

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

It is the year 1888 and Bertha Benz (as in Mercedes Benz) took the world's first ever road trip in a car - 100 kilometres to visit her mother, taking her a full day. Undoubtedly it was quite an adventure - there were no roads for cars, only for horse-drawn carts and carriages; there were also no petrol stations (Bertha had to drive from chemist to chemist, to buy their entire stock of benzene, to use as fuel.) Bertha was undoubtedly an innovator and one who you and I would love to have 'on our team.'

Interesting? Important? Relevant? As with any tale from history, we only ever get an impression, and it is often up to the reader to search wider and deeper in order to make more sense of a story, for a lesson or guide for one's own life to be revealed. For me, the story of Bertha is more than an **interesting** story of the internal combustion engine; it is an **important** lesson that highlights human ingenuity, intelligence and 'hope'; it is a story of **relevance** because many social and scientific commentators are predicting the end of the internal combustion engine within this generation the implications for social and political will in this context provide us with a greater appreciation of the challenges that faced Bertha and her contemporaries of her 1888 100 kilometre drive.

Teachers are very aware of the social and political 'influences' on their profession; even a cursory glance of the Australian Curriculum for primary-school students in 2019 compared to their contemporaries a generation ago in 1979 highlights the increased breadth and depth of the curriculum and the extensive even complex nature of assessment and reporting - my Year 6 report card had a one sentence comment and grades for seven subjects. We are all caught up in the complexity of the contemporary world and one way that we, as teachers, can support our students is to work with all in our school community in regards to promoting the values of **interest, importance** and **relevance** as they relate to being both people of character and people with open, inquiring minds - we cannot hope to teach all the knowledge, understandings and skills that will be necessary for our complex and dynamic contemporary culture. Isaac

Newton, widely accepted as one of the most influential scientists of all time, is quoted as stating, *"Truth is ever to be found in simplicity, and not in the multiplicity and confusion of things. My powers are ordinary; only my application brings me success."* Thank you to all in our school community who support our efforts to promote students with inquiring minds who are open to new ideas; people who are willing to apply themselves with diligence and who temper inter-relationships with both respect and a healthy sense of humility and a sense of humour.

Regards, Rod Linhart
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR - will be updated in next weeks newsletter.

SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2019

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

SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2020

Term 1 Thursday 6th February - Thursday 9th April

Easter break Friday 10th April-Tuesday 14th April

Term 2 Mon 27th April - Friday 3rd July

Term 3 Mon 20th July 2020 - Friday 25th September 2020

Term 4 Mon 12th October 2020 - Thursday 17th Dec 2020

Staff Professional Learning Day/Student-Free Day

Monday 25th November is timetabled as a whole-staff professional learning day. Staff will be provided with professional learning in the 'Seven Steps to Reading' program, which will further enhance some significant professional learning (InitialLit; MultiLit) that we, as a school, have provided to staff in our endeavours to enhance our mastery of literacy learning. **Students will not attend school on Monday 25th November.**

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

WEST Award

Congratulations to Peter Metz (Year 6) 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 - Not drawn this week

Byrne House:

Dooley House:

Martyn House:

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Lakyn Dezoete for getting along with others and for being kind.

Year 1: Bella Goss for her conscientious effort with home readers.

Year 2: Dekota Brumby for excellent ideas and application to tasks during design and technology activities.

Year 3: Tyla O'Toole for her diligent application and positive attitude to learning tasks.

Year 4: Ruben Clarke for excellent application to tasks and for his work in Science.

Year 5: Reuben Stephenson for being a great role model by having a positive, caring attitude toward assisting his Kinder 'Cobber' in the big playground.

Year 6: Vinnie Manion for the great effort he put into his review of The Australian Mint.

School Buildings and Facilities

There was considerable work undertaken in several parts of the school over the holidays: the corridor and office area carpets were replaced, necessitating grinding the underlying concrete; the roof above the corridor area was replaced and heat pumps on the roof re-aligned; additional raised garden beds were created and existing beds refurbished.

Winter-Summer Uniform Transition

Winter-Summer uniform transition began last term, with the expectations that students commence school on the first day of term 4 - Monday 14th October - in full Summer uniform. The school Uniform Policy was included with last week's newsletter and is in the school diary for regular reference

Bus Services - 2020 changes to routes.

Public consultation has commenced for the proposed new North West and Intercity Bus network. This consultation process will continue through until 27 October 2019. It is very important that you take the time to visit the below link and have a look at what is proposed for the North West Bus network which will be in place for the next 10 years - especially those families who use the current East Devonport Service. If there are any questions as to possible impacts of these changes please don't hesitate to comment in the link provided. The Department of State Growth, passenger transport can be contacted on 61 663 343 or Merseylink on 64 277 626. The link to leave your valuable feedback is www.transport.tas.gov.au/haveyoursay.

Cyber Awareness

The first 4 weeks of Term 4 will be St Patrick's Cyber Safety Month. The aim is to empower students to have safe and positive experiences online. Each class will be engaged in activities to develop their skills as Digital Citizens. Students will give consideration to the following questions:

- How do we keep our personal information safe?
- Who can give us help and support?
- How do we communicate with others online?

The website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents> provides clearly presented tips, skills and advice for parents on topics such as online habits, safety and privacy to help your child have a more secure and enjoyable experiences online.



Triathlon

Families of children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 should have received a nomination form in the Newsletter issued during the final week of term 3 regarding the Schools Triathlon Challenge, which is proposed for Thursday 28th November. Nomination forms are due back to the school **no later than TOMORROW, Wednesday 16th October please.**

Deloraine Youth Drama Festival

Congratulations to our school drama group: Runner-up Best Ensemble, and to Zaria Richardson who was awarded Runner-Up Best Actress and Matilda Hayes for being awarded Honourable Mention - Best Actress.

Staff News

This week Cheree, the school Counsellor, will be working with nominated families tomorrow, Wednesday 16th October instead of her usual Friday visit; Our teacher-assistants will be attending a literacy workshop throughout the week - skills learned will be used to enhance the development of foundational literacy skills ; Mrs Marshall and Mrs Badcock attended these sessions Monday and Tuesday; Mr Linhart attended a 2020 school recruitment session this morning; Mrs Gregson is on long service leave.

Enrolment 2020

If parents know that they will not be continuing enrolment of their child/children at St Patrick's in 2020 please let the school office staff or Mr Linhart know as soon as possible. Our current staff budget planning relies on accurate predictions of enrolments for 2020; your response will be confidential, however, early notification to the school will assist us greatly in our planning for 2020.

Student Success Grant (Mr Atkins)

We have been fortunate to secure a \$20,000 grant from the Catholic Education Office that will allow most of our Teacher Assistants and some of our Teachers to receive training in two special reading intervention programs, MiniLit and MacqLit, designed by the MultiLit team at Macquarie University. MiniLit and MacqLit are both research based and have been used successfully in many other Catholic schools across the state. The main purpose in receiving this grant is to support our Aboriginal students in improving their reading outcomes, however many of our students that require additional support in reading will benefit from this program. Our Teacher Assistants and Teachers will be receiving training this week and we hope to have these programs up and running in the near future.

Year 1

During Book Week, we read one of the shortlisted books, Tricky's Bad Day by Alison Lester. We decided to write some of our own 'Bad Day' stories.

Harper's Bad Day

I am having a very bad day, let me tell you what happened... First my dog ran away to the next door neighbour's dog. Then I went to get him and I nearly got bitten by the other dog. Then I dragged him back by his collar, but I tripped over his paws. I hope tomorrow will be better!



Oliver's Bad day

I am having a very bad day, let me tell you what happened... First I tripped over a rock and then I fell over my bike and I split my chin open. I had to go to the doctor and they put glue on my cheek. Next Mum took me to the ice cream shop, but they had run out! I hope tomorrow will be better!



Taylor's Bad Day

I am having a very bad day, let me tell you what happened... I lit a candle and it burnt my hair. I ran to the gate and smashed my head through the gate. I went to the dentist and got given a needle. I hope tomorrow will be better!



Canberra trip 2019 by Logan Lamprey

On the 8th of September, the grade 5 & 6 classes had the wonderful opportunity to go to Canberra. We departed Launceston at 10:50am and arrived in Sydney at 12:25pm. We met up with our bus driver and hopped on a bus to travel to the Sydney aquarium.

At the Sydney aquarium there were plenty of things to do and see. There were sharks and all different kinds of fish, not to mention the dugong. After the Sydney aquarium we were able to walk halfway across the Sydney Harbour Bridge. It was windy but there was some incredible views you could see. Sydney was amazing. After we had finished everything in Sydney we had a 3 hour bus journey to Canberra. The trip actually went pretty fast. After we had arrived in Canberra we went to our cabins that had been assigned to us.

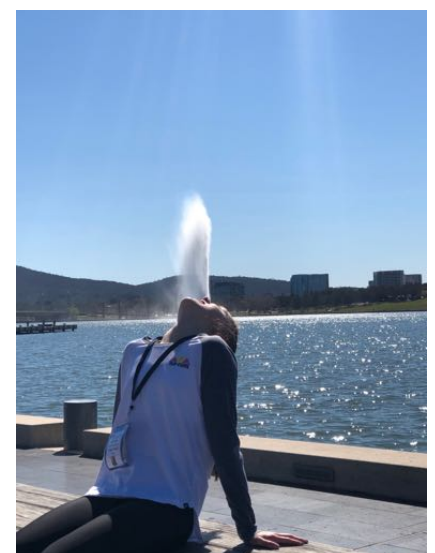
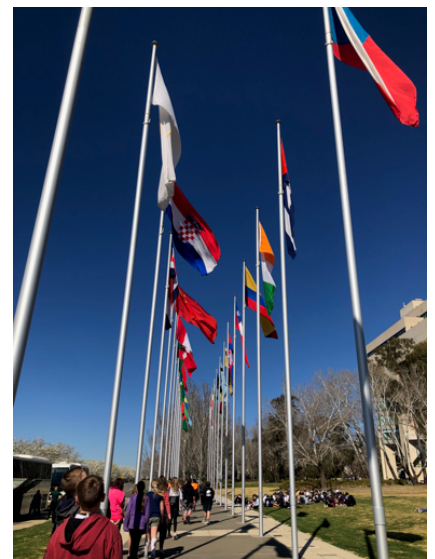
On our first day at Canberra our schedule was jam packed. We went to the National Capital Expedition at 9:00am, then we went to the National Electoral Education Centre where we learnt how voting works and information about Australia's elections. We then explored the mint, where money is made. After that we headed to the Museum of Australian Democracy, where we did some interesting activities about the history of Australia's government. We went up Telstra Tower and saw an amazing view of Canberra. After tea we went swimming at the AIS and all felt pretty exhausted after that! We had an amazing first day at Canberra with lots to do.

On the second day we headed to the AIS, which is where some famous swimmers and athletes train for upcoming Olympics. We also got to see lots of machinery that athletes use to keep themselves in tip top shape. After the AIS we got to go to the Australian War Memorial where we got to learn about soldiers that had died serving our country. Some of us learnt about a dog named Sarbi, who helped the Australian soldiers by sniffing out bombs for them. The tomb of the unknown soldier felt really special and it was incredible to see all of the names on the wall of remembrance. After the war memorial we went to Mount Ainsley and tried to spot some of the famous buildings. We then went to Questacon, which was my favourite. There was a free fall slide which was 6 metres high, and also a lightning room and an earthquake simulator.

On our third day in Canberra we had lots of exciting things to do. We went to Parliament House where we saw some politicians arguing against killing animals for meat. Then we went to the National Gallery where we saw cool paintings and sculptures. After that we went to the CSIRO which is a cool science place and learnt that they were the ones who invented wifi. At the end of the day we went to the arboretum. It was great fun because we got to play on the cool playground and we meet some other schools from different parts of Australia.

On the last day we went to visit the National Museum of Australia. It had some interesting things in it, including Phar Lap's heart. After that we went to the Canberra airport to catch our plane that left at 3:00pm. Most of us were very excited to go home and see our parents. When we arrived at Melbourne we got in to our groups and went exploring at the airport. After we'd had tea and headed to the boarding area we were all very tired. On the plane from Melbourne to Launceston lots of people had a sleep. We were happy to see our parents when we arrived at the Launceston airport.

We all had a wonderful time in Canberra and will never forget the trip.



The 2019 Canberra trip By Peter Metz

From the 8th to the 12th of September, the grade 5 and 6 were in the nation's capital, Canberra, for an exciting journey that could possibly shape their future. It started at Sydney Aquarium which was amazing. Then we went to the Sydney Harbour Bridge where we walked halfway across it. The view was astounding, especially the look of the Sydney Opera House from the height from the bridge. Then we were on a 3 hour road trip to our accommodation, Alivio tourist park, where we were allocated room from 301 to 313. It was a long first night as we were quite far from home and we were used to our own beds.

In the morning we went down to the breakfast hall and had a lovely breakfast. Then we set off to our first location, the National Capital Exhibition Centre, which showed us how Canberra's design was won in an international competition by an American couple. They also told us what a few key points of Canberra are, like the Canberra triangle. Then we went down the Embassy drive where we saw all the different high commissions in Australia. My favourite was Papua New Guinea. After that, we went to the National Electrical Education Centre, where we learnt how to vote and how the voting system has changed in Australia with a video and holographic technology. We did a fake vote with 4 pieces of fruit, apple won of course. Next, was the Royal Australian Mint where we were taught about the history of the Australian dollar and cent. We also saw the Titan, a robot that tips thousands of blank coins into the machine that puts the pictures on the coins. The Titan is the biggest robot in the mint and can be seen from a viewing platform and can sometimes be seen doing it's job if you time it well. Next was the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, in which we needed to wear gloves so we wouldn't touch anything, because there's a statue in Old Parliament house with the bottom of it worn down because school groups have touched it. The oil in their skin has worn down the metal in it, making it a darker colour at the bottom half. We went into the Old Senate where Arlo and Matilda role played two famous politicians from our history. Then we went to Telstra Tower, which had an amazing view. After that we went back to the tourist park, had dinner, and got ready to go swimming at the AIS. At the AIS the pool was warm and we had a game of water volleyball. When we got back we settled in and went to bed.



The next morning, once everyone was up and about, we had breakfast and set off once again. This time, we were going back to the AIS to have a full blown tour. First we went to a room called Sport-X, where there was a bunch of fun simulation games like snowboarding, canoeing, basketball, footy and cycling, just to name a few. Then we started a tour. We saw the big pool, the gym, the netball court and the gymnastics room. Afterwards, we took a visit to the Australia War Memorial where we visited the tomb of the unknown soldier and we learnt about dogs that sniff out bombs during the wars. We also saw a mini movie about a plane during the 2nd world war where the Americans dropped bombs over Germany. It survived about 90 bombings, that's 90 nights of pure Nazi terror. After that, we spent about 10 minutes on the lookout over Mt. Anslie, where we tried to identify some of the buildings that we had been to or were going to. We then headed to Questacon, which was AMAZING! The free fall was amazingly fun and there were awesome things there that are for families of all ages. Then we went back to the tourist park and settled in for tea, then bed.



The next day was the most exciting day of the trip. Our first stop was Parliament House. We did a roleplay in a learning area about whether or not children should play 3 hours of team sport a week. I'm glad that isn't an actual bill, otherwise, us kids would be a whole lot healthier. Then we took a tour of the House of Representatives and the Senate. In the Senate, we saw a Victorian Senator giving a speech, and one of the Tasmanian Senators interrupted him. He was given a warning, even worse, it was broadcasting! Talk about embarrassing, especially since he was Tasmanian! Then it was off to the National Gallery of Australia where we saw some Aboriginal art, and even a sculpture of wax with a candle in it. There was also a weird box with mirror as the walls and pumpkins as the floor, making it look like an infinite pumpkin floor. We saw the famous picture "blue poles" worth about \$350 million dollars and created by Jackson Pollock in 1952 which is currently the most expensive painting in Australia. Next was the CSIRO, where we learnt that the CSIRO invented some very important things, like Wifi, and the Plastic dollar note. We went on a sort of treasure hunt where teams of 2 or 3 go around the area we were in and try to find certain things, some were easy, and some were hard. After that we roamed around trying out some cool things they had there. Some people were interacting with another school group who flew in from somewhere in Western Australia. Nevertheless, both schools had a good time there. Finally for the day, we went to the Canberra Arboretum. Where we went on an amazing playground, they had rock climbing area, a tunnel, and a slide that you need to go into 3 different platforms connected by rope tunnels over 3 meters above the ground. The spiral help that a little kid got stuck on the highest platform. After 2 hours of this madness, it was safe to say that a few people wanted to go back to the park. Dinner that night was great, we had a burger and chips! Then we went back to our cabins and got ready to pack up for the flight the next day.

The final day of the trip here. We had breakfast, said goodbye to our chefs and took off to the last place before Canberra airport. That place was the National Museum of Australia. It was huge and absolutely amazing. Some of the things they had were a jeep used to capture wild bulls and cows, a big wax statue of someone, don't ask me who, and they had amazing areas about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. It was an amazing experience, but now, it was time to hit the road to Canberra airport. Canberra airport was ok, a bit slow, but ok, don't have much to say about it. Melbourne Airport was better though. We got donuts and fruit drinks and McDonalds, unfortunately the waiting time took nearly 2 hours. It was ok though, people took the time to meet new people. The flight to Launceston was great and short, by the time most people got home it was about 11.00pm and everyone was probably dead tired.

When I look back at that trip today I take the time to sit down and think about how amazing that journey was. Making new friendships, and ending old ones, and giving people new things to think about and how it will be a life lasting memory.



The term that was! A few photos that highlight the extremely busy term that just passed-by. My sincere thanks to the many students who make the most of the numerous opportunities that the school, through the generosity, knowledge and skills of staff and family members, offers students at St Patrick's such as the choirs, lunch-time activities, Mini-Vinnies, Lego-League, drama group, various sporting teams etc.



REMINDERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

P&F News

A Term 4 Canteen Menu is included in today's Newsletter, and is also available on the school's website. Changes include:

- No pumpkin soup term 4.

Added:

- Cheese and bacon pizza rounder \$3.00
- Roast chicken roll with gravy \$4.50
- Zooper dooper icy-pole 80c
- Chicken burgers can be also served in a wrap.

National Redress Scheme

If you experienced institutional sexual abuse as a child you are likely to be eligible under the National Redress Scheme for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse. The Sexual Assault Support Service (SASS) offer a free and confidential support service for people who are seeking information on, or wanting to apply to, the National Redress Scheme. To find out more you can contact SASS on (03) 6231 0044, or go to our website <https://www.sass.org.au/redress-scheme-support-service>.

Student Achievers

- Ruby Anthony (right top) played basketball in the Under 10 state championships in division 1. Ruby's team won the tournament, taking out the title for state champs.
- Stella Riley (left top) played soccer in the representative team for Devonport under 12 girls. Her team won the tournament.
- Eamon young (left below) played soccer in the representative team for Devonport in the under 11 team. They came runner up in the tournament.
- Sophie Mulcahy (right below) played basketball in the Under 10 state championships in division 2. Sophie's team had some hard fought games throughout the tournament.
- Vinnie Manion and William Higgins (bottom right) played soccer in the inter-state representative team for Devonport under 12 team. They came runner up in the tournament.



Port Sorell Tennis Coaching

Port Sorell Tennis Coaching has tennis coaching group sessions on Wednesday and Thursday nights for children aged 5-14 years old. Tennis lessons start again the first week of term 4 with the term consisting of 8 weeks. A group lesson lasts for 40 minutes with children of similar ability grouped together. If you are interested please contact Peter Georgiades on 0439637301 or 64287112. Junior Development Coach Tennis Australia

