

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Collective intelligence is a term to describe intelligence that emerges from collaboration. Professor Alex Pentland in his book, "Social Physics : how good ideas spread" highlights an experiment that was undertaken involving hundreds of people who were randomly selected off the street and put into small groups. The people were paid participants who were then asked to solve a selection of problems. What was discovered was a group's ability to solve a problem was much more a function of **how** they talked to each other than **what** they said or **how smart** they were individually. If everybody was engaged with each other and contributed lots and lots of ideas and acknowledged the ideas of the others, then that group did really well, even if the people in it weren't necessarily the brightest or the content was not necessarily something with which they were the most familiar.

It appears that there is a type of collective intelligence that comes from the pattern of how we interact with each other. Professor Pentland's studies highlights the point that when it comes to innovation and creative output, positive results have to do with a good group that is very engaged with each other who also explore and talk to people outside the group. And the more they 'harvest' ideas from outside the group, the more innovative the ideas and behaviours.

Listening to lawyer and social researcher, David Gillespie, on a recent episode of Richard Fidler's 'Conversations' program (available to download and listen to at your leisure) I am grateful that my children are independent and of an age that they can reason for themselves. His recent book, "Teen brain: why screens are making your teenager depressed, anxious and prone to lifelong addictive illnesses," is an interesting addition to what should be our collective intelligence in regards to what, when and how our children who are not of the 'age of reason', may be influenced quite dramatically by their use of screen-time. Gillespie concludes that: *The biology of puberty makes the teen brain uniquely fragile. It makes teens susceptible to addictions that can last*

for life and usher in mental illness; Parenting is much more permissive and parents may need to harden up to save their kids; Unfettered access to screens is driving an epidemic of addiction, depression and anxiety, the likes of which we have never witnessed before. There is no doubt our lives are reliant somewhat on effective screen-time, however, Gillespie's sobering conclusions requires us, as members of a collective intelligence group who are collaborating in equipping our children for a future of perhaps even more screen-time, to be engaged and to be vigilant in our information gathering and be brave in our responses.

Regards, Rod Linhart (Principal)

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

Monday 6th	9.00am Year 5 morning prayer assembly Presentation of our school Validation of the Archbishop's Charter
Wed 8th	9.30am Years 5 and Prep attend parish Mass
Friday 10th	8.00am Mother's Day Breakfast - school assembly hall
Sunday 12th	Mother's Day
Monday 13th	Year 4 camp - Camp Clayton 9.00am Year 6 morning prayer assembly
Tuesday 14th	Year 4 camp - Camp Clayton NAPLAN testing (Years 3 & 5)
Wed 15th	9.30am Years 6 and 2 attend parish Mass NAPLAN testing (Years 3 & 5)
Thursday 16th	NAPLAN testing (Years 3 & 5)
Friday 17th	NAPLAN testing (Years 3 & 5)
Monday 20th	6.00pm School Board meeting 9.00am Year 2 morning prayer assembly
Wed 22nd	9.30am Years 2 and 6 attend parish Mass

Thursday 23rd School cross country (Thursday 13th June is the NW Catholic schools cross country in Burnie.)

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

WEST Award

Congratulations to Cooper Cody (Year 1) 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 - Not drawn this week.

Dooley House:

Byrne House:

Martyn House:

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Owen Christie for trying his best to sound out words and writing the letter to match the sound.

Year 1: Harry Phegan displaying good work habits and trying his best in class.

Year 2: Buckley Davis for being encouraging and kind towards his classmates.

Year 3: Connor Anderson for his application and attitude in Mathematics, especially applying multiplication strategies to solve number sentences.

Year 4: Jasper Chamley for a great start to Term 2 with greater focus and application to his learning.

Year 5: Alex O'Grady for his great teamwork while measuring and calculating the distance travelled by our 3D 'cars' in Maths groups.

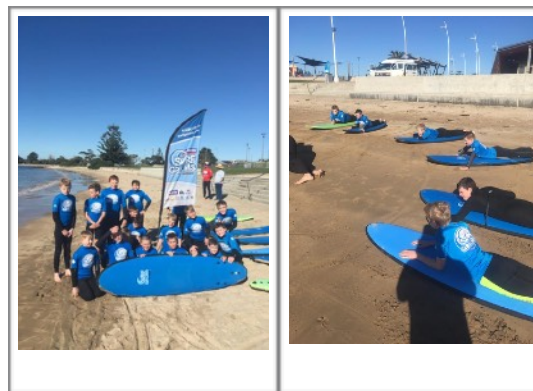
Year 6: Vinnie Manion for a focused start to Term 2.

Chromebooks

In 2017 and 2018 Chromebooks were purchased and are being used by students in Year 5 and Year 6. The school is continuing to invest in these devices and currently the Year 4 and Year 3 students are benefitting by using these resources in their classrooms. Year 4 students have been assigned courses on the website code.org to learn to use programming language as part of their Technologies curriculum.

Years 5 and 6 boys Surf Groms session

Following on from the successful Years 5 & 6 girls surf groms session last term, Mrs Hayes organised a very enjoyable surf groms day yesterday at the Bluff for our Years 5 and 6 boys. Thank you Mrs Hayes, Mrs Anthony and Mr Angliss who supported this opportunity.



Who created a RAINBOW?

It's been a great start to the year for library borrowing, the children have shown much enthusiasm with being able to regularly take books home and share with their families! Congratulations to the following students for being consistent with borrowing for term 1 2019.....

Kinder - Alice, Alivia, Amir, Angus, Archer, Darcy, Ethan, Fraser, Indiana, Isaac, Jackson, Jaxon, Oliver, Ross, Tom, Xavier.

Prep - Alexander, Axel, Clementine, Henry, Lakyn, Meg, Owen, Porter, Seth, Zander.

Year 1 - Ava, Chloe, Cooper, Edgar, Hamish, Harper, Harry, Izabella, Keith, Leon, Oliver, Ruby, Sienna, Violet, Zita.

Year 2 - Egan, Frank, Hailey, Jake, Jimmy, Lulu, Rose, Zara

Year 3 - Ruby, Salma, Suraya, Thomas, Tyla.

Year 4 - Abbie, Adam, Amelia, Anna, Coby, Emily, Emma, Georgie, Grace, Gideon, Jasper, Kale, Liam, Joshua, Loretta, Nathan, Stella, Talei.

Year 5 - Aiden, Ava C, Ava F, Lily, Luca, Melanie, Merinda, Ruth, Zaria.

Year 6 - Dylan, Ethan, Ruby, Vinnie.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

St Patrick's will be participating in the Woolworths earn and learn promotion. Please bring your stickers in and place them in the boxes outside Mr Linhart's office.





Year 6 News

Year 6 students were offered the opportunity to visit St Brendan-Shaw College for the day last Friday. Participating in a cooking class (delicious apple pies were prepared...and consumed!), outside play and a science class, the students experienced and appeared to thoroughly enjoy a taste of college life. Thank you to Mrs McIver who accompanied the class and to Mr Pisano, Mrs Westlake and Mrs Hicks who welcomed us to the college.



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.

Emergency Practice

During term 2 we will hold an unannounced emergency practice with staff and students to test our response to a potential scenario warranting the school go into lockdown, which is the opposite to an evacuation. As for fire evacuation drills, we recognise the worth to test this process. We have plans in place to make this practice as least disruptive as possible. If you have queries you are welcome to call our Safety Officer Simon Natoli on 0400 105 476

Library News

Issue 3 of Book Club is out now, and orders are to be in no later than Tuesday 14 May 2019 please.



May is SCHOLASTIC NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH





DEAR FAMILIES,

If we want children to read independently, they need to have easy access to a wide assortment of fiction and nonfiction books, choice in what they read, and time to practise reading. Given a good selection of books, all kids read more. And those who read more books get more practice and become better readers.

READ 10 MINUTES EVERY DAY IN MAY

Here are some great ways to get your child reading:

- 1 Set aside a regular reading time. Pick a time that is suitable for everyone. It might be before bedtime or even after homework.
- 2 Pick a reading place. It is important that everyone is comfortable so they can enjoy the book. Try reading in the living room, or maybe seated at the dinner table works best.
- 3 Read together. One person can read the book, or family members can take turns.
- 4 Visit your local library. Enjoy free resources such as books and read-aloud events.
- 5 Involve and engage the whole family. Before reading, point to the book's title, author and illustrator. Ask listeners, 'What do you think the story is going to be about?' As you read, ask them what they think will happen next. And be sure to use exciting voices to engage listeners!
- 6 Fill your home with reading materials. Place books, magazines, newspapers, cookbooks and more throughout the house so your child is surrounded by things to read.
- 7 Get caught reading yourself. When your child sees you read, they will be inspired to read.
- 8 Have older siblings read to younger siblings. By reading to a younger sibling, the reader will gain confidence.
- 9 Start seasonal traditions. Pick a book to read every year when your child goes back to school. You can also read the same special book during a holiday.
- 10 Keep favourite books around. It can be comforting for a new reader to build confidence and fluency by practising when re-reading a favourite book.



Research shows that children who read books for just 10 minutes a day perform better in school.*



*Research conducted by the National Centre for Family Literacy.
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Enter the READ MORE IN MAY CHALLENGE—scholastic.com.au/nfrm

SCHOLASTIC

REMINDERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

Friday 10th May - Mother's Day Breakfast (school assembly hall)

Advanced notice: 8:00am to 8:50am Friday 10th May in the St Patrick's School Assembly Hall. Please **RSVP BEFORE TOMORROW WEDNESDAY 8th MAY** via the online registration link (below) or by returning the slip included as an insert to a previous newsletter.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNbUnrqyOUXfWA5UvqohPW7zW-4T_MqJc-UC1lil1fYYZN3g/viewform

'Inquiring Minds' - Set-up for Success.

Mrs Stoessiger and Mrs Klug continue to offer families whose children are 'birth to five', the opportunity to participate in our 'Inquiring Minds: Set-up for Success' early years education program. This is an exciting opportunity, which is available to any family whose child or children are not turning 6 in 2019. Families do not need to enrol at St Patrick's and there is no fee associated with this 90 minute session, which will be conducted every Friday morning from 9.00 to 10.30am during school term time. Please contact the school for more information or simply turn-up on a Friday morning.

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

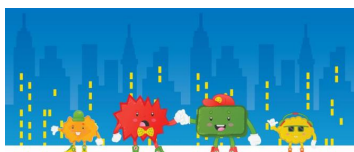
WHAT TO BRING: A hat, water bottle, piece of fruit & gold coin donation

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

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St Brendan-Shaw College

Striving to do our best | be safe | welcome diversity



Dr Jane Foster presents

MYTERN

Free session dealing with bullying, blame and retaliation

When:

Wednesday, 8 May 2019 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Where:

At St Brendan – Shaw College in the Genesis Centre (Parking available from the Percy Street entrance)

Who:

As the MYTERN initiative is being rolled out this Term, all current SBSC parents and guardians and those that are looking to enrol their children at SBSC in 2020 would benefit from attending.

Why:

MYTERN (Take Emotional Responsibility Now) is a simple yet powerful language that helps students, staff and parents cope with their response to the ever increasing stresses of life. As MYTERN is going to be implemented across our school community, we believe that attending this meeting is an opportunity not to be missed. Hearing first hand from the creator will assist in understanding just how powerful learning the skill of MYTERN can be.

RSVP:

Please complete the following form to register your attendance: [MYTERN RSVP](#).



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Remember....

Oral Health Services Tasmania welcomes ALL children under 18 years of age for FREE* dental care.

At the dental appointment Oral Health Services Tasmania will:

- BULK BILL Medicare when you present your Medicare card
- Provide almost all dental care for FREE*

*Some dental care may attract a small fee and be subject to eligibility conditions