

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Florence Nightingale was said to be stubborn, opinionated and forthright, however, her legacy endures due to the positive change that she helped bring about because of her self-discipline. Her following words resonates strongly with those of us who are blessed to work with children: "Live your life while you have it. Life is a splendid gift. There is nothing small in it. Far the greatest things grow by God's law out of the smallest. But to live your life, you must discipline it."

Discipline is an important ingredient in organisations that are effective; self-discipline or self-regulation is a key personal quality that allows the individual to reach his or her potential without compromising others' abilities to reach their potentials. Discipline involves developing toughness and goal-setting based on discernment. There is a false dichotomy between being *tough* and *soft* with students, and it is often more productive to find a middle ground. Zero-tolerance policies, for instance, are generally ineffective at deterring aggressive or misbehaviour at school and it can have a negative effect on students. Zero-tolerance prevents teachers from taking into account each student's individual circumstances.

The rigidly punitive nature of zero tolerance is similar to inflexible authoritarian discipline, which often leads to low social competence and high psychological distress. Authoritative discipline, on the other hand, balances enforcement of rules with emotional support, respect for autonomy, and responsiveness to individual circumstances. This approach is usually much more effective because, as children grow older, they need sufficient structure to feel safe, but not so much structure that they cannot exert their growing desire for independence and self-direction. They also want to feel supported, but not at the expense of their sense of autonomy and self-sufficiency.

Research has shown that teachers who provide structure and support elicit more student co-operation, engagement and achievement; authoritative schools are safer and more secure, with lower rates of student

aggression displaying a more welcoming and less hostile peer culture than schools that are more inclined to be authoritarian. I would hope all in our school community have significant clarity about our values and expectations in the context of our aspiration to be an authoritative school community where we work, within the bounds of human frailty, as living out a 'common good.'

Regards,

Rod Linhart (Principal)

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

Thursday 25th	Aboriginal State Library artefacts visit - Year 6 5.30pm Childcare Board meeting 6.00pm School Board meeting.
Monday 29th	6.00pm School P & F meeting
Tuesday 30th	
AUGUST	
Monday 5th	9.00am Year 3 morning prayer assembly 1.30pm Children's Book Council Book of the Year performance.
Wed 7th	9.30am Years 3 and 4 attend Parish Mass
Sunday 11th	10.00-2.00pm School Hall used to support Latrobe's Winterfest
Monday 12th	9.00am Year 1 morning prayer assembly
Wed 14th	9.30am Years 1 and 3 attend Parish Mass
Thursday 15th	6.00pm - 8.00pm STEM information and activity evening (Assembly Hall) TBC
Monday 19th	9.00am Year 5 morning prayer assembly
Wed 21st	9.30am Years 5 & Prep attend Parish Mass
Friday 23rd	School Trivia Night - Theme 'Super' Canberra Trip fund-raiser.
Monday 26th	9.00am Year 6 morning prayer assembly

SEPTEMBER

Sun 8th - Thur 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

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

WEST Award

Congratulations to Ekam Gill (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: Zarlia Richardson

Byrne House: Ruby Meech

Martyn House: Merinda Jones

Staff News

We welcome back Ms Moore to Year 4 on Thursdays and Fridays and Miss Morice back on Wednesdays to support LOTE. Mrs Anthony is away until Thursday - thank you to Mrs Bakes for her support. Cheree, our school counsellor, will visit this Thursday 25th July, rather than Friday 26th July. Appointments can be made to meet Cheree, however, a School Counsellor Consent Form (available from the school office or from the school website) is required prior to Cheree meeting with a child.

Student Leadership Positions: Terms 3 and 4 2019

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected by students and staff to undertake specific leadership responsibilities for terms 3 and 4:

School Captains: Taylor Wells, William Higgins, Chelsea Dowling.

Martyn House Captains: Lottie Dowling, Lochlan Veitch.

Dooley House Captains: Logan Lamprey, Molly Clarke.

Byrne House Captains: Josie Darby, Vinnie Manion.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Porter Smith for trying his best with all of his school work, for his positive attitude and for being helpful.

Year 1: Emilia Ling for her fantastic attitude and consistent effort in all areas.

Year 2: Chas Kelly for his application to tasks in maths group work.

Year 3: Joey Griffiths for his determination to complete his information report on owls.

Year 4: Grace Matheson -for her great work with coding and her application towards the completion of her work.

Year 5: Bradley Venton for consistently showing initiative to help others, within the general organisation of the classroom.

Year 6: Ethan Richardson for his positive application.



Student Representative Council: TBC

Classes in Years 2 to 6 will vote this week to elect a student to be involved in the Student Representative Council. Mr Atkins will be involved in coordinating this student representative group.

Sustainability Initiatives

We are fortunate to have a wonderful school garden and the support of our very dedicated Mr Tim who ensures all students have the opportunity to engage in gardening specifically, and sustainability in general. Recent suitability initiatives include: planting some shrubs around the base of the school history display boards; a student Sustainability Group has met and are working on recycling signage and other school-based initiatives. Parents or friends who would like to assist with suitability initiatives, please contact Mr Linhart.

Years 5 and 6 Canberra Pie Drive

Thank you for all your support for our Canberra pie drive. We will be receiving these orders at school this Friday 26th. Once the orders have been received we will advise this via our facebook page and Skoolbag app orders will be sent home with students. If you do not wish for this to happen you will need to arrange to collect from school Friday afternoon.



Mid-Year Reports, class books and grades.

Thank you to the families who met with teachers during the parent-student-teacher meetings that were conducted on Thursday 4th July. Parents are encouraged to continue the productive conversations with teachers in our mutual goal of both encouraging a love of learning and achieving success with learning. As a school we endeavour to communicate daily to parents via the school diary, and we regularly send student work books home for parental review and to enable conversations to be supported between children and parents. Teachers are encouraged to communicate successes and challenges or concerns to parents via school diaries and we have offered parent information sessions on aspects of reading, spelling and online engagement, and we will continue to offer opportunities to enable productive communication between home and school, fully realising the busy lives of family members. Parents are encouraged to meet with teachers at mutually agreeable times to discuss their child or children's progress at St Patrick's.

Latrobe Winterfest.

We will once again be supporting a Chocolate Winterfest activity, making available our school hall. Last year Kirrilly Jones and Tameika Anthony and Mr Linhart supported this activity. Mr Linhart is hoping to have some volunteers assist him this year. If you can spare 30 minutes to assist him, please contact him or leave a message in the office or via your child's diary.

SMARTIES MOSAICS

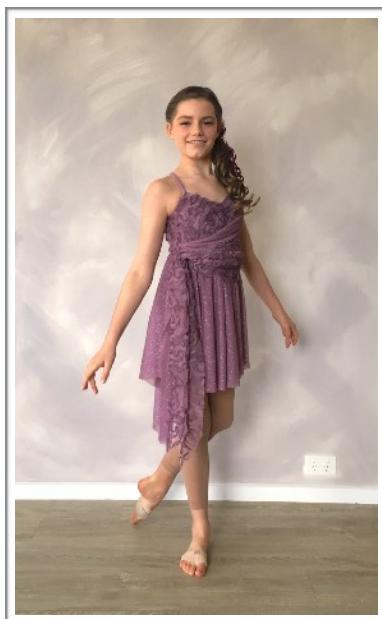
PLACE St Patrick's School Hall,
55 Bradshaw St, Latrobe
TIME 11.30 am - 2.30 pm
COST \$5 per canvas.
Family discount.

Transform a blank canvas into a mosaic masterpiece using Smarties.
No artistic skill required. Patterns available as a guide.



Student Success

Congratulations to Lottie Dowling (Year 6) whose performances in Contemporary Dance and Ballet in the Burnie Eisteddfod over the holidays drew positive comments and affirmations. Congratulations too, to William and Vinnie (Year 6) who represented Devonport in the International Soccer Tournament that took place in Canberra over the recent holidays. This event was billed as the largest soccer competition in the southern hemisphere and the boys each were conferred with significant awards for their individual performances. However, equally as impressive were the extremely positive remarks that were made regarding their respect for fellow team-mates and opposition, their cooperation and manners. Well done boys!



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

School Canteen - Reminder

A reminder that as an interim measure from the beginning of term 3, the school will be staffing the school canteen. Mrs Anthony has accepted the invitation to take 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 support please. A menu went home last term and is also available via Skoolbag and from our school website. **There will be gluten free bread option for toasties @ \$1 extra, gluten free pasta for Mac and cheese @ \$1 extra and a gluten free chicken tender @ \$1.70 each.**

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 a previous Newsletter (also available as a download from our school website) for children in Years 1 to 6, **no later than Tuesday 31st July** to allow us to confirm teams and to begin training as early as possible.


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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