

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Example serves better than description. Last Friday St Patrick's welcomed three Catholic school principals and the assistant Director: North to our school. The purpose of this visit was to allow these people the opportunity to experience, **by example rather than description**, the community that is St Patrick's Catholic School. It was wonderful to welcome these people to our school, to have them greeted by some of our senior students; to be with them during their tour of the school and their conversations with students; to listen to their insights in regards to our engaging, engaged and welcoming students; and to be affirmed that our WEST values are viewed and experienced as **examples** that complement our numerous endeavours to display and **describe** such values throughout our school.

A most important aspect of this visit and the ensuing discussions, was the nature of the 'conversations of scrutiny', and the opportunity to reflect on practice - principalship has the danger of being removed from the classroom, with the similarity of being a vegan but employed to write a 'meat-eaters' recipe book - people whose responsibilities have an impact and influence on others, as is the situation with any educator and parent, have an obligation to appreciate the demands of the responsibilities and engagements that characterise the community, whether the community be a family, a school, an organisation or a culture. All of us would do well to emulate the intentions of Napoleon in his efforts to appreciate the views of those for whom he served as Emperor - Napoleon would occasionally disguise himself as a bourgeois or wear poor clothes to walk Paris, asking questions of people; this way, he could know how people felt about him and his policies. As adults, we were all children once, we were all students, and it is a worthwhile exercise to step away from the 'bustle of today' if we can, to reflect on how we can support those whose journeys we have travelled, yet whose demands may be new and of a different challenge.

Mahatma Gandhi is quoted as saying, "Service which is rendered without joy helps neither the servant nor the served. But all other pleasures and possessions pale into nothingness before service which is rendered in a spirit of joy." Regardless of the often conflicting demands upon the role of principal, I can only continue in my role if I continue to experience the real and genuine joy that is characterised by working with the many and varied members of the St Patrick's School community - we test each other; we offer support for each other; we grow together becoming 'new

creatures' as a result of our encounters - thank you to all who appreciate the value of service in being part of a school community such as ours.

Regards, Rod Linhart

Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR (Items in red are recently added.)

AUGUST

Wed 21st	9.30am Years 5 & Prep attend parish Mass Book Fair - Sales 8.30-9.00 & 3.00-3.30
Thursday 22nd	Book Fair - Sales 8.30-9.00 & 3.00-3.30
Friday 23rd	Book week dress-up & morning parade Trivia Night "Super Theme"
Monday 26th	Year 6 lead morning assembly
Wed 21st	9.30am Years 6 & 2 attend parish Mass
Sat 24th	Devonport Basketball Tournament
Sun 25th	Devonport Basketball Tournament
Friday 30th	8.00am Father's Day Breakfast Years 3 & 4 attend 'Revolt 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 16th	Week of the Deloraine Youth Drama Festival Devonport Eisteddfod - Vocal ensemble
Wed 18th	Devonport Eisteddfod - Choir group
Monday 23rd	Coastal Young Voices competition
Tuesday 24th	Coastal Young Voices competition

SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2019

Term 3: Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September

Term 4: Monday 14th Oct - Wednesday 18th December.

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

WEST Award

Congratulations to Harrison Fawkner (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

Byrne House: Harrison (Year 3)

Dooley House: Tyla (Year 3)

Martyn House: Ethan (Year 6)

School Photos 2020

We have a tentative 2020 school photo booking for February next year. If we confirm this date, families would receive photos much earlier in the school year, however, it would mean students would be dressed in their summer uniform rather than their winter uniform. Before we confirm or request of another date, we are seeking your feedback - if you feel so inclined, please note in your child's diary a simple, 'school photo summer' or 'school photo winter.'

STEM Night (Mrs Badcock)

On the 15th August families were engaged in 'Force' themed activities in the school hall for our STEM Night. The school received a National Science Week grant of \$500 which was used to purchase construction resources for the evening. Ms Moore presented information on the forces behind lawn-bowls. Mr Fawkner shared his engineering knowledge and experience and provided pictures and practical information on the forces behind construction. Mr Meech organised a fire truck to demonstrate centrifugal forces in pumps. He was supported by Mr Dick who gave the students an opportunity to use the firehose. During the evening families made spinners, balloon rockets, catapults and constructed with lego. We dined on fine supper of soup and sandwiches. Thank you to the staff and families for supporting the evening.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Clementine Radich for her excellent effort towards improving her handwriting.

Year 1: Edgar Huxtable for creative thinking and problem-solving in Design & Technology.

Year 2: Tanner Davis for showing an excellent understanding of new concepts in maths including fractions and decimals.

Year 3: Logan Araroa for his enthusiastic approach to his information report writing.

Year 4: Nathan Davis for his efforts in Science -making balloon rockets.

Year 5: Reuben Stephenson for his maturity and sense of responsibility of being on the Student Representative Council.

Year 6: Kimberly Watkins for the care and diligence she applies to her school work and the WEST qualities she consistently demonstrates.

A Confirmation Blessing

May the Father always watch over you;

May the Son ever bless you;

May the Spirit ever guide you.



Sacrament of Confirmation

17th August, 2019

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.) Kinder will have their book week dress up this Thursday 22nd.



PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS (Tameika Anthony)

- The P&F will be holding a hot chip day on Wednesday 28th August. Order forms are included in today's newsletter. Orders close Friday 23rd August. **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- A Fathers Day raffle is currently running, a raffle booklet should have been sent out in your child's diary. The tickets are \$1 each. There are some great prizes up for grabs. The raffle will be drawn at the Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 30th August. **Thank you to Renee & Shaun Young, Wells Mitre 10, Belly's Bar & Grill (Radich Family) and Top Shop Latrobe** for their kind donations in making the raffle possible.
- 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 was included in last week'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.**

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Livai Sesara for being awarded the Devonport Junior Soccer Association's 'Player of the Week' for his impressive engagement in his game last week-end. Students involved in this Saturday morning competition have received a letter today that informs families about the additional rostered game, which means the final game for this roster is now Saturday 31st August. Our two six-a-side teams (Under 10 and Under 9) will be informed of the roster for their games, which are scheduled to be played on Saturday 14th September, when we receive these rosters. **Due to many factoring reasons we have been unable to field an U12 team this year in the six-a-side competition.**





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Compass for Parents & Guardians

What does Compass do?

Using Compass allows you to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and your child's progress. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- Receive notifications from the school including newsletters and push notifications (please note that we will be phasing out of using Skoolbag over the next six months as Compass will replace the Skoolbag app)
- Update your family contact details
- View your child's timetable and the school calendar
- Download and view your child's progress and semester reports
- Book parent-teacher conferences
- View details on, and provide consent for, events and excursions



In the future it will also have the ability to:

- Monitor your child's homework and assessment tasks
- Pay school fees and make other payments

Our school will advise parents when each of these features becomes available for parent use. ***It is now also a legal requirement that all visitors and volunteers sign in and out. This can be done by using the new Compass Kiosk (pictured above with Mrs Harris) visitors and volunteers must have with them their Working with Vulnerable People card.***

Accessing Compass

Compass is a web-based system that is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by using the Compass iOS (Apple) or Android apps. Search for 'Compass School Manager' in the App or Google Play store.

Every parent/guardian receives a separate login to Compass, which will be provided to you by our school next week, so please keep an eye out.

REMINDERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

UPDATE: Devonport Junior Soccer Association

We were informed late last week that the final game for the Devonport Junior Soccer Association's 2019 season for the St Patrick's Under 10 team is **Saturday 31st August**. Team coaches will be provided with medals to distribute to players at the conclusion of this final game of the season and team coaches will be provided with a *Thank-you* card and a gift from the school on this same occasion. Players were provided with a letter today.

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. This year profits from the night will assist in off-setting costs for the families of Years 5 and 6 students who are participating in the school Canberra Trip in September. Our Trivia Night Theme is 'Super!', with the seven rounds being focused on: *Super sleuths; Superheroes; Supernova – The Universe; Supernatural; Superstars; Supergroups; Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!*

A licensed bar will serve alcohol (this is an event for adults please), tables of up to eight team members with tables bringing their own 'table tucker' – bar nibbles will be provided. A keenly anticipated feature of the evening will be who will win this year's best dressed prize. 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. Fund-raising events such as our annual Trivia Night assist us in our aim of offering a quality education for students of St Patrick's School Latrobe. If you are able to contribute in any way towards the success of our Trivia night, or if you have any questions, please contact Mr Linhart, Lennice Leonard or Tameka Harris in our school office.

Devonport Basketball Roster

Spring Roster for Basketball -closing date to register is this Friday, 23rd August, however, we have been provided with an extension to this Monday 26th August. Any student who might be interested and, after playing in this weekend's tournament decide that they would like to join, please contact Jan Templeton at the Devonport Basketball Centre Office on 6424 2440 weekdays between 10am – 2pm.



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 children's 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 fun, water bottle, piece of fruit & gold coin donation

We look forward to welcoming your family to our Birth-5 sessions.

11 Broadshaw Street, Latrobe
Phone: 6426 9026



School's DINO-MITE BOOK FAIR

STOMP, CRUMP AND READ!

Date: Tuesday 20th August - Thursday 22nd August 2019

Place: Open Area @ St Patrick's Catholic School

Time: 8:30am-7am and 3pm-3:30pm



TICKET TO PLAY

Have you got your Ticket to Play?

Ticket to Play is a Victorian Government initiative designed to reduce the cost of participating in club sporting activities for vulnerable children. Vulnerable children aged 5 to 17 who are listed on a Carer's Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, or who are in Out of Home Care, are eligible for a voucher of up to \$100 in value to be used towards the cost of club membership.

Ticket to Play vouchers can be applied for and used at an approved activity provider until 30 November 2019. Approved activity providers are listed on our website.

We are pleased to announce that Ticket to Play will continue in 2020 and opening dates for year two will be announced soon.

For more information, including answers to frequently asked questions, please visit our website at <https://www.vic.gov.au/ticket-to-play>, or contact Communities, Sport and Recreation at help@rps.vic.gov.au or on 1800 333 474.

Sports Theme - Casual Clothes Day

Date: Wednesday 28 August

Please bring a Gold coin donation to help support Father Pascal's mother who is currently unwell.

Students are to wear sports styled clothes if they would like too.

The sports styled clothes can be from any sport from any country.

Children are not to wear accessories like football boots, soccer boots etc



Father's Day Breakfast

We invite all fathers, and those who are father-figures in a child's life, to attend our Father's Day breakfast, which will begin with a short prayer and reflection on Friday 30th August at 8.00am sharp in the school assembly hall. There is no need to RSVP - sufficient bacon and egg rolls and hot and cold beverages will be available to satisfy everyone.



Thank you!

to

Lorraine Young

for making fresh, hot, sausage rolls for Mini Vinnies to sell during Wednesday recess.

Thank you Lorraine! Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated!



Cupcakes

FOR SALE

* limited number
* contains gluten & dairy

Wednesday recess

\$2

Proudly baked by Mini Vinnies.



fresh, hot, mini homemade sausage
rolls

50 cents each



STEM NIGHT



