

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honourable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well." This quote that alludes to 'success' by the nineteenth century essayist and philosopher, Ralph Waldo Emerson, reflects an unselfishness that social scientists in 150 years time who study the early 21st century might find lacking. For five decades, researchers at *The Pacific Institute* have been studying what comprises success. After all these years of studying and researching, they believe that they can conclude with the utmost confidence that the secret of success is "attitude." People who succeed do not have fewer problems than other people; they do not start out with greater brainpower, or better parents, or more money, either. As a matter of fact, their research identified that sometimes starting out working against incredible odds can act as an enhancer of the resilient, positive attitude that they associated with success. These individuals appeared to have a way of looking at things, a way of seeing obstacles as possibilities, and a way of 'hanging in there' and making the most of every opportunity, which almost guarantees success.

As celebrated climber, Royal Robbins, once reported, "When it's been a long day of climbing, and I feel like I can't go any further, I concentrate on the next metre...and then the next metre...and then the next metre. Pretty soon, I'm at the top." Successful people have the attitude that supports being flexible, optimistic and hard-working. The good news about attitudes is that they can be changed, and we are, to a degree, in charge of our own attitudes. Mother Teresa rose to prominence because she 'thought big, but concentrated on the small.' She famously stated that, "If you cannot feed a hundred people, feed one." As the 'demands' of Christmas step up a notch, we can take great solace from those around us whose positive, compassionate, hospitable, respectful and merciful attitude inspire us. What will be our attitude toward our "next metre?"

Regards,

Rod Linhart (Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

DECEMBER

Wed 11th	Casual clothes day - Mini-Vinnies fund-raising initiative to support bushfire affected communities 9.30am Prep and Year 5 attend the Parish Mass
11.30am	Mini-Vinnies group deliver gifts collected to the local Vinnie's store. 6.00pm - 7.30pm School Community Shared Meal and Get-Together— school grounds.
Thursday 12th	Year 6 excursion - Launceston
Friday 13th	School Canteen to operate as usual. Prep excursion - Wings Wildlife Park Cheree (Counsellor) visiting Pool sessions - classes rostered to visit the pool for an 80 minute block.
Monday 16th	5.00pm Year 6 Liturgy at St Patrick's Catholic Church Latrobe 6.30pm Year 6 Leavers' Dinner, Axeman's Hall of Fame.
Tuesday 17th	End of year reports and School Yearbook distributed.
Wed 18th	9.00am Year 6 Awards Assembly. Final school day for students - Sports uniform to be worn please.
Thursday 19th	Final school day for staff - the school office will be unattended from 12.30pm to 2.00pm.

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

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

WEST Award

Congratulations to Jimmy Tueon (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: Harper Clark

Dooley House: Wilf McGann

Martyn House: Allie Hardimon

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Alexander Fawcner for a stellar performance in our Nativity Play.

Year 1: Hudson Brumby for making great contributions to class discussions.

Year 2: Sherlin Golamari for her application to learning and progress in spelling.

Year 3: Sophie Mulcahy for her positive attitude and application to learning tasks throughout the year.

Year 4: Monty Manion for his positive application and attitude towards completing his tasks.

Year 5: Luca Adams for her persistent attitude toward learning her spelling list to improve her weekly spelling test results.

Year 6: Ethan Richardson for his outstanding attitude and application.

LIBRARY (Mrs Carter) Last week was our **final week of school library** borrowing. Please inform your child's teacher if you would like your child to bring home levelled readers over the holidays and we will organise this for you.

Student Achiever

Rose took part in Tech Steps dance production of Three Wishes this past weekend and received her certificate for completing her level one jazz dancing exams.

Staff News

Mrs Badcock was away yesterday morning - Mr Atkins taught Year 2; Mrs Fenton is on leave Thursday and Friday- Mrs Badcock will teach Year 2.

School Community Shared Meal - Tomorrow, Wednesday 11th December 6.00-7.30pm

Families are warmly invited to attend a shared meal in the school grounds on Wednesday 11th December from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. There will be a BBQ available and we will be offering free sausages and burgers (some chicken and veggie burgers will be available); families are asked to please bring a salad that can be shared, and their own drinks. A free ice-cream in a cone will also be distributed at 7.00pm and some sports gear will be available. Please feel welcome to come along and hopefully enjoying some new or familiar company in the lead into the holiday season.

2020 Classes - Orientation morning.

Classes had the opportunity last Tuesday to get a taste for both their new classroom space - Year 3 were generally very excited about getting to move after being in the same classroom for the past three years - and for most students, a 'new' teacher. Teachers are completing 2020 'Welcome' letters, which will include labelling details for stationery items; these letters will be distributed in next week's Newsletter. A reminder to please ensure stationery items are purchased as detailed in the stationery lists that were previously distributed. Please contact the school office if you require another copy of the booklist.



Details for Wednesday 17th December (Final school day for students - **sports uniform please.**)

9.00am assembly including:

- A showcase to the school of the Year 6 digital presentation (this will be shown at the Leavers' Liturgy on Monday evening).
- Year 6 Awards.
- Kinder-Year 6 Farewell song and Year 6 awards conferred.

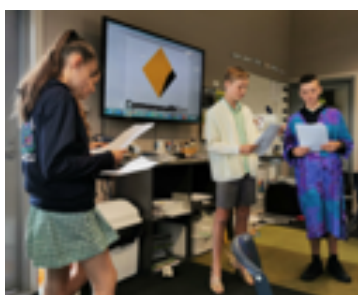
10.00 -10:50: From assembly students disperse to one of the following activities: educational movie; board games; outdoor games; sustainability initiatives.

Lunch: A BBQ (sausage in bread), drink and icy-pole will be provided to students.

2:40pm Students return to classes to be dismissed at 2.50pm

Year 6 News

In Year Six this term students have had a greater opportunity to let their creativity shine through with a focus on Visual Art and Drama. The students looked at the technique of shading to produce some truly outstanding pieces of art work that are on display in the Year Six classroom. In Drama the students looked at the different elements involved in creating an effective performance and delivered group plays to our class. The highlight being some of the fabulous costumes that got put together.



Prep Nativity Play

The Preps performed their beautiful Nativity Play for the Kinder class last Thursday, their parents and families last Friday morning and to the school yesterday. Mrs Jak and Mrs Adams were right to be proud of the performances and participation by their children - several weeks of rehearsals certainly enabled the children to feel confident and for their respective audiences to feel grateful.



School Canteen - Our Final School Canteen for 2019 will be this Friday 13th December. Thank you for your support and special thanks to Tameika, Lorraine and Carl.

Second Week of Advent Prayer

Dear Jesus,

You entered our world at Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.



PARENTS & FRIENDS

Sunrise Bakery Christmas Fundraiser orders have now closed, delivery will be Tuesday 17th December. Thank you to all families who have placed orders.

REMINDERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

'Inquiring Minds': final session this Friday 13th December.

St Patrick's Catholic School, Latrobe, is offering its final 'Inquiring Minds Birth to 4 program session this Friday 13th December. This session will be held was an informal 'get-together' at Bell's Parade. For further information please contact Mrs Stoessiger or Mrs Klug.

Care and Concern

Always please contact your child's teacher, the office staff or Mr Linhart if you feel we could offer support in any way to anyone in our school community in need.



School Pool Day - Friday 13th December. (School Canteen will operate as usual.)

All students in Year 1 to Year 6 are invited to participate in a school picnic day on Friday 13th December 2019. This is a school event and students are under the direct supervision of St Patrick's Catholic School and Latrobe Swim Centre staff who will provide a lifeguard; any parents who wish to attend the picnic are asked to respect the school's level of responsibility for this event please. Details include:

- 9.30am - 10.40am: Years 1 and 2 classes to use the pool and pool grounds (ball games)
- 11.30am - 12.40pm: Years 5 and 6 to use the pool and pool grounds (ball games)
- 1.30-2.40 : Years 3 and 4 classes to use the pool and pool grounds (ball games)

One class at a time will be in the pool for 20-minute durations in their blocks of 80 minutes. Sunscreen will be available – children may bring their own from home if preferred. Students may wear bathers to school, however, they will require clean underclothes - students are not to wear wet bathers underneath their **sports uniform**. Permission forms were due back at school by last Friday 6th.

Online safety: A reminder that the eSafety Commissioner is an excellent source of information for parents on promoting online safety.



Thank you to Senator Lambie

Thank you to Senator Lambie who recently presented the school with a new Australian flag to replace our previous flag that was showing wear and tear.

Mersey Leven Catholic Parish Christmas Mass Times 2019

OUR LADY OF LOURDES, Stewart Street, Devonport
Christmas Eve 6pm Children's Mass
8pm Family Mass

ST PATRICK'S, Gilbert Street, Latrobe
Christmas Day 10am

HOLY CROSS, High Street, Sheffield
Christmas Day 9:30am

ST JOSEPH'S MASS CENTRE, Arthur Street, Port Sorell
Christmas Day 8:30am

SACRED HEART Alexandra Road, Ulverstone
Christmas Eve 6pm Children's Mass

ST MARY'S King Edward Street, Penguin
Christmas Eve 8pm Family Mass

