

# St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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## PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Aesop is attributed as saying, 'Gratitude is a sign of a noble soul'. Meeting people who are grateful and take the time to show their gratitude helps put 'the wind in our sails'. Grateful comments may come at the right time and may be the impetus for us to continue in tasks that may be over-looked by the people who may gain by such endeavours. In an age where our perception of 'remarkability' is tempered by media portrayals of sensational sports-stars, actors of acclaim or magnificent musicians, it is humbling to realise that truly remarkable people are those people who leave behind a positive legacy by their unselfish actions, especially those who humbly display gratitude by offering thanks to others.

The P & F, as a group of interested and involved people, do a marvellous job in ensuring the spirit of community endures. We discussed, 'Blessings' during yesterday morning's assembly and our school is indeed blessed by the numerous small, unselfish actions that are both observed and more-often-than-not unseen by our parents, family members and friends. Our community involvement in 'whole-school events' such as the Trivia Night last Friday evening and weekend soccer and basketball and hockey commitments have confirmed the view expressed in the newsletter previously; any parent or friend who takes the time out of their no doubt busy schedule to do any of the following, which is by no means a definitive list, is working in an equally important manner: reading daily with a child; hearing a child recite the times-tables; engaging in a regular activity with a child such as going for walks, playing games etc; ensuring a child is provided with a healthy diet, clean clothes and a respect for values that we know to be true.

We all do not have the opportunity or even the disposition to be part of a committee or a team and, consequently, gain some gratitude from the community that such a team serves. However, as impersonal as it appears by thanking you via print in a collective sense, please accept my deep thanks for continuing to support our school in so many little ways, including supporting our policies, preparing your child for school every school day and engaging with each member of the school community with courtesy and consideration – whilst most of us appreciate that we can all 'do better', by showing gratitude to the work we all are obliged to commit to in regards to our children's education, we are making steps in the right direction and we model to children that blessings may come in many different guises.

Regards, Rod Linhart

Principal

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

### AUGUST

Monday 26th Year 6 lead morning assembly  
Tuesday 27th Mr Atkins and Mr Linhart away - STEM.  
Wednesday 28th 9.30am Years 6 & 2 attend parish Mass  
Thursday 29th Mr Atkins away (Rosebery)  
Friday 30th 8.00am Father's Day Breakfast.  
**P & F Father's Day Raffle drawn**  
Years 3 & 4 attend 'Revolting Rhymes' in Devonport.  
Mr Atkins away (DP meeting)  
Saturday 31st **Final rostered game for the Devonport Junior Soccer Association 2019 season**

### SEPTEMBER

Monday 2nd Year 4 lead morning prayer assembly  
Tuesday 3rd **6.00pm School P & F meeting**  
Wednesday 4th 9.30am Years 4 & 1 attend parish Mass  
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 2019

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

### 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. REMINDER: The P & F Father's Day Raffle will be drawn during this breakfast - please return tickets before 8.00am this Friday and tickets are still available at the office.

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

### WEST Award

Congratulations to Loretta Smith (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

**Byrne House:** Aiden (Year 5)

**Dooley House:** Zaria (Year 5)

**Martyn House:** Mac (Year 5)

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Prep:** Axel Bos for working well with others and for waiting his turn patiently.

**Year 1:** Isabelle Gee for her excellent work in her Maths / Time test and for always being ready to learn.

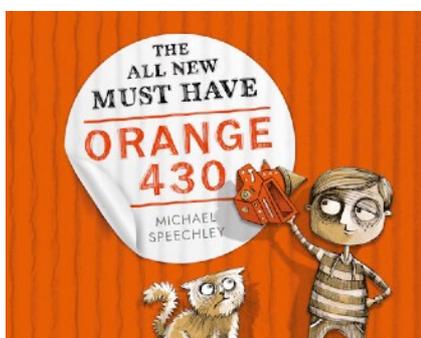
**Year 2:** Lulu Meech for offering insightful and relevant responses during class discussions.

**Year 3:** Brad Jones for working hard during our money unit.

**Year 4:** Jessica Gatehouse for actively participating in class discussions and offering thoughtful ideas.

**Year 5:** Koby Harrington for articulating his fantastic mathematical problem-solving skills during Year 5's whole class review on angles.

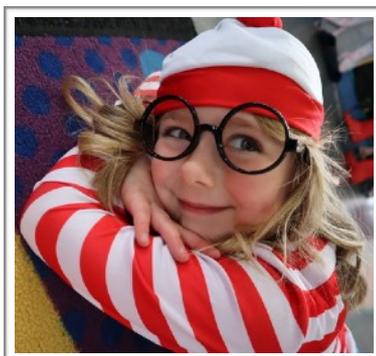
**Year 6:** Lochlan Veitch for his mature approach toward his learning.



### Book Week 2019 (Mrs Badcock)

Book Week is an annual event, initiated by the Children's Book Council of Australia, that gives school's throughout Australia the opportunity to celebrate reading with students and their families. The theme for this year is 'Reading is my Superpower.' We have joined in again this year to celebrate the importance of reading and the joy books can bring to our lives. Mrs Carter has put up a wonderful display on this year's theme in the library and she has purchased many new books. Classes have been sharing these resources as part of Book Week. Students have been learning about Australian authors and illustrators and the messages in stories. Children participated in the Book Week Dress Up Day on Friday which encouraged children to get excited about book characters and

reading. The drama performance on the shortlisted book 'The All New Must Have Orange 430' by Michael Speechley was enjoyed by the school on 5th August and this book also inspired Science and Technology activities. Thank you for supporting reading and continuing to encourage this 'superpower' by: regularly borrowing from the school library; using home reader resources; learning sight words; listening to your child read; reading to your child; talking about authors and illustrators.



### Science Week in Year 3.



Stationery Holder



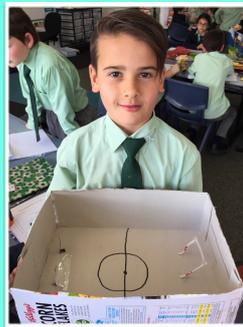
Skills Game



Secret Storage



Book and Pencil Holder



Soccer Board Game

#### Design Challenge

The Australian Curriculum Design Technologies for Year 3/4 includes content focused on students determining the suitability of materials for a range of purposes. Year 3 students, inspired by the book "The All New Must Have Orange 430" by Michael Speechley, were tasked with the challenge of designing a new product from repurposed materials. They were required to design, construct and appraise their creation with some awesome results!

### Science Week in Prep

In Prep last week we conducted five science investigations. We had to observe chemical reactions: Cornflour Slime; Fizzy Colours; Rainbow Colour Mixing ; Fruity Sweets Colour Mixing ; Paper Towel Colour Mixing.



### COMPASS Family Login Letters and Guide

TOMORROW, families will receive an envelope that will contain Compass Login details and a Compass Guide for Families to help get you started with using Compass. Compass is a program that is being used by all Catholic schools in Tasmania that will enable a significant degree of communication between home and school, and enable families to have greater access to their child or children's data. Compass will eventually replace Skoolbag as a primary tool for school-home information alerts. Compass is available via an App or via a browser and offers significant versatility - we will be informing families of the options regularly through out the year. When you receive the information tomorrow, please read through the guide carefully and use you login details to login onto the App or via the website. If you have any questions regarding Compass or how to use it, contact Kurt Atkins via email [kurt.atkins@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:kurt.atkins@catholic.tas.edu.au) or you can ask Tameka or Lennice at the office.

### Emergency Practice

Within the next 6 weeks, whilst at recess or lunch, we will hold an unannounced emergency practice with staff and students to test our response to a potential scenario that staff identify a threat warranting the school go into lockdown (opposite to evacuation). As with for fire evacuation drills, we recognised the worth to test this process. We have plans in place to make this practice as least disruptive as possible. If you have queries please call our Safety Officer, Simon Natoli on 0400 105 476

## REMINDERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

### Trivia Night

Many thanks to all who supported our school trivia night last Friday. As a significant fund-raiser for our Year 5 and 6 Canberra Trip, it was a success; as an opportunity to gather as members of a school community who enjoy each others' company, it was also a resounding success. Many thanks to all our sponsors for their generous donations who make this night possible. A full list of our sponsors will accompany next weeks newsletter and be available on our school facebook page.



### School Photos 2020

We have a tentative 2020 school photo booking for February next year. If we confirmed 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 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.'

### Devonport Junior Soccer Association

The final game for the Devonport Junior Soccer Association's 2019 season is this **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 are asked to return their soccer tops to your coach after the game concludes this Saturday, school will organise these to be washed and packed away ready for next year.

### Library News

Book Club Issue 6 is out now. Orders are to be in no later than 10th September 2019.

Thank you to everyone who bought books during our book fair. We were fortunate enough to be able to purchase over \$500 worth of new books for our school library with the sales from this fair.

## 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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