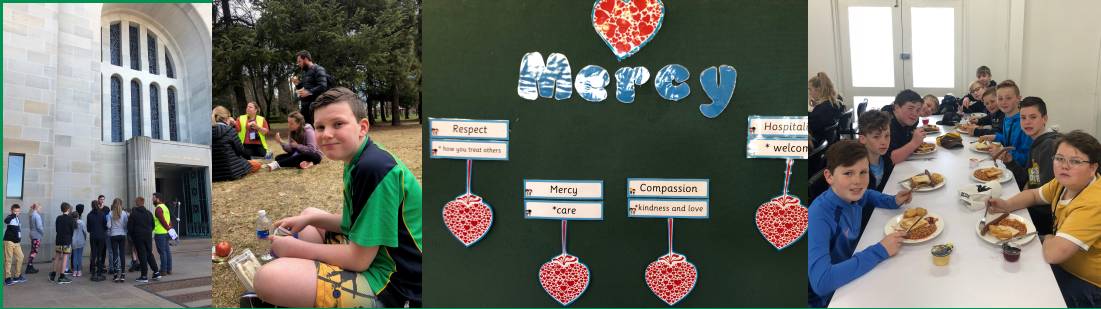


St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

I had the great fortune to listen to many conversations between our Years 5 and 6 students and the six of our staff who accompanied the group during last week's five-day Canberra trip. Our informal conversations together were reassuring – after 36 years of teaching and attending such trips there is such promise in youth, and my complete admiration for the dedicated adults who staff our school was again enhanced. There is considerable trepidation in preparing for such an adventure, and staff were alert and aware of their heightened responsibilities; however, despite the ever-present alertness and elevated sense of responsibility, I felt humbled by the experience of spending 110 hours with people who genuinely appear to appreciate the values that we try to promote at St Patrick's.

Adventures such as these excursions involve having faith in 'change', which ultimately helps create character by developing 'faith' - in oneself; in others; in a community; in God. One very important learning for me during this very busy and sometimes challenging time together was an appreciation of the process involved in any faith development. Respectful relationships are paramount in the success of these trips and it is the manner in which we all engage in individual challenges that tempers the formation of character as we, in turn, engage in group or collaborate responsibilities that helps distil the essential ingredients of faith formation, which include:

1. Encounter (a personal experience by the person in truly understanding the reality of the truth of what it means to be in a relationship);
2. Knowledge (being aware of our traditions);
3. Community Identity (showing our collective concern for social justice through action);
4. Celebration (being part of affirming who we are).

All participants in last week's Canberra trip certainly were involved in encounter, gained knowledge, developed a sense of their part in various communities and had good reason to celebrate - as a group we increased our faith in ourselves and others by experience that was characterised by 'change.' It might come as a surprise to some but the Catholic tradition is always changing, is quite radical, however, it is change based on a continuity that is based on a rich tradition, founded upon prayer, reflection, meditation – the essential introspective aspects of knowing self. It is also characterised by outreach – reaching out to the marginalised, trying to fill an emotional, physical and spiritual vacuum.

Intrinsic to any educational process is change, hopefully positive and affirming. Guiding and facilitating change, as any parent would attest, can involve times when one's patience is tried. I thank the many families who have provided the school and our staff with the necessary trust in our endeavours to bring about positive change in children's lives. We all need to be challenged at times and I pray that in all our conversations we are open to the perspectives of others. We should always be prepared to discuss our mutual interests in a spirit of courtesy and consideration. I take heart from the following passage from the book of Psalms, "Test me, Oh Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind". Our actions and decisions do not always bring about happiness for all, however, if we recognise a need to reflect from both our 'heart and head', hopefully others can come to understand the reasons for decisions that may be difficult for some to accept.

Regards, Rod Linhart

Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR (Items in red are recently added.)

SEPTEMBER

Monday 16th	6.00pm School Board meeting Prep morning assembly School vocal ensemble perform - Devonport Eisteddfod
Wed 18th	9.30am Prep & Year 5 Parish Mass School choir perform - Devonport Eisteddfod
Thursday 19th	School entry in the Deloraine Youth Drama Festival
Monday 23rd	Coastal Young Voices competition
Tuesday 24th	Coastal Young Voices competition
Friday 27th	Footy Colours Day P & F special footy colours day canteen (usual canteen orders will not be offered today)

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 Ruth Nicolle (Year 5) 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: Ava Araroa

Dooley House: Evie Bracken

Martyn House: Thomas Hartwell

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Edmund Barker for an excellent effort with all of his work; Peyton Allford for trying hard to improve her handwriting.

Year 1: Leon Garrad for his great improvement in writing.

Year 2: Melia Sesara for consistently making positive choices in the classroom.

Year 3: Ekam Gill for creating a great map of Australia's natural features.

Year 4: Abbie Venton for working with diligence in class and being a positive role model for her peers.

Year 5: Ruth Nicolle for being a responsible role model, who was a reliable assistant to Mrs Jak, while in Prep class.

Year 6: Arlo Valentine-Smith for his outstanding, insightful and articulate contributions during the Canberra excursion; Zander Lee for his kindness, care and willingness to help others whilst in Canberra.

Winter-Summer Uniform Transition

Winter-Summer uniform transition begins any day this week, 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 is included with this newsletter for reference.

COMPASS Family Login Letters and Guide

All families have been 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.

St Patrick's will be making the transition from Skoolbag to Compass during the remainder of the term. We envisage that from Term 4 onwards, all push notifications and other information usually sent out via Skoolbag will only come through Compass. Thank you to those parents and guardians that have already made the switch over to using compass via the app and/or website.

Please contact Tameka in the office if you have misplaced your login details.

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.

Religion Books

Religion books will be sent home this week or next week, the final weeks of term 3, for further parent-child conversations. This resource hopefully allows 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.

Kindergarten Outdoor Transition

As part of a transition for kindergarten students into their 2020 five day primary school experience, we will be inviting kindergarten students to engage in play in the primary school playground, beginning Thursday 19th September – this will enable the children a four-day primary playground experience prior to the September holidays. Kinder students will have the specific assistance and support of a 'class cobbler' from an older grade, who will be meeting with the kindergarten class to develop some friendship networks; these 'class cobblers' will offer specific student support for kindergarten children, especially in the early phase of this transition. Kindergarten students will still be welcome to use their own toilets and the kindergarten gate to the primary playground will be left open. The primary playground gates will be secured and staff will provide extra vigilance.

Devonport Eisteddfod

Congratulations to our school vocal ensemble performers Melanie, Matilda, Amelia, Lily, Emily, Basmala, Zaria, Stella, Talei and Abbie who competed in their section in the Devonport Eisteddfod yesterday, being awarded 2nd place for their performance.

St Patrick's School Choir (Wednesday morning 18th September)will be performing in the Devonport Eisteddfod. The group will be leaving school at 9:00am and returning at 10.30am. The venue for both days is the Devonport Entertainment Centre.

We wish the very best to the following students: Gideon, Nathan, Ava F, Kale, Melanie, Matilda, Liam, Amelia, Lily, Grace, Emily, Basmala, Zaria, Stella, Talei, Loretta, Georgie, Tully, and Abbie. Parents wishing to watch the performance will need to purchase a ticket at the Devonport Entertainment Centre.



MERSEYLINK

Bus Services are Changing

Devonport, Latrobe, Ulverstone & Port Sorell bus users

Have your say on proposed changes to north west bus services.

View draft timetables and maps at: www.transport.tas.gov.au/haveyoursay

Fill out the feedback form at: [Department of State Growth Feedback Form](#)

Call: 6166 3343

Email: ptscontracts@stategrowth.tas.gov.au

Feedback closes 27th October 2019

REMINDERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

P&F News

The P&F will be holding a lunch day on the final day of term, Friday 27th September to coincide with Footy Colours Day. Party Pies, Cocktail Saveloys and Ice cream will be on offer. **Normal school canteen will not be running this day.** Order forms have gone out in today's newsletter, Order cut off is Tuesday 24th September. No late orders will be accepted.

You may have noticed a bright green ticket, that went out with last week's newsletter. This is a raffle ticket for the chance to win 1 night's accommodation at the Country Club Villas in Launceston. There is a maximum of 100 tickets for sale @ \$5 per ticket. Each family should have received 1 ticket. The raffle will be drawn at the footy colours day assembly. If you didn't receive a ticket and would like one, please see Tameka at the office.

Devonport Junior Soccer 2019

Please make sure that all players return their soccer tops back to the school office by this Friday 20th September. We still have quite a few unreturned tops at this stage.

School Photos 2020 - Final reminder

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.'

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

Mersey Leven Annual Rosary Pilgrimage

The Mersey Leven Parish is holding its 17th Annual Rosary Pilgrimage on Sunday 6th of October.

Please refer to further information on the below link or see invitations posted in all Church foyers.

<http://mlcathparish.blogspot.com/>



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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