

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

"Preach the gospel every day and, if necessary, use words"
This wonderful quote attributed to St Francis is a reminder to us all that *our actions speak louder than our words*. Working with children always keeps us on our toes; their honesty is both refreshing and sometimes brings us back to a simple reality that our busy lives need. Simplicity is always the recipe for success and that is why our daily reference during morning assemblies to our Mercy values and our daily quest to be a 'W.E.S.T.' school provides all in the school community with the simple messages that are both enduring and, at the same time, cherished by previous generations.

To be a 'gospel person' does not imply that a person has to be well-versed in the Bible; anyone can recite text and be completely unaware of 'context'. A 'gospel person', put simply, is a person who aspires to live out the golden rule of loving one's neighbour as oneself and loving God. In a secular society, loving God may be seen to be serving others for no apparent gain, to walk humbly, knowing that each of us have gifts and each of us is frail - an acceptance of our own inadequacies in the context of striving to make our world better. Our school is a workplace where we try, as frail humans, to be gospel people. I read recently of the following nine working conditions that characterise effective schools:

- Colleagues – teachers have productive working relationships with their colleagues and work together to solve problems in the school.
- Community support – families and the broader community support teachers and students in the school.
- Facilities – teachers work in a safe, clean and well-maintained school environment that enables them to be productive.
- Governance – teachers are involved in decision-making within the school.
- Principal's leadership – school leaders provide feedback on instruction, create an orderly and safe instructional environment and address teachers' concerns about issues in the school.
- Professional expertise – teachers are recognised as educational experts and are given the flexibility to make professional decisions about instruction.
- Resources – teachers have access to sufficient instructional materials, instructional technology and support personnel in the school.

- School culture – there is mutual trust, respect, openness, and commitment to student achievement.
- Time – teachers have sufficient time to meet their teaching and non-teaching responsibilities.

I hope all in our school community accept the challenge of being 'gospel people', engaging in an element of 'service to others' that provides tangible and significant inspiration to others through the actions that follow our words.

Regards,

Rod Linhart (Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR (Items in red are recently added.)

JUNE

Monday 3rd	9.00am Year 1 morning Prayer Assembly
Wed 5th	9.30am Year 1 and Year 3 Parish Mass
Monday 10th	Public Holiday (no school)
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
Wed 26th	9.30am Prep and Year 6 Parish Mass
Friday 28th	Cheree, school counsellor, at school

JULY

Thursday 4th	Parent-Student-Teacher meetings
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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Staff News

There has been considerable staff changes recently to both accommodate staff attendance at professional learning opportunities and due to sickness (which is also impacting quite noticeably on student attendance.) Prep has welcomed Mrs Weber yesterday and Mrs Fenton today; Mrs Badrock, Mr Curtis and Mr Puccetti have assisted recently in teaching year 6; Mrs Kelly has taught in Year 5 yesterday and today. The students have responded positively to these 'changes to faces', which is a credit to both the children and the relief teachers. Thank you to all in our school community for supporting these changes to personnel.



Mini-Vinnies Knitters (Mrs Marshall)

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. Starting this week, Lorraine Young has kindly volunteered to come in at lunch on a Wednesday and Friday to help teach some of our Mini Vinnies group how to knit. 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. 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.

Many thanks also to Lorraine Young and Libby Skinner who have kindly donated wool and knitting needles for the students to use. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Spirit of Jesus @ St Patrick's...



- ✿ Kyle - sharing his football with everyone at recess.
- ✿ St Brendan Shaw students - helping everyone at our cross country.
- ✿ Mrs Leonard - she said thank you when I offered her a lolly.
- ✿ Aiden & Mac - let Matilda & Ava on the swing.
- ✿ Keith, Harry & Jack - they encouraged me in a game.

- ✿ Grade 5 boys - joined Linden on his final lap at cross country.
- ✿ Lachlan & Jordan - came to help teach us basketball in P.E.
- ✿ Emilia - lent me a pencil.
- ✿ Emmett - held the door for others.
- ✿ Luca's friends - congratulated her on her cross country race.
- ✿ Grade 4 - when a student was sick, they didn't cause a big fuss and they listened quickly to the teacher's instructions.
- ✿ Canteen ladies - for making our lunches each week.
- ✿ Matilda & Lily - included Ruth in their group in PE.
- ✿ Jacob & Reuben - teaching others boys how to play 'One Touch'.
- ✿ Kale - he sat next to me when I felt lonely.
- ✿ Nathan - lent Tully a pencil.
- ✿ Some Year 4's - moved over to let someone into the circle.
- ✿ Dad - helped me pack my toys away.
- ✿ Harry P - when I had no one to play with with, Harry joined me in tag.



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

WEST Award

Congratulations to Melanie Garrad (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: Zaria Richardson

Byrne House: Reuben Stephenson

Martyn House: Ethan Richardson

Year 6: Basmala Ragheb for her kind, caring manner.

FORCES - Year 2 with Mr Teuon

The theme for Science this year in Year 2 is Forces. We were very grateful to Mr Teuon for teaching us about the physics of **buoyancy**. His amazing demonstration showed us how forces act on objects in the water. The

children were very engaged and drew pictures about what they learnt.



Sickness and school

There are a number of students and staff who have been affected or currently affected by the

flu. We greatly appreciate the many families who support the well-being or 'common good' of the wider school community by either informing us of any illness or by keeping children home if the child is obviously unwell. We appreciate that this can be difficult for working families to support, and we are grateful for family support in our efforts to promote well-being for all in the school community.

Care and Concern

Our Mercy Charism provides us with key values that are real ingredients for our uniqueness - **Compassion, Hospitality, Mercy** and **Respect**. We try hard to live out these values and one way of displaying compassion is for us to be a support to those in our school community who are in need of some care and concern; we have created a list of school community members who are willing and able to provide a service to those families in our school community who are in need by providing a meal or a dish, or assisting with moving or cleaning or yard-work for a family who is or has undergone a significant challenge such as bereavement or loss of work, or who are finding life temporarily very challenging. Please feel welcome to be included in our Care and Concern Volunteer List (letter provided as an insert in today's Newsletter) - thank you to the many school community members who are already on this list and are assisting others: **Always please contact your child's teacher, the office staff or Mr Linhart if you feel we could offer support in any way to anyone in our school community in need.**

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Meg Kelly fantastic effort towards all work tasks. Thank you for your help around the classroom Meg.

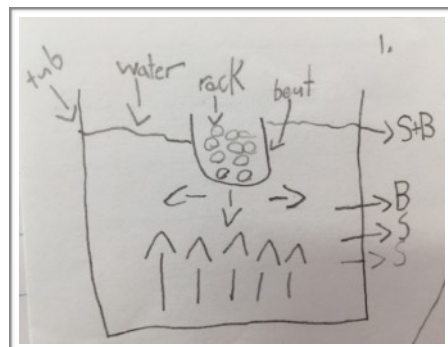
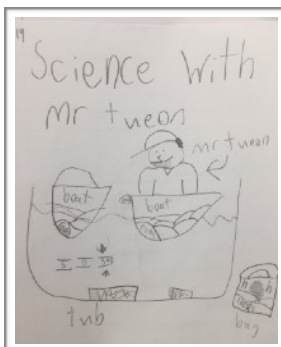
Year 1: Oliver Singline for amazing progress with his writing. well done Oliver!

Year 2: Hailey Mitchell for her interest and engagement in the History excursion to Bell's Parade.

Year 3: Lincoln McQueen for being a willing volunteer to read in class liturgies and Masses and doing a terrific job.

Year 4: Tully Valentine-Smith for demonstrating excellent vocabulary skills.

Year 5: Ava Chamley and Ava Franklin for being outstanding role models in regards to application and attitude.



Telephone contact this weekend

Our network system will be undergoing an upgrade this weekend and the school telephone will be out of action until the afternoon of Monday 10th June, which is a public holiday. Usually calls to the school number are re-directed to the principal's phone after hours - however, this service will not be available this long weekend.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

The next P&F lunch will be held on Wednesday 26th June. This will be "soup day". A cup of soup and slice of bread will be available for \$2.50, dessert will be Apple Pie and cream \$2. If you can assist in any way on the day or in preparation, please contact Lennice or Tameka in the office - thank you. More details in forthcoming Newsletters. A P & F flier (to be a monthly feature) is included in this Newsletter.

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.

Basketball Skills Camp

Basketball Tasmania and Devonport Basketball are partnering with McDonalds to provide a range of Holiday Camps these July School Holidays! We are offering 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 our July "Maccas On Your Team" camps, we will be holding 2 "Girls Only" Camps in Hobart and Launceston on July 16th (we have 1 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/2WcJdLw> By supporting these camps you are also supporting your local association – register now! Nic Martin – Basketball Development Officer (South) 0488 112 455

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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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