

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

The American writer, Arthur Golden, writes that, "Adversity is like a strong wind. It tears away from us all but the things that cannot be torn, so that we see ourselves as we really are." We are in the midst of one of the times of the school year where pressures mount and, after a very busy year to date, many members of our school community will undoubtedly become fatigued as increasing responsibilities take a toll of their work-life balance. However, it is when we become tired and challenged that we often see our true 'mettle' – it is often through adversity that our character is revealed and it is a time that we need to reflect on the appropriateness of our responses to the challenges placed upon us.

A recent weekend Gospel reading highlights how Jesus discerned responses to people who were actively trying to undermine him. In the reading the Pharisees tried to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said regarding whether it is permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not. The reading culminates in this challenge to them by Jesus: "Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's', they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.'

Matthew's use of the word, 'malice' and his quiet challenge to their intent is truly remarkable and provides us with a useful lesson in dealing with people whose intent is to undermine our good intentions. Jesus's lesson is that, although we live and work with people whose ideals and choices may not accord with our own, we have a responsibility to respect the existing structures that are in place that support the dignity of each person, whilst being true to our faith. The wrong answer by Jesus would have eventuated in a quick and quite violent arrest because the authorities did not put up with sedition. However, Jesus's answer was more courageous in that he challenged the Pharisees to give time and energy to

God; any time we challenge the actions or intent of others we are sure to have the potential to cause ourselves to be ridiculed and undermined. If our intent is to preserve the 'status quo' or the 'peace' at all costs, we are living a lie, however, we need to take Jesus's responses as a guide and ensure our discussions, actions and 'intentions' with others are tempered with respect, which hopefully is reciprocated.

Regards,

Rod Linhart (Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR (Items in red are recently added.)

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.
Tuesday 30th 6.00pm School P & F 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 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 Luca Adams (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

Dooley House: Henry Jones

Byrne House: Patrick Mulcahy

Martyn House: Ava Franklin

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Lakyn Dezoete for trying his best with all learning tasks and great positive attitude.

Year 1: Isabelle Gee for her great improvement in writing.

Year 2: Charlie Jones for being engaged and focussed during literacy and numeracy small group work.

Year 3: Blake Kenny for his positive attitude and persistence when working to find fractions of whole numbers.

Year 4: Kale Garrad for consistent application towards his learning.

Year 5: Ruth Nicolle for her caring and positive attitude towards all aspects of school life.

Year 6: Thomas Hartwell for the consistently positive attitude he has towards learning activities and projects.



Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country

Congratulations to the students who represented our school at last week's All Schools Primary School Cross Country event at Symmons Plains. Particular mention to Vinnie Manion, Year 6, who has been invited to be part of the state team to compete interstate later in the year. Mr Lowry, Mrs Adams, Mr Atkins and I were extremely proud of the performances of all of our 30 athletes, many of whom experienced the thrill of competing alongside up to 280 other athletes (per race!) from all corners of the state. Thank you, too, for the parents who supported the team on the day.



Staff News

Mrs Kingshott returned from leave last Tuesday and has resumed full-time duties in Year 5 - welcome back Mrs Kingshott! Miss Moore (Mrs Sesara) returns from leave Thursday 25th July, working Thursdays and Fridays in Year 4. Miss Morice returns from leave on Wednesday 24th July to resume her LOTE duties. Many thanks to Mrs Wescombe who taught Year 4 and LOTE in these teachers' absence - Mrs Wescombe has contributed greatly to our school learning programs and we hope to have the opportunity to call on her skills in the future; thank you Mrs Wescombe. We farewell Mr Murphy (Year 4) and Miss Watson (Year 2), UTAS pre-service students who have appeared to enjoy their 20 day placement at St Patrick's; we wish them well for their future studies and careers.

Years 5 and 6 Canberra Pie Drive

A reminder for Pie Orders (letter sent home last Thursday and also available on our Website) to be returned this Thursday 4th July please - delivery will be made in the first two weeks of term 3.

Mid-Year Reports, class books and grades.

Teachers are preparing to lead focused conversations for this Thursday's parent-student-teacher meetings. Discussing your child's report in the context of some aspects of the body of work produced by your child offers opportunities for a richer conversation, which can be supported by reference to report grades and accompanying report comments. Teaching and learning programs are based on the Australian Curriculum, and assessed according to teacher-designed assessment rubrics and checklists.

Several curriculum areas and strands within curriculum areas may not be reported upon in the Mid-Year Report, however, your child's 2019 report should be viewed as complete when distributed at the end of the year in December, when sufficient teaching time has allowed all curriculum areas to have been reported upon and graded; St Patrick's Catholic School will grade a child's performance for reporting purposes when a sufficient body of work has been gathered. During this focused conversation, your child's teacher will explain reasons for particular subject grades, identify strengths and progress to date, in addition to highlighting perceived challenges and areas for goal-setting. Teachers will still provide an overall, general comment for each child at the end of each child's report, highlighting some strengths, some areas of challenge and a future focus.

School Canteen

Regretfully, Devonfield will not be operating the school canteen from term 3, with their final day being this Friday 5th July. We have examined a number of alternatives and **as an interim measure from the beginning of term 3**, the school will be staffing the canteen. Mrs Anthony has accepted the invitation to take the overall responsibility of the canteen for term 3 at least. In addition to an invitation for families to support the school canteen by confirming their availability in being on site for a few hours on a canteen day, a canteen menu for term 3 is also included as an insert to this Newsletter. By keeping the canteen 'in-house' we hope to offer healthy and very affordable meal options each Thursday and Friday, HOWEVER, we will need some confirmation of parent support please.



Mini Vinnies @ St Patrick's

Would like your help with our...



WINTER

APPEAL

Do you have any items that are suitable for second-hand...

- Blankets, bedding
- Clothes
- Sleeping bags
- Raincoats
- Beanies, scarves, gloves



Ask Yourself this question...
If you were homeless would want warm, safe and waterproof protection?

*Could you please bring items to your child's classroom.
Our final collection will be on the last day of term.*

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Next P & F meeting is 6.00pm Tuesday 30th July in the school staffroom. An agenda will be communicated and a warm welcome is extended to all parents and friends of St Patrick's.

REMINDERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

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 offered in registering for this weekend** 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. **Please confirm your child's interest** in this opportunity by returning the slip that is located on the bottom of the letter, which was included in last week's Newsletter (also available as a download from our school website) for children in Years 1 to 6, **preferably before this Friday 5th July** but no later than Tuesday 31st July to allow us to confirm teams and to begin training as early as possible.

Latrobe Basketball Association are seeking expressions of interest for a junior social roster. For grades 3-5, all skill levels to be held on a Wednesday night from 3:30-5:30pm. Players would play multiple mini games over the 2 hour period. Cost for the 10 week roster would be \$60 if you have already registered with BTas in 2019 or \$101 if you have not. Starting on the 24th July and finishing on the 25th September. Cost for the 10 week roster would be \$70 if you have already registered with BTas in 2019 or \$111 if you have not. Starting on the 26th July and finishing on the 27th September. No door fees. Expressions of interest or any queries contact Kristie on 0418 385 597. Expressions of interest close on Sunday the 7th July.

The Devonport Strikers (soccer) 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.


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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