

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Abraham Lincoln, a man who knew deeply the significance of responsibility, of loss and achievement and how these two words shadow each other, said, "I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had no-where else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day." The Gospel reading from Luke last weekend focused on a favourite topic; the **strength of humility**, which appears at odds of our usual view that situates humility as being vulnerable virtue, associated with being subservient.

The Gospel passage told of how our human desires to be noticed, to gain influence by style, rather than substance, is not what God wants - the Gospel spoke volumes about how our responses in regards to social justice, hospitality and compassion - two of our school Mercy values - speaks more about us than does our appearance and persona.

The message of ambition and seeking what is deemed 'good' is not undermined; however, if, our pursuit comes at the expense of others who are disadvantaged by our actions, then last weekend's Gospel reading resonates strongly as a message that demands our reflection and action. As a school that endeavours to view our actions through a WEST (Welcoming; Encouraging; Sorry; Thankful) lens, the virtue of humility is, arguably, an imperative. We cannot welcome others if we do not have a sense of their importance (hence a degree of humility on our behalf); we cannot encourage others if we do not have a sense of another's worth; we cannot say sorry if we do not appreciate our own failings at times; we cannot thank others unless we have a sense of gratitude, which is itself an expression of subtle humility.

Today's Newsletter contains many pictures that endeavour to capture the spirit and character of our school of which I am proud - our basketball and soccer commitments, our recent Father's Day prayer service and breakfast, class news, P & F news, our involvement in community outreach such as Mini-Vinnies. However, it is a pride couched in the humility of appreciating how it is through the united and focused **efforts of many** that we

can cherish a culture that both appreciates excellence, whilst acknowledging how this journey is often a **personal undertaking**.

Regards, Rod Linhart

Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR (Items in red are recently added.)

SEPTEMBER

Monday 2nd	9.00am Year 4 Prayer assembly 5.30pm Childcare Board meeting
Tuesday 3rd	6.00pm School P & F meeting
Wed 4th	9.30am Years 4 and 1 Parish Mass
Friday 6th	Mrs Meech & Mrs Kingshott attending STEM PL
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
Thursday 19th	School drama performance at the Deloraine Youth Drama Festival
Monday 23rd	Coastal Young Voices competition
Tuesday 24th	Coastal Young Voices competition
Friday 27th	Footy colours day & morning assembly - No canteen (pie & saveloys) Final day of term 3 - commencing holidays as of 3.00pm

SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2019

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

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

Staff News

Mrs McIver, Mrs Kingshott, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Marshall, Mrs Adams, Mr O'Brien and Mr Linhart will be supporting students during next week's Years 5 and 6 Canberra Trip. Mr Atkins will assume responsibility for supporting staff, students and families of St Patrick's in Mr Linhart's absence, and he will complete next week's Newsletter.

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

WEST Award

Congratulations to Melia Sesara (Year 2) who received a WEST certificate during Monday's morning assembly, and also to Arlo Valentine-Smith for receiving the August 'Aussie of the Month' certificate for his care and concern for others.. 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: Alexander (Prep)

Dooley House: Henry (Prep)

Martyn House: Owen (Prep)

Japanese News (Sensei Morice)

This term students from Year 3 to Year 6 have been focusing our Japanese communication skills, counting, colours, Japanese folk stories and c u l t u r a l connections. Japanese Greetings: Ohayou (Gozaimasu) - Good morning Konichiwa - hello Yaho/ Yo - hey Yaho, Genki? - Hey, how is it going? Konbanwa - Good evening Oyasumi (nasai) - Good night Sayourana - Good bye (formal) bye-bye/Matane - Good bye. The below collage display showcases the Year 3 efforts in matching different Iro (colour) popcorn using hashi (chopsticks) to the correct Iro (colour) plate. What are the students learning here? They are developing their Japanese vocabulary and abilities to use chopsticks to sort different Japanese colours in a cooperative team effort. Over the next few weeks, students will be focusing on counting age, describing hobbies/likes and dislikes.

PE Changes Next Week

Student in Prep, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 are to wear their PE uniform on Monday instead of Thursday. Year 1 students will still wear their PE uniform on Thursday.

Library News

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

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Caleb Banks for great listening and trying his best.

Year 1: Harper Clark for great listening skills and always being ready to share her thoughts and answer questions.

Year 2: Oliver Parry for participating well with hands-on maths tasks in maths groups.

Year 3: Thomas Marshall for his enthusiasm shown during our drama improvisation unit.

Year 4: Keira Emery for her application towards literacy tasks.

Year 5: Riley Molendyk for trying hard to complete and neatly present all set tasks within the given timeframe.

Year 6: Logan Lamprey for being always positive and always hard working.





Year 5's Animal Collage Art (Mrs Kingshott)

A part of Year 5's Visual Art experiences students have used many elements of art to create a collage of an animal. Firstly, the students created a crayon pattern on A3 cardboard depicting different types and thickness of lines, shapes and colours. Some students also applied a coat of paint over the crayon patterns. These individual creations were then torn into strips to then be shared with other members of the classroom giving each piece of art work a communal element. The torn strips had to be glued in a radiating formation onto a larger sheet of cardboard. Students used crayons and paint, to add detail to the eyes and noses. Once the facial features were glued in place, the last step was to add the detail of the mouths, ears, fur or feathers. The students are looking forward to sharing their finished collages in assembly.



COMPASS Family Login Letters and Guide

Last week families were provided with unique Compass Login details and a Compass Guide for Families to help get started with using Compass. A reminder to please read through the guide carefully and use your login details to login on 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 or ask at the office.

As an incentive for our parents to login to Compass, we will be running a short competition. The first 100 parents who login will be entered (via a link on the Compass homepage) into a draw to win a \$50 uniform shop voucher. Thanks to our parents who have already accessed Compass - if you have not already; please click on the link in the newsfeed to enter the draw.

Emergency Practice

Within the next 6 weeks, whilst at recess or lunch, we will hold an unannounced emergency practice with staff & 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 fire evacuation drills, we recognised the worth to test this process. We have plans in place to make this practice as least disruptive as able. If you have queries please call our Safety Officer, Simon Natoli on 0400 105 476.

Mathematics Books

Teachers sent student Mathematics books home with children last week. This hopefully allowed parents the opportunity to review some of the work that is covered in class, to engage in some focused conversations with children and to provide scope for similarly focused conversations with teachers. The home-school partnership is a crucial support relationship for student progress and parents are welcome to note in their child's diary or ring the school office to organise parent-student-teacher meetings to discuss any aspect of a child's education at St Patrick's. Religion books will be sent home during week ten, the final week of term 3, for further parent-child conversations.

Year 1 Maths

This term Year 1 started looking at place value. We started with a pile of icy pole sticks - wondering how many were there? We talked about finding an easier way to count them all. So we bundled the sticks up into groups of ten and then set to counting. There was 1766 icy pole sticks! We have also been looking at modelling numbers with tens and ones.



Careers with STEM (Mrs Badcock)

Both Digital and Design Technologies have been included in the curriculum for all Australian schools. Recent articles in ABC News have highlighted the growing number of jobs in these areas and the shortage of applicants. After the recent STEM Night and the creative design efforts in each classroom it is encouraging that students are developing skills and interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The website www.careerswithstem.com.au is a great resource. It has engaging and informative topics. Children can take a quiz "What is your perfect space career?" or learn about the the differences between chemical engineering and civil engineering, the jobs of Batchelorette's Chelsea and Sogan.





Mini Vinnies

Chess Champs!

It was a very tightly fought contest between our two student chess stars, Thomas and Himash. Congratulations to Himash who was awarded 1st prize in our school Chess Tournament, which was conducted during lunch-times by our school chaplain, Mr Angliss.



On Friday the 9th of August, the Mini Vinnies group, accompanied by Mr Atkins and Lorraine Young, walked to our local Latrobe Vinnies store, to donate their knitted blankets, scarves, beanies and gloves that have been knitted by the group and with the amazing assistance of family and wider school community members. Vinnies were very grateful for our donations.



Congratulations to our basketball and soccer players, their generous coaches and supportive families - the opportunity to be part of team teaches numerous character-building qualities!



Kinder 2020

A reminder to all current families who have children commencing in Kinder 2020, to please make sure their enrolment forms have been submitted as soon as possible to avoid missing out on a spot as Kinder enrolments for 2020 are now being confirmed. Thank you to Mrs Stoessiger and Mrs Klug for continuing to offer an outstanding Birth to 4 program, 'Inquiring Minds', each Friday from 9.00am to 10.30am.



Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents Council Conference & AGM

All are welcome to the Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents Council Conference and AGM Saturday 14 September. It is free of charge - morning tea and lunch are included. As this is the 60th Anniversary of a State parent body, there will be a celebration dinner after the conference, details are on the flyer below. If you are interested, please contact Mr Linhart or our school P & F president, Tameika Anthony, who can provide you with further information.

School P & F

The St Patrick's Catholic School Parents & Friends group will meet tonight, Tuesday 3rd September, beginning at 6.00pm in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome and discussions include fundraising and supporting educational initiatives.— a light snack and drinks will be available and the meeting is 'child-friendly.'



Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents Council

60th Anniversary 1959 - 2019

Conference and AGM

Need and Choice

Creating Better Learning Outcomes

Saturday 14th September 2019

Speakers will include:

- His Grace, Archbishop Porteous – Patron of the TCSPC
- Ciaran McDonald, Head of Campus - St Francis Flexible Learning Centre
- Peter Hamill, Deputy Director – National Catholic Education Commission
- John Mula, Executive Director – Catholic Education Tasmania
- Dr Alistair Richardson – Bookend Trust
- Deputy Premier, the Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP

10:00 AM to 4:30 PM St Patrick's College, Croagh Patrick Campus, 251 Peel Street Prospect 7250

Morning Tea and Lunch Provided – please advise of any dietary requirements with RSVP

60th Anniversary Dinner

Kings Bridge Bar & Restaurant

147 Paterson St Launceston

\$40.00 per head (after TCSPC subsidy)

Drinks not included

5:30pm

RSVP: by emailing executiveofficer@catholicparentstas.com.au by 2 September 2019

Payment for Dinner to : Catholic Development Fund BSB: 067-000 Account No: 10049841

Please Include Reference: TCSPARENTSC DINNER and your Surname

Father's Day Breakfast

Many thanks to the many fathers who attended last Friday's prayer service and breakfast - it was great to see you all.





REMINDERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

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.'

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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