk a lap of the ground with their family members. Students from St Brendan-Shaw will assist us on the day. We look forward to welcoming those of you who might be able to join us and encourage all our students to do their best. A proposed timetable of the event is:

1:00 - 6 Girls
1:02 - 6 Boys
1:15 - 5 Girls
1:17 - 5 Boys
1:30 - 4 Girls
1:32 - 4 Boys
1:45 - 3 Girls
1:47 - 3 Boys
2:00 - 2 Girls
2:02 - 2 Boys
2:05 - 1 Girls
2:07 - 1 Boys
2:10 - P Girls
2:12 - P Boys
2:15 - K Girls
2:17 - K Boys



A decision in regards to possible postponing of the day in the event of inclement weather will be made by no later than 12.30pm on Thursday and will be advised via our Skoolbag app and facebook page.

School Board.

Nominations are called for the St Patrick's Catholic School Board. A brief outline of the role and structure of the school Board is available from the school office and via our school website. The School Board usually meets for approximately 90 minutes on a Monday evening six or seven times a year and discusses a range of topics including school policies, finances, buildings and facilities, promotion of the Catholic ethos and future directions. The role of the School Board is viewed as being integral in sharing the responsibility of the overall well-being of the school. Our current school Board membership consists of the Parish Priest, Father Mike Delaney and the principal, Rod Linhart, as ex-officio members, Joanne Mulcahy (Chair), Julie Fawcner (Secretary), Nicholas O'Toole and Kate Warren. If you are interested in becoming a member of the school Board, or would like to be an observer at a School Board meeting, we invite you to contact one of the School Board members or the school office staff as soon as possible.



SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2019

Term 2: Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July
Term 3: Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September
Term 4: Monday 14th Oct - Wednesday 18th December.

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.



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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