

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Alfred Lord Tennyson said, "*Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering 'it will be happier'.*" Parents are the first and most enduring of their children's educators and, as any educator will attest, 'hope' is a term constantly on our mind. Hope is closely associated with terms such as, 'endurance', 'resilience' and 'happiness' and as parents and teachers - as educators - we more often than not rely on 'hope' to motivate us to support 'our' children as we aspire for them to be best that they can be.

Our ideal of the term, 'hope', therefore, is far more than merely 'surviving'; we want a potential to be realised in our children, a potential that we feel we may not have had the opportunity to realise in our own lives. However, we all come from a long line of survivors; our grandparents, great grandparents and so on going back thousands of years, all survived far worse things than we have to endure and that is our roots, our foundation; their resilience is why we are here. Most of us are far more resilient than we think, and it is not until things go wrong in our lives that we appreciate this personal inner strength. The Greek businessman, Aristotle Onassis, who had to overcome the challenges of being an impoverished refugee to later amass the world's largest privately owned shipping fleet said, "*We must free ourselves of the hope that the sea will ever rest. We must learn to sail in high winds.*" Being people of hope implies rising above challenging circumstances, not wishing for these circumstances to magically disappear.

Our shared role as educators is to establish a culture of love of learning. Students do best when the home-school relationship is open, honest and mutually supportive. Any teacher can become far more effective if he or she is working with the parent/s on educating the child. Unfortunately, it often appears that we live in a culture that thrives on unhappiness; it would be very difficult to run a consumer society if everybody was happy, because who would buy the latest consumer good? By no means are staff at St Patrick's content with mediocrity, and being hopeful requires action that has realistic goals of substance.

My hope this term is that when 'hope whispers', that we, as staff, parents and students, complement any goal-setting with a degree of contentment and satisfaction that aligns with a 'happy reality', because a journey of hope need not be compromised by a feeling of unhappiness due to unrealistic goals not being attained.

I look forward to working with you this term in ensuring we continue to try our best to be people of hope and be effective in our many and varied roles.

Regards,

Rod Linhart (Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR (Items in red are recently added.)

JULY

Monday 29th 6.00pm School Board meeting.
Tuesday 30th 6.00pm School P & F meeting

AUGUST

Monday 5th 9.00am Year 3 morning assembly
1.30pm Children's Book Council Book of the Year performance.
Wed 9.30am Years 3 and 4 attend parish Mass
Saturday 10th St Patrick's Soccer Canteen Duty
Thursday 15th 6.00pm - 8.00pm STEM information and activity evening (Assembly Hall)
School Book Week & Book Fair

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 8th Year 5 and Year 6 Canberra Trip
Monday 9th Year 5 and Year 6 Canberra Trip
Tuesday 10th Year 5 and Year 6 Canberra Trip
Wed 11th Year 5 and Year 6 Canberra Trip
Thursday 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

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 Mustaq Khan (Year 2) 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: Ruth Nicolle

Dooley House: Luca Adams

Martyn House: Mac Butler

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Ellie Hayes for her consistent hardwork!

Year 1: Ava Araroa for demonstrating WEST qualities.

Year 2: Sherlin Golamari for her ongoing efforts in improving her spelling skills.

Year 3: Sasha Tucker for her positive attitude and willingness towards learning tasks.

Year 4: Charlie Brazendale for his determination to improve in all areas and being a caring classmate to all of his peers.

Year 5: Linden Woods for the positive attitude and the approach he applied to his learning in the first week back of Term 3.

Year 6: Lottie Dowling for her positive demeanour.

Years 5 and 6 Canberra Pie Drive

Many thanks to Courtney and Tim Hayes for organising the recent pie and pastry drive. Both Courtney and Tim worked all day last Friday organising the orders, helping to raise \$900 towards assisting families for this year's Years 5 and 6 Canberra trip. This service to others is acknowledged and appreciated.

School Canteen

A reminder that as an interim measure 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. By keeping the canteen 'in-house' we hope to offer healthy and very affordable meal options each Thursday and Friday. **On behalf of the wider St Patrick's Catholic School community I wish to both acknowledge and express my appreciation of the generosity of time that is being displayed by the following people who are supporting this important school-based initiative by being involved in the canteen roster: Tameika, Lorraine, Carl, Kirrilly, Robyn, Megan, Alison, Karen, Andrea, Sam, Bree and Alicia.** Please feel welcome to contact Tameika in the school office if you would like to assist. A reminder that 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.



ONLINE GAMING (Mr Atkins)

Online gaming is big business these days. We are now at a point where eGamers are being recognised by the Tasmanian institute of sport. Whether it be on Playstation, Xbox, PC, Mac or mobile device, our students have ever increasing access to online games where they can interact with others in an online virtual space. Whilst this has some major benefits, as with most things in the online world, it has some large pitfalls, which are listed below.



- **Communications with unknown people:** many of these games (**Fortnite** being one of the most popular at the moment) allow for users to communicate with voice chat via a headset. The dangers here are obvious. Many of the users playing Fornite, for example, are not young people. In fact the average age of an online gamer is 34. This often exposes younger users to language that is inappropriate and also opens the door to predatory type behaviour in extreme cases.
 - Making sure that your child only uses Party Chat so that they can only hear and communicate with their known friends is an important step to protecting your child.
- **Gaming addiction:** Gaming addiction is now recognised as a mental disorder and is a real concern for younger online gamers. Young people in particular are susceptible to addiction, especially where they are trying to impress their friends. Spending anymore than 2 hours per day on average using online gaming could lead to addiction. Online gaming addiction, even a mild addiction, can cause major problems in real life including; problems learning at school, issues in communicating with others, and anger outbursts.
 - Setting clear boundaries on usage times and sticking to those boundaries is the key to success. Sit down with the whole family and discuss what is reasonable and then ensure that everyone sticks to that timeframe.
 - If there is already a problem and there is conflict around online gaming, consider investigating in options to limit or cut of access to the internet at certain times.
- **Violence in video games:** Many of the more popular video games are quite violent, which can lead to changes in how younger people behave in other aspects of life. Once again, Fortnite is one of the most popular games, and whilst it is considered less violent than other shooting games because of its colourful cartoonish look, in the end players are still shooting each other with realistic weapons. Fortnite is Rated M in Australia, meaning that it should not be played by anyone younger than 12 years.

If you have any questions relating to online gaming www.esafety.gov.au has resources to assist. I am also available if you would like to ask questions. Either speak to me personally at school or email kurt.atkins@catholic.tas.edu.au

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 only 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.

2019 Devonport Basketball Primary School boys and girls grades 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 tournament.

Many thanks to Mrs Meech who is busy preparing the five school teams who will participate in the upcoming Devonport Basketball Primary School which is timetabled for Saturday 24th August and Sunday 25th August. Best wishes to the following students who will be doing their best to prepare themselves for this big weekend

Mini-Vinnie's

Thank you to Mrs Marshall, Mrs Adams, Lorraine Young and Robyn Huxtable for their support of the school Mini-Vinnie's winter blanket initiative. At a recent assembly the group presented the Mini-Vinnie's northern liaison officer, Erin Worth, with blankets that had been lovingly hand-knitted during lunch-time Mini-Vinnie's sessions. Another example of 'faith in action.'



Wednesday recess

\$2

* limited number
* contains gluten

Proudly baked by Mini Vinnies.



Student Achievement

Congratulations to Samuel Ling for being awarded Best Player Of The Day for his performance as part of the school open soccer team that plays in the Devonport Junior Soccer Association's Saturday morning competition. Samuel was awarded this certificate by the Devonport Junior Soccer Association.



Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery Aboriginal Education by Arlo Valentine-Smith (year 6)

Aboriginal culture is often viewed as non complex, primitive and a thing of the past, but Aboriginal culture still exists and is performed and is being taught to Australian students by museums. Year 6 students, on Thursday 25th, had the opportunity to talk to Teangi Brown from the TMAG (Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery) via video call. Teangi taught the year 6 students about:

- Aboriginal boats.
- Their affinity with nature.
- Mutton birds.
- Ochre hand stencils and art.
- Stone tools, basket weaving and necklace making.
- Fishing and hunting.
- Indigenous Tasmanian history.



The class got a black box filled with many different Aboriginal artefacts including: a beautiful shell necklace, a stuffed baby mutton bird, a model of a bark canoe, a woven basket and a soft pademelon pelt. The class enjoyed hearing about traditional Aboriginal hunting, fishing techniques. The class's favourite object was the soft Pademelon pelt which also had a red ochre hand stencil on the back. The experience was very interesting and amazing. I am very happy that we had this opportunity and learning experience and really hope we have more indigenous Australian lessons in high school.

Library News

Issue 5 of Book Club is out now. Orders are to be received no later than Tuesday 6th August 2019.

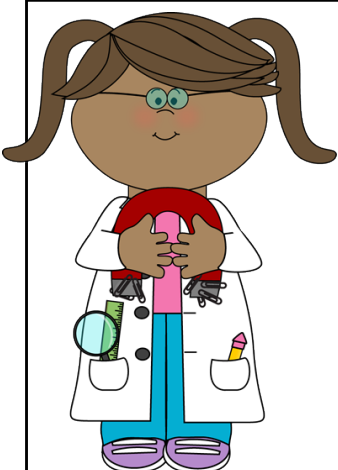
Nonsense words and developing reading skills. (Mrs Marshall)

- Nonsense words help students learn sound phonic skills. Nonsense words follow predictable phonetic patterns and help students to connect phonemes (sounds) and read larger multi-syllabic words.
- If students have learned the common sounds of these words, and later digraphs, (two letters making one sound, e.g. 'ch' says /ch/), trigraphs (three letters making one sound, e.g. 'tch' says /ch/) and common spelling patterns, it can reveal the depth of their learning and indicate what the student might need to work on next.
- The purpose of reading nonsense words is to help promote phonic skills and future fluent reading of multi-syllabic words. When students read nonsense words, they are relying solely on their letter-sound knowledge to decode the words. The student cannot use clues from a sentence or story to assist them in the decoding of the word. That's a good thing!
- Nonsense words are also useful for students who tend to guess at words. If you tell a student that the word is not real and won't make sense, it takes the guesswork out of reading and helps the student focus on the sounds in it. A student is more likely to focus on the sounds if they aren't trying to guess a word.
- Students need to be able to decode and blend words they do not know since they encounter new words for the rest of their reading life. Students also need to decode words that are not in their vocabulary. Knowing how to read unfamiliar words, even if they have no meaning to them, yet, is part of being a good reader.



STEM Night

The theme for Science Week at St Patrick's Catholic School this year is FORCES. Using this theme we are hosting a STEM Night in the school hall on Thursday 15th August. The evening begins at 5:30pm with an introduction to everyday examples of forces. We will have a variety of hands-on activities to work on during the evening and will conclude at 8:00pm. Soup and sandwiches will be provided. There is no cost. Please indicate your attendance by completing the slip provided and returning it to school to your classroom teacher, the office or Mrs Badcock by Tuesday 13th August.



STEM NIGHT ATTENDANCE CONFIRMATION

STEM NIGHT

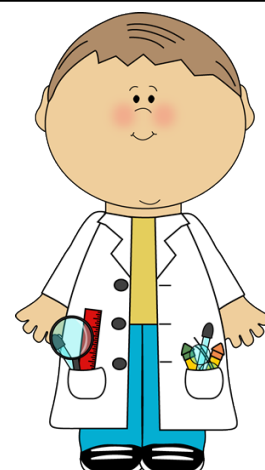
Theme: **Forces**

When: **Thursday 15th August**
5:30 - 8:00pm

Where: **St Patrick's School Hall**

Cost: **Free**

Food: **Soup and sandwiched provided.**



Years 5 and 6 Canberra Trip Firewood Raffle.

Please find as an insert to this Newsletter a raffle book for a firewood raffle - a mixture of silver wattle and white gum slow-grown in the cold hillsides of Golden Valley. This raffle is our second last raffle to raise funds for the Years 5 and 6 Canberra trip. So far we have raised almost \$6000, which will greatly assist all families meet some costs involved in this excursion; thank you for your support. The raffle will be drawn during the school assembly on Monday 12th August and free delivery then arranged. Please return all tickets (sold or unsold) to the school office by Friday 9th August.

Latrobe Winterfest - Help required (30 minutes please).

We will once again be supporting a Chocolate Winterfest activity, making available our school hall. Last year Kirilly 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. Thank you to Mrs Adams and Mrs Marshal who have already volunteered.

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.



PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Next P & F meeting is 6.00pm (finishing no later than 7.30pm) Tuesday 30th July in the school staffroom - cheese and biscuits and cake will be available. An agenda will be communicated and a warm welcome is extended to all parents and friends of St Patrick's. (Tameika Anthony - P & F President)

REMINDERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

Cement Australia Lights on Fire

Jeremy Rockliff MHA has sponsored a number of lantern making kits. If you have students/families that would like to participate in the lantern parade the evening of 10 August, they are most welcome to call at the Latrobe Council office and collect a kit (free of charge) to create. It is important however that they commit to being involved in the lantern parade, which involves a small walk and then display of their lantern at Bells Parade. There is a limit of 2 kits per pick up as once they are gone, they are gone. If anyone misses out, instructions on how to make the basic pyramid lantern is available for download at www.chocolatewinterfest.com.au/Taking-Part

Cement Australia Lights on Fire Saturday, 10 August 2019



Photo: Daydream Photography



Bring your lantern and join the community walking lantern parade; meeting on the Kings Park stage, Gilbert Street, Latrobe at 5.55pm for lighting and briefing, stepping off at 6.00pm to walk to Bells Parade, Latrobe.

On arrival at Bells Parade

be warmed by the mesmerising fire pots; indulge in chocolate treats and fairy floss, sip a mug of hot chocolate, try the BBQ delights, join in the alluring glow stick dances followed by a chocolate infused singalong with Gina Timms and Meegan Hughes.

Dress warmly.

Free admission.



Stay informed at
www.facebook.com/chocolatewinterfest



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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