

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." (Galatians 5:22-23). Pentecost, which the Christian Church celebrated last Sunday, is the annual Christian festival commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his ascension from earth to heaven. From the Acts of the Apostles we learn that where the Spirit of God is active, all sorts of gifts are present. The problem for many of us is discerning where the Holy Spirit is leading us. St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, left the church a guide for determining how we can tell if and where the Holy Spirit is leading us. One summary of these guides goes like this:

1. Don't make a decision when you're down. Let the crisis pass and take time to weigh all the options.
2. The Holy Spirit enables us to let go of our unhealed past and not live in the unknown future. The Holy Spirit draws us to deal with the here and now, as it is, not as we may like it to be.
3. The Holy Spirit frees us to bring out into the open anything we keep buried in the dark; nothing is beyond the Spirit's healing.
4. The Holy Spirit breaks down isolation and draws us into community with other people.
5. Be careful of things that appear too perfect, they sometimes have a sting in the tail and can be destructive.
6. Be guarded about all things that are urgent. The Holy Spirit brings a sense of perspective to problems.
7. The Holy Spirit is always present where compassion and forgiveness are demonstrated.

Mother Teresa famously stated that every act of love is a work of peace no matter how small. The original Pentecost was characterised by 'wind and fire', signifying action and attention. Just as compassion is the action that arises from empathy, love requires action and the nine fruits of the spirit that are associated with the event of Pentecost are all requiring us to be people of action in supporting a sense of peace, a feeling of contentment that is a product of loving action.

Regards,

Rod Linhart (Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR (Items in red are recently added.)

JUNE

Thursday 13th	NW Catholic Schools Cross Country (Stella Marist Catholic School, Burnie)
Friday 14th	Cheree, school counsellor, at school
Monday 17th	9.00am Year 4 morning Prayer Assembly
Wed 19th	9.30am Year 4 and Year 1 Parish Mass
Friday 21st	Cheree, school counsellor, at school
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

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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From the beginning of term 3, St Patrick's will be implementing a data collection and information dissemination program that has the flexibility to allow important information to be available to staff anywhere and anytime, accessible by using any device. Several key staff are being trained in this program and all staff will be using the program from day 1 of term 3 to collect data on attendances, learning engagements and assessment results.

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

WEST Award

Congratulations to Leon Garrad (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

Dooley House: - Not Drawn This Week

Byrne House: - Not Drawn This Week

Martyn House: - Not Drawn This Week

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Henry Jones for focusing on improving his handwriting and presentation of his work.

Year 1: Violet Watkins for always showing 100% effort and pride in her work.

Year 2: Zarna Bakes for her application to tasks during literacy and numeracy small group work.

Year 3: Salma Ragheb for her diligent application to Mathematics tasks.

Year 4: Joshua Warren for his excellent completion and application to his homework tasks.

Year 5: No Student of the week.

Year 6: Dylan Stevens for his enthusiasm and engagement in our Science work on electrical circuits.

School Website

We are currently working with the Catholic Education Office in Hobart in the creation of a new school website. We are encouraged by the support we are receiving and we hope to have a new school website ready to go live by the start of term 3.

Library News

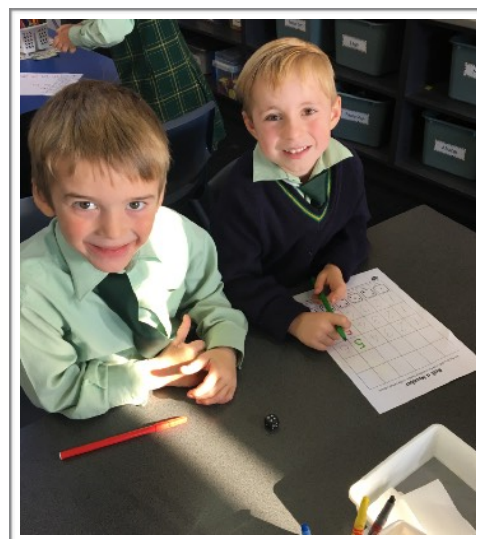
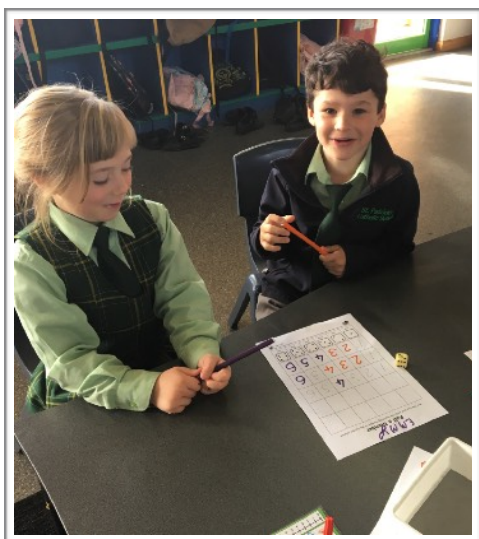
Book Club Issue 4 is out now. **Please have orders in by 18th June.**

Medicare numbers

We are wishing to confirm the Medicare number for some children. Included in this Newsletter is a letter to those families that we currently do not hold this information. It would be appreciated if the slip at the bottom of the letter is returned to school as soon as possible to allow us to ensure our school student information database is current and complete. Thank you for your support.

Mathematics in Prep

Prep have been learning how to subitize which is recognising the objects in a set quickly and without counting. For example, reading the number of dots on a dice without counting is subitizing. Prep enjoyed playing a dice game with a partner to help develop their subitizing skills.



Parent-Student-Teacher Meetings - Booking response.

As part of our reporting schedule, teachers will be making themselves available for parent-student-teacher discussions on Thursday 4th July – week 10 of term 2. Except for Kinder, students in all primary classes are strongly encouraged to attend these discussions. The intent of these meetings is to have the opportunity to talk openly and honestly regarding your child's achievements, whilst also discussing some areas that might or will require some work. Teachers will provide you with your child's Mid-Year Report and they may have some student work to discuss with you; it is envisaged that some discussions regarding supporting your child (by the school and at home) in the achievement of goals will be confirmed. Reports will be mailed home to families who cannot attend these meetings on Friday 5th June. If you would like to confirm a time for this discussion, please return the slip that is found at the bottom of the booking form, which is included as an insert to this Newsletter (and available as a download on our school website) to the school **no later than Friday 21st June**. A confirmation of times will be sent home with the newsletter on Tuesday 25th June. These meetings are not compulsory, however, a teacher may note in your child's diary a request to arrange a time for a discussion and I would encourage you to take the time to meet your child's teacher. We will do our best to try to timetable your requested time, however, this cannot be guaranteed and the timetable will be created as we receive replies.

University of Tasmania Students

This week we have welcomed two Undergraduate Students from the University of Tasmania who are studying Bachelor of Education degrees. It is a pleasure to have with us Bronte Watson in Year 2 and Bodie Murphy in Year 4. I am sure you will all welcome them to St Patrick's.

Maths games

Year 2 students have been learning new maths games. Maths games with cards, dice and other manipulatives provide excellent opportunities for students to develop their mathematical understanding, fluency, problem-solving and reasoning proficiencies.



Student Achievement

Congratulations to Stella Riley for her participation in last weekend's Devonport Cup. Stella played for Devonport City, playing 4 games over the two days and winning the tournament.

Families are welcome to communicate to the school any extra-curricula student achievement to allow us to share this news with our wider school community.



Mini Vinnies Knitting

One of our Mini Vinnies activities for this term, is to make a blanket to donate with our upcoming Winter Appeal. Students will be involved in knitting small squares, that we can sew together to make a big blanket.

If anyone would like to share their knitting skills with our members, we would appreciate your help! We will be knitting on a Wednesday and Friday lunch times from 12.55 - 1.20. If you would like to help out, we would love your support! Please let the office know if you are able to assist.

If you would like to help, but can't make it to school at lunchtime, we would love for knitters to help us out by donating some knitted squares to help make our blanket. We are making knitted squares that are 30 stitches wide (8 ply) by 30 rows.

Mrs Marshall



PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

The next full council meeting of the Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents Council (TCSPC) will be Saturday 22nd June 2019 in Campbell Town, 10:00am – 3:00pm at the Campbell Town Hotel Motel, 118 High St. Morning tea and lunch will be provided (please let me know of any dietary requirements). The council will also reimburse for petrol cost for travelling to Campbell Town. Currently we do not have a nominee on the council and the Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents Council. would like to invite a representative (or two) to attend the meeting. If you are interested please contact Mr Linhart or Tameika Anthony. Greg Boon Executive Officer Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents Council. Email: executiveofficer@catholicparentstas.com.au Mobile: 0498 221 139 www.tcspc.org.au Facebook TAS-Catholic Parents Council Twitter @TASCATHOLICPARENTS



Ice Cream Day - Tuesday 18th June

The P&F will be selling ice creams in cones topped with lollies for \$2.00 from 1.00pm on Tuesday 18th June. No prior orders are required for this day.

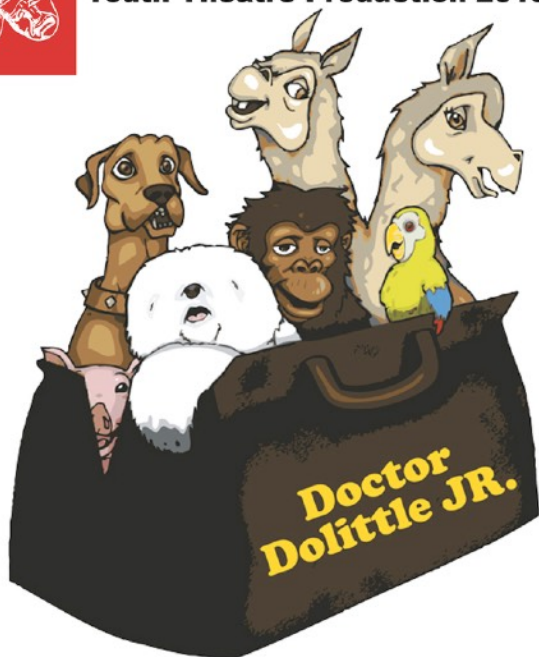
REMINDERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

This commences May 1 and continues to June 25. Please remind students to stick the stickers on the sticker sheet before returning them to the office. This is a great incentive to help the school earn sporting gear.



**Ulverstone Repertory Theatre Society
Youth Theatre Production 2019**



AUDITIONS

For Grade 5 to Grade 12 (11 – 18 years)

Ulverstone Secondary College
Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th June

For more information or to book an audition contact
Julia Brodzinski
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Inquiring Minds at StPatrick'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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