

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

The American poet and wit, Ralph Waldo Emerson, stated, *"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children...to leave the world a better place...to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."* I am trying my best to update a list of all those in our school community who offer their services to our school on a voluntary nature; those who provide help in classrooms or by way of coaching and/or managing our sporting squads; those who assist with our requests for food items to support our mission of hospitality; those generous souls who attend Parents & Friends meetings or Board meetings after a long day at work, often having to juggle child-minding in order to attend all such obligations. The plan is to recognise these people by way of an afternoon tea later in the year, however, hopefully all who support St Patrick's by the different and varied degrees feel that their efforts are both acknowledged and appreciated.

Although the great statesman Abraham Lincoln suggested that we should not worry about not being recognised for our efforts, but strive instead to be worthy of recognition, research confirms that one of the biggest motivators for repeated action is recognition. I believe we are well served as a school community, not only by energetic and collaborative staff, but also by the vast majority of parents and carers who support our policies and protocols, 'documents and statements' that are complemented by the many generous souls who make the time and take the effort to do that little bit extra...'to leave the world a better place'.

Thank you to all parents who, although unable to attend various school meetings or assist at school functions, support our school by ensuring their child is dressed in the full school uniform; read the weekly school newsletter and support our school values and philosophy which are probably best expressed as 'simply' being considerate and courteous people who view a sense of community can occasionally oblige each of us to either take action, or remain silent – your

commitment may often be overlooked, however, such support is quietly recognised and greatly appreciated. Thank-you!

Regards,

Rod Linhart (Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR (Items in red are recently added.)

JUNE

Monday 24th 9.00am Prep morning Prayer Assembly
Tuesday 25th Parent-Student-Teacher timetable confirmed
Wed 26th 9.30am Prep and Year 6 Parish Mass
Friday 28th Cheree, school counsellor, at school

JULY

Thursday 4th Parent-Student-Teacher meetings: Mid-Year Reports distributed to families.
Friday 5th Final day of term 2
Monday 22nd Term 3 begins - staff and students
Thursday 25th Aboriginal State Library artefacts visit - Year 6
Monday 29th 6.00pm School Board meeting.

AUGUST

Monday 5th 1.30pm Children's Book Council Book of the Year performance.
Thursday 15th 6.00pm - 8.00pm STEM information and activity evening (Assembly Hall) TBC

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 8th Year 5 and Year 6 Canberra Trip
Monday 9th Year 5 and Year 6 Canberra Trip
Tuesday 10th Year 5 and Year 6 Canberra Trip
Wed 11th Year 5 and Year 6 Canberra Trip
Thursday 12th Year 5 and Year 6 Canberra Trip
Monday 15th Week of the Deloraine Youth Drama Festival

Monday 23rd Coastal Young Voices competition
Tuesday 24th Coastal Young Voices competition

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.

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

WEST Award

Congratulations to Merinda Jones (Year 5) 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 Awarded this week

Dooley House:

Byrne House:

Martyn House:

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Kaylee Chappell Hope for great participation and learning in class.

Year 1: Ahmed Ragheb for his fantastic work when sorting natural and constructed features.

Year 2: Sebastian Gee for his excellent application to Spelling Mastery tasks.

Year 3: Ruby Anthony for her positive attitude and consistent application towards all learning tasks.

Year 4: Coby Christie for displaying a more focussed and determined approach to learning.

Year 5: Not Awarded This Week - due to Mrs Kingshott's absence.

Year 6: Patrick Mulcahy for his fantastic effort with recent multiplication work, particularly his assessment task.

Saturday Soccer (Devonport Junior Soccer Association)

On behalf of the families whose children participate in the Saturday soccer competition, I would like to acknowledge and thank the many coaches and managers whose efforts to coach and provide side-line support to the children whose collective skill level is quite diverse, is greatly appreciated. Some points that parents can remind their children of in regards to being appreciative of their respective coaches efforts include:

- During training, please 'Stop, Look and Listen' when the coach is explaining a point that is for the benefit of the team. I will ask coaches to expect this level of respectful attention and I am confident parents will do the same.
- Please arrive at least five minutes (preferably 10 minutes) prior to the commencement of the game to ensure the coach has sufficient time to warm the team-up as a team, discuss and remind students about skills and rules, and organise run-on teams and explain substitutions. Attendance and cooperation during training and arrival at the game at least five minutes prior to a game has been, in my experience, important pre-requisites for time on ground on the day.
- Each coach has their own way of supporting the team, which may involve longer or shorter playing periods on ground before substitution, positional placements including being goalie and expectations in regards to engagement such as leaving a core group of more highly skilled players on the ground for longer periods of time to ensure the team is competitive and to provide support and modelling for less experienced and/or skilled players. In my experience in talking with the coaches and observing many games this season, each coach has the interests of the team at heart and, over the course of the season, each member of the respective teams gain in both skill level and confidence from their varying degrees of involvement, which is an ideal outcome considering the difficulty of coaching a team that is made up of students who bring quite significant diverse skills to the field.

Thank you to the many family members who support the teams by way of attendance at training sessions and preparation for each Saturday. If you ever have a need for clarification or elaboration of any aspect of your child's involvement in the competition, please respectfully engage in conversation with your child's coach at the completion of a game or bring any query to me.



2019 Devonport Basketball Primary School boys and girls grades 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 tournament.

We would like to support one or more teams in the forthcoming 2019 Devonport Basketball Primary School boys and girls grades 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 tournament that will be held in Devonport on Friday 23rd August, Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th August. **All registration costs and support will be covered for this tournament** and we are investigating registration options. We are required to have teams confirmed by Tuesday 30th July. Many thanks to Mrs Meech who has, once again, put her hand up and will support two training sessions a week of 30 minutes duration during school time in recognition of busy family schedules. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to gain skills in a popular sport and the school is willing to support any child's involvement by offering regular weekly training and paying all registration costs.

Mid-Year Reports, class books and grades.

Families will find included in this week's Newsletter their times for next week's Parent-Student-Teacher meetings, which are set aside for Thursday 4th July. These 15 minute conversations will be an opportunity for class teachers to lead discussions in regards to the strengths, challenges and typical engagements of students over the course of the 20 weeks of the 2019 school year. Hopefully, meaningful goals can be established and mutually supportive strategies put in place to assist in the realisation of any goals that are established. We fairly regularly sent student workbooks home for families to review and discuss. I am generally impressed with both the volume of work covered and the quality of many responses. Teachers place marking rubrics and other assessment overviews in these workbooks and they become a fairly detailed resource that can quite accurately represent a student's engagement in the task. As parents would also appreciate, the workbooks are not definitive 'barometers' of a child's attitude and aptitude - there is much unsaid in a workbook such as child's engagement in online programs, participation in whole-class listening activities and his or her contribution as a collaborative, respectful class and school member. Mid-Year reports are usually 'partial' reports in that a child will have considerable time and opportunity to develop increased knowledge, understandings and skills in subjects and proficiencies prior to the End-of-Year Report in December. Our staff are working very hard in finalising reports to hopefully enable constructive parent-student-teacher conversations in two weeks' time. We, as a staff look forward to constructive, focused conversations throughout the year in order to allow mutual understanding and support. Many thanks to all in our school community - staff, students, parents - who are constantly engaged in conversations that aim to increase a collective capability.



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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PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

P&F Soup Day

The P&F will hold its soup day tomorrow Wednesday 26th June. There will be a choice of homemade chicken noodle soup or homemade pumpkin soup. Soup will be served with a slice of bread. Apple Pie with whipped cream will be available for dessert. All orders have now been received for this lunch day and no orders will be accepted on the day.

REMINDERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

Devonport Strikers School Holiday Clinics

The Devonport Strikers are holding School Holiday Clinics and we would love to invite your Students. The Clinics are a fun and affordable way to spend the holidays, develop your skills or just have fun with your friends.

Week 1

8th – 10th July

9am – 12pm

\$80 or \$30 per Day

Week 2

15th – 17th July

9am – 12pm

\$80 or \$30 per Day

The clinics run for 3 days in both weeks – and we have 1 and 2 day options available. For more details go to the Devonport Strikers website devonportstrikers.com.au and select the school holiday program link.



Devonport Warriors School Holiday Basketball Clinics

"School Holidays are less than 1 month away! Looking for things to do? Why not register for the Basketball Tasmania and Devonport Basketball "Maccas On Your Team" Holiday Camps!

There are 3 "Maccas On Your Team" Camps for Boys and Girls born between 2006-2011:

- July 11 & 12 – Hobart - Elizabeth College
- July 16 & 17 – Burnie - Marist Regional College
- July 18 & 19 – Launceston - Elphin Sports Centre

Alongside the July "Maccas On Your Team" camps, there are 2 "Girls Only" Camps in Hobart and Launceston on July 16th (1 is planned for the NW Coast in October). These camps are for Girls born between 2008-2012 and will feature special appearances from NBL1 players from the Hobart Huskies and Launceston Tornados.

Our holiday basketball camps offer junior basketballers the opportunity to develop their skills while having fun! The camp cost is \$80 per person for the 2 Day Camps and \$50 per person for the 1 Day "Girls Only" camps. The cost includes a McDonalds Molten basketball! For more details and to register follow this link: <https://bit.ly/2B9TZcQ>


--MACCA'S--
ON YOUR TEAM



GIRLS ONLY!!!

Our Macca's on Your Team GIRLS ONLY camps provide a fun, safe and high involvement way for girls to get into basketball. The 1 day camp runs from 9am to 3pm for girls born between 2008-2012. Cost is \$50 - this includes a MOLTEN BASKETBALL!

July 16
Launceston (Elphin Sports Centre) & Hobart (Elizabeth College)




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2019 July Holiday Camps

McDonald's and Basketball Tasmania are partnering to bring the 'BTAS Macca's On Your Team Basketball Camps' to young basketballers (born between 2006-2011). Camp registration includes a MOLTEN BASKETBALL!

SOUTH	NORTH WEST	NORTH
DATE 11 & 12 July	DATE 16 & 17 July	DATE 18 & 19 July
TIME 9:00am to 3:00pm	TIME 9:00am to 3:00pm	TIME 9:00am to 3:00pm
VENUE Elizabeth College, Hobart	VENUE Marist College, Burnie	VENUE Elphin Sports Centre, Launceston
COST \$80	COST \$80	COST \$80
BYO Lunch, & Waterbottle	BYO Lunch, & Waterbottle	BYO Lunch, & Waterbottle

REGISTER ONLINE:
WWW.BASKETBALLTASMANIA.COM.AU