

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

There is a school of thought contending that each person's identification with their faith is as much a result of environment, circumstance and his or her personal ability to accept a spiritual dimension to life, as is it is a reflection of their knowledge of the doctrines of their faith. There is, therefore, a degree of subjectivity to one's faith and, as such, I would not classify myself as a fundamentalist. People with closed minds on important issues, issues that often have a personal construct implied in the creation of any belief, both annoy and scare me in equal amounts. There are few things in life on which I have a closed mind, however, there is one point that I am as closed and as narrow-minded as the most ardent fundamentalist: that being, the role education plays in the development of 'character' and the role that overcoming challenges plays in building character.

The development of character can ever only be a goal; we cannot realistically attain 'good character' and then move on to our next objective. It is, therefore, understood that we are all somewhere along this continuum, somewhere on the journey towards attaining 'good character'. I believe our school works very hard to promote the development of character in our students, staff and parent bodies. During assembly today I quoted John Miles who said, "You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him." We have all been challenged to reflect on our actions with regards those who may not be perceived to be powerful. Sometimes it is important to desensitise some challenges that, upon first impressions, appear to be personal rather than enabling us to further our character.

I am reminded of a tale involving a person finding a cocoon of a butterfly and watching for hours as it struggled to force its body through a tiny hole in the cocoon. Trying to make the emerging butterfly's task easier, the person snipped the end of the cocoon and the butterfly emerged easily, however, it had a swollen body and shrivelled wings. The person watched, expecting the butterfly to stretch its wings and for the body to diminish in size; neither happened. The person, through good intentions, had restricted the butterfly from the struggle to emerge from its cocoon and did not realise that such a struggle was necessary for the butterfly to strengthen its wings and reduce its fluid-filled body. The butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shrivelled wings. It could never fly; my prayer is that in all our 'struggles' we keep an open mind in all but what we personally consider the most 'fundamental'

of principles and that we affirm the good in each other's character.

Regards,

Rod Linhart (Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR (Items in red are recently added.)

AUGUST

Wed 14th	9.30am Years 1 and 3 attend parish Mass
Thursday 15th	6.00pm - 8.00pm STEM information and activity evening (Assembly Hall)
Monday 19th	Year 5 lead morning prayer assembly
Wed 21st	9.30am Years 5 & Prep attend parish Mass
Friday 23rd	Book week dress-up & morning parade
Monday 26th	Year 6 lead morning assembly
Wed 21st	9.30am Years 6 & 2 attend parish Mass
Friday 30th	Years 3 & 4 attend 'Revolting Rhymes' in Devonport

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 8th	Year 5 and Year 6 Canberra Trip departs
Thursday 12th	Year 5 and Year 6 Canberra Trip home
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 2020

Term 3: Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September
Term 4: Monday 14th Oct - Wednesday 18th December.

This week is Science Week and we applied for a \$500 grant to run a STEM Night for which we were successful. The money was used to purchase some construction sets to be used on the night. The STEM Night will involve a number of stations based on the theme Forces to match our school's Science focus this year. Students and their parents will be invited to participate in activities and will have soup and sandwiches for supper. Scott and Megan Meech have kindly organised a firetruck to demonstrate some of the mechanics behind its use and we will have a few people talk about forces. (Mrs Badcock)

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

WEST Award

Congratulations to Ava Franklin (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

Byrne House: Lakyn (Prep)

Dooley House: Koby (Year 5)

Martyn House: Lily (Year 5)

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Jacob Hingston for an excellent effort towards all of your school work Jacob.

Year 1: Jed Atkins For the outstanding improvement made with reading and school work

Year 2: Jovi Smith for his interest and engagement in our Geography Unit.

Year 3: Cameron Reeves for his consistent care and attention to detail with his book work.

Year 4: Tyler Bakes for his application towards completing tasks on angles.

Year 5: Lily Mansfield-Burgess for consistently working hard to ensure she completes set tasks within the allocated time-frame.

Year 6: Taylor Wells for the outstanding effort she puts into her school work and the responsible and friendly qualities she brings to the classroom.

Library News: Who created a RAINBOW? (Mrs Carter)

Congratulations to the following students for being consistent with borrowing library books for term 2 2019..... you are all in the prize draw for our fabulous reading pack. Good Luck!

- Kinder - Alice, Alivia, Angus, Archer, Darcy, Ethan, Fraser, Indiana, Isaac, Jackson, Jaxon, Oliver, Ross, Tom, Xavier
- Prep - Alexander, Axel, Henry, Jacob H, Meg, Seth, Zander
- Year 1 - Chloe, Harper, Jakk, Keith, Oliver, Ruby W, Violet
- Year 2 - Amaja, Chas, Egan, Frank, Hailey, Jimmy, Jovi, Lulu, Oliver, Rose, Sebastian,
- Sophie F, Tanner, Zarna
- Year 3 - Brad, Cameron, Harrison, Indy, Ruby A, Salma, Sasha, Sophie, Thomas M, Tyla
- Year 4 - Abbie, Emily, Emma W, Georgie, Gideon, Joshua W, Jasper, Kale, Liam, Loretta, Stella, Tyler
- Year 5 - Ava F, Himash, Lily, Luca, Melanie, Ruth, Zarlia
- Year 6 - Basmala, Peter

Mandatory Reporting

A note to inform parents that under the *Children, Young Persons and their Families Act (1997)* staff at organisations such as schools are obligated to report instances of perceived child abuse (emotional and/or physical) or neglect to Child Protection Services. School staff do not investigate cases; we pass on any relevant information to the authorities, who then decide what action may be required.



Chocolate
Cupcakes
FOR SALE

Wednesday recess



\$2

Proudly baked by Mini Vinnies.



* limited number
* contains gluten & dairy

Children's Book Council 2019 Book Week 'Reading is my secret power': Friday 23rd is timetabled for children to dress-up as a book character or their super-hero! (morning assembly parade)

Science Engineering Technology and Mathematics STEM (Mrs Badcock)

The focus for Science and Technologies at St Patrick's this year is FORCES. Teachers plan units of work for students based on the Technologies and Science areas of the Australian Curriculum. Students in Year 6 have been making Newton's Cradles. A Newton's Cradle is a device that demonstrates conservation of momentum and energy using a series of swinging spheres. When one sphere at the end is lifted and released, it strikes the stationary spheres, transmitting a force through the stationary spheres that pushes the last sphere upward. The last sphere swings back and strikes the still, nearly stationary spheres, repeating the effect in the opposite direction. The device is named after 17th-century English scientist Sir Isaac Newton. The students carefully crafted their devices with string, marbles and icy pole sticks. If you would like to try making this device there are a number of examples online including the following website www.babbledabbledo.com.



Christian Life Year 2 (Mrs Badcock)

During our Christian Life Unit in Term 3 Year 2 students have been listening to stories from the Bible that tell of how Jesus showed his followers how to care for others and to share what they have. They learnt about Catherine McCauley and the mission and values of the Mercy Sisters, the founders of our school. Students reflected on Catherine McCauley's quote "you should be like a shining lamp, spreading light all around you." Their reflections are displayed below.



THANK YOU! To our soccer canteen helpers last weekend (D'Arne Adams, Lorraine Young, Fiona Jessup, Melissa Marshall, Mel Atkins, Angela Manion, Anne Davies, Bronwyn Watson, Sam Riley, Ann Jak, Hannah Bakes, Tameika Anthony, Julie Fawcner, Felicity Derrin-Reeves) and to Callie Rand for her donation of bread recently for the Friday Breakfast Club!

Student Stars.

Thomas Hartwell, Oliver Hartwell and Himash Keerthiratne participated in the Chocolate festival Chess Tournament over the last weekend. They all did really well, each achieving wins, with Thomas making it into the top junior final with a score of 4 1/2 out of 7 and Himash following closely with 4 points out of 7. Well done boys!



PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS (Tameika Anthony)

The P&F are running a bakery drive through Sunrise bakery to help raise funds to go toward our play ground drinking station. An order form is included in today's newsletter. If you are requiring extra order forms for extended family or your work place, they will be available from the school office. **Order cut off is Friday 23rd August for delivery on Tuesday 3rd September.**

REMINDERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

REMINDER: School Trivia Night (Canberra Trip fundraiser) - Friday 23rd August.

In our fifth year of what is becoming an annual event, we are pleased to offer you the opportunity to join in the fun of this year's school trivia night. Our Trivia Night Theme is 'Super!', with the seven rounds being focused on: *Super sleuths; Superheroes; Supernova – The Universe; Supernatural; Superstars; Supergroups; Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!* All adults welcome - \$10 per person, which can be paid at the door or prior to the evening. Lots of activities for prizes including \$80 first prize, lucky door, prizes between rounds, raffle tickets for a hamper. Looking forward to seeing you at what should, once again, be a super-night of entertainment. **We are seeking donations from our school and local community for our forthcoming school Trivia Night. As a small school we gratefully appreciate any contribution that could be used as prizes on the night.** All donors will be thanked on the night and via our school newsletter.

Years 5 and 6 Canberra Trip Firewood Raffle.

Thank you to everyone who purchases tickets in our recent firewood raffle. The winner was Cameron Legge.

*May the gifts of the Holy Spirit strengthen you,
making you a witness of Christ's love.*



Wilf, Peter, Thomas and Emily will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. Please keep these students and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

*Knowledge
Understanding
Wisdom
Courage
Right Judgement
Reverence
Wonder & Awe*