

# St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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## PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Once upon a time, there was a farmer in a far-away land. He didn't have a lot of money and, instead of a tractor, he used an old horse to plough his field. One afternoon, while working in the field, the horse dropped dead. Everyone in the village said, "Oh, what a horrible thing to happen". The farmer said simply, "We'll see". He was so at peace and so calm, that everyone in the village got together and, admiring his attitude, gave him a new horse as a gift. Everyone's reaction now was, "What a lucky man". And the farmer said, "We'll see".

A couple of days later, the new horse jumped a fence and ran away. Everyone in the village shook their heads and said, "What a poor fellow!" The farmer smiled and said, "We'll see". Eventually, the horse found his way home, and everyone again said, "What a fortunate man." The farmer said, "We'll see."

Later in the year, the farmer's young boy went out riding on the horse and fell and broke his leg. Everyone in the village said, "What a shame for the poor boy." The farmer said, "We'll see." Two days later, the army came into the village to draft new recruits. When they saw that the farmer's son had a broken leg, they decided not to recruit him. Everyone said, "What a fortunate young man." The farmer smiled again and said, "We'll see."

The moral of the story: there's no use in over-reacting to the events and circumstances of our everyday lives. Often what looks like a setback, may actually be a gift in disguise; when our hearts are in the right place, all events and circumstances are gifts from which we can learn valuable lessons. Working with children is full of wonderful moments of being part of a child's 'wonder' and natural 'over-reaction' to events that soon, unfortunately, become mundane. Similarly, those who work with children often have to lift the spirits and vision of these young people who occasionally view set-backs as quite devastating. To remain calm and 'simple' in our responses 'enables' children who, after viewing our reassuring response to their 'plight', can then readjust their own perspective and live to face challenges with an increasing confidence.

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

### JUNE

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 <b>1.30-2.30pm P &amp; F meeting (kinder classroom)</b>
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

<b>Thursday 4th</b>	<b>Parent-Student-Teacher meetings: Mid-Year Reports distributed to families.</b>
<b>Friday 5th</b>	<b>Final day of term 2</b>
<b>Monday 22nd</b>	<b>Term 3 begins - staff and students</b>
<b>Thursday 25th</b>	<b>Aboriginal State Library artefacts visit - Year 6</b>

## 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.

### School Staff - Office Relocation

Mrs Leonard, our School Executive Officer, has relocated to the office immediately adjacent to the school library; our student support key teachers, Mrs Gregson (Mondays - Wednesdays), Mrs Marshall (Wednesdays - Fridays), and our ICT Key Teacher, Mrs Badcock (Thursdays, Fridays) have relocated their office to Mrs Leonard's 'old' office directly behind the school Reception Desk.

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Regards, Rod Linhart (Principal)

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

### WEST Award

Congratulations to Ruben Clarke (Year 4) 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:** Hudson Brumby

**Byrne House:** Ellie Hayes

**Martyn House:** Axel Boss

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Prep:** Evie Bracken for making great connections with letter names and sounds in Literacy.

**Year 1:** Eva Wescombe for an outstanding effort with writing.

**Year 2:** Sophie Franklin for consistently displaying a positive attitude to learning.

**Year 3:** Sophie Mulcahy for being a positive, respectful and hardworking member of Year 3.

**Year 4:** Monty Manion for focus and application towards the completion of his work.

**Year 5:** Samuel Ling for his dedication and determination to complete class and homework tasks.

**Year 6:** Taylor Wells for being a dedicated and hard working student and positive role model for her peers.

### Library News

Book Club Issue 4 is out now. **Orders close today Tuesday 18th June.**

### Medicare numbers

We are wishing to confirm the Medicare number for some children. Included in last weeks 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.



## Mini Vinnies @ St Patrick's

*Would like your help with our...*

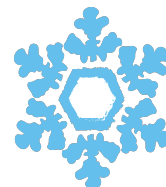


# WINTER

# APPEAL

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

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



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

## 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 is included in this Newsletter 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.



## Mid-Year Reports, class books and grades.

We fairly regularly send 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 week's 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.



## Mini Vinnies Knitted Blanket

One of our Mini Vinnies activities for this term, is to make a blanket to donate with our upcoming Winter Appeal. We are currently looking for a volunteer to join our knitted squares together to make our 'patchwork' quilt. It is a small lap-sized blanket. If you are able to assist with this, please let me know via the office - your help would be gratefully appreciated! Mrs Marshall



## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

### P&F Soup Day

The P&F will hold a soup day on Wednesday 26th June. Order forms have been sent home today. **Orders close on Friday 21st June at 3pm.** There will be a choice of both homemade chicken noodle soup or pumpkin soup. Soup will be served with a slice of bread. Apple Pie with whipped cream will be available for dessert. **No late orders will be accepted.**

## REMINDERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 was included as an insert to last week's Newsletter (and available as a download on our school website) to the school **no later than this Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June.** A confirmation of times will be sent home with the newsletter on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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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July is "Koinz 4 Kidz" month on 7AD and SeaFM! Last year we raised over \$14,000 supporting breakfast clubs in our local primary schools, and this year we have partnered with the Cancer Council of Tasmania to support young people impacted by cancer on the North West Coast. Families affected by cancer often have to go to Hobart or interstate for treatment. This means families have to be separated for long periods of time when they most need to remain together. Cancer Council Tasmania provides a number of financial services to help families through this difficult time. In 2019 "Koinz 4 Kidz" wants to help raise funds for Cancer Council Tasmania to provide support for families on the North West Coast.

St Patrick's will be involved in fundraising for this wonderful cause. We will advise in next week's newsletter how we will be taking part in the 2019 fundraiser.