

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

The weekend's Gospel reading from Luke contains a provocative line - "none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions". It would seem that, over the centuries, many have taken this quite literally, removing all possessions from their lives. However, like much of the bible, a literal interpretation is not necessarily what is required; I think that I, like many, would struggle to remove all material possessions from my life, although, there is no doubt that I could do to get rid of a few things.

Another way to think of this teaching is to simply consider what is stopping us from living Jesus in our hearts? What are the things in our lives that prevent us from using our gifts to help others? Some of these things may be material possessions, either the things we already own or the things that we want to own. For example, a child, or an adult for that matter, may spend every waking moment either playing on or thinking about their Playstation. Hence, their mind is so filled with this, that there is little room for the consideration of others. This is not to say that Playstations are bad, however, having an awareness of the impact that material possessions like this can have is the message to consider. But, our "possessions" are not only material, they can be a way of thinking. For example, the overpowering need to win or to be right can get in the way of our ability to show WEST values. The challenge is for us to identify these things and to encourage our children to identify the "possessions" that may be preventing them from fully living Jesus in their hearts.

I know that the whole St Patrick's Catholic School community will be thinking of our Year 5s and 6s, as well as the teaching staff accompanying them, while they are on their Canberra trip. This wonderful experience, culminating from an enormous amount of hard work from the entire community, will be something that the 2019 Year 5 and 6 students will remember for a lifetime. Furthermore, the hands on, real life experiences that they will encounter should be invaluable in the development of their knowledge through the democracy unit that they are

currently studying in class. We look forward to hearing all of the exciting tales and experiences from the students and teaching staff upon their return.

The previous weekend was a wonderful celebration for our Sacramental Candidates who partook in the Sacrament of First Eucharist. This was the final event in their sacramental initiation journey, and it was most pleasing to see the joy in their faces as they were fully inducted into the community of the church. Congratulations to Thomas, Wilf, Emily and Peter.

Kind regards,

Kurt Atkins
Deputy Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

(Items in red are recently added.)

SEPTEMBER

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 4th Oct - Wednesday 18th December.

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

WEST Award

Congratulations to Georgie Tueon (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 - Not drawn this week

Students of the week

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

Year 1: Not allocated due to Canberra Excursion.

Year 2: Jon Stendt for his positive application to spelling tasks.

Year 3: Oliver Gatehouse for his consistent effort with the addition and subtraction algorithms in Mathematics.

Year 4: Gideon Barker for his great efforts and contributions to Drama activities.

Year 5: Not allocated due to Canberra Excursion.

Year 6: Not allocated due to Canberra Excursion.

Transitioning from Skoolbag to Compass

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.**



Protecting Privacy Online

Protecting your own privacy online is important, but it is equally, if not more important to protect the privacy of your children. Teaching them about online privacy should start from an early age, and modelling good online behaviours is critical. Having awareness of where your personal information could end up, depending on the types of sites you are sharing information on, is extremely important. Information shared online could potentially be there forever, so it is vital that children have the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions now and into the future. The Australian eSafety Office provides a range of helpful advice regarding online privacy for children.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/privacy-child>

Basketball Spring Roster

We have a number of students playing with teams in the Devonport Spring Roster. Games begin this week, and rosters have been sent home with students.

Shamrocks: (1/2 Girls) Bye

Bears: (1/2 Boys) 4.10pm Wednesday, 11th Sep. (Court 1)

Leprechauns: (3/4 Girls) 4.50pm Friday, 13th Sep. (Court 1)

5/6 Girls and boys who have registered in the roster have been placed with students from other schools.

5/6 Boys are in the Nikes team and play at 5.30pm this Friday, 13th Sep (Court 2)

5/6 Girls are in the Jays team and play at 5.30pm this Friday, 13th Sep. (Youth Centre)

Please advise players that rosters are available online

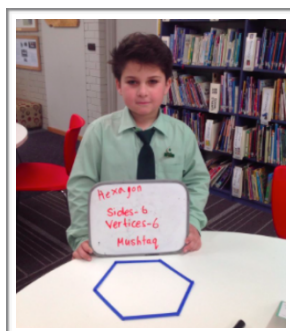
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Year 2 – Life would be ‘pointless’ without Geometry

Students have been exploring the features of 2D shapes, and practising using accurate mathematical terminology to describe their features. Throughout inquiry, students discussed the attributes of 2D shapes by analysing the number of sides and corners. Year 2 are focussing on describing features of 3D shapes, and they have started experimenting with drawing and labelling some 3D attributes. Many students have been excited to expand their vocabulary as they discussed edges, faces and vertices. Our ‘shape hunt’ was a particular highlight. Plenty of interesting discussion occurred as we explored polygon names. Students were intrigued to discover that a soccer ball is covered in black pentagons and white hexagons, and the humble 50 cent coin is a fancy dodecagon!

Deep engagement has been observed as students have participated in hands-on learning experiences. They have been building with Geostix, Geoboards, 2D pattern blocks, solid 3D shapes, drawing and labelling shapes, and creating 3D animal nets. Small group activities have facilitated a variety of learning modes, including interactive digital experiences, allowing students to develop, consolidate and extend their knowledge, understanding and skills.

Mrs Fenton



REMINDERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

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 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.'

Library News

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

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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First Communion



Peter, Emily, Thomas & Wilf

*May you always know the peace of Jesus,
the light of His love,
and the joy of His life within you.*

