

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



School Newsletter Number 10 April 11th 2017

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Holy week reveals everything about us as frail human beings. We can see ourselves in the jubilant crowds of Palm Sunday as we welcome Jesus as he rides into Jerusalem in the hope that he can lead us from our various tyrannies and restore 'our rightful place' in the community. We can see ourselves feeling slightly humbled but very affirmed by Jesus's actions in his washing of his disciples' feet. And if we are honest, we can relate only too well to the lack of fortitude displayed by Jesus's disciples as they leave Jesus isolated and alone at his hour of need. It is easy for us to agree in principle with Mahatma Gandhi's statement that, "The only tyrant I accept in this world is the 'still small voice' within me", while the reality that we live with indicates a daily compromise of principles in a quest to win the support of a fickle friend or satisfy a colleague or appease a 'difficult' family member.

Holy week is a reminder of our own lack of commitment to important and enduring principles; such a feeling could make us either wallow in our own inadequacies or cause us to move away from our spiritual self because of the sense of personal failure. However, the beauty that is Holy Week is the message of redemption and love in that it is the love that, in St Paul's words continues 'to endure, to trust, to hope' for the best from people even when experiencing the worst. As we hear the Gospel read to us we know that we are being challenged to love like Jesus, even when we know the meanness and pettiness of our own hearts. Maybe that is why we stand in wonder at the Passion. God knows each of our hearts through and through and still invites each of us to love with the Passion of Christ.

Loving God,

in the coming days we hope to share with your Son,
his journey into Passion and Death through to
Resurrection.

May we accept the grace he poured out upon us. May we forgive with his love and in his reconciling Spirit. May his love transform the mean, petty, selfish, broken places of our hearts. May his healing spirit transform our angry, hateful, violent impulses.

May we live from the life he poured out.

May his faithfulness to you make us faithful in our relationships.

We ask this in his name, confident that you will hear us.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

April

- Monday 10th 9:00am Morning prayer assembly - Holy Week theme.
- Tuesday 11th 3:30-7:00pm Parent-Student-Teacher meetings.
- Wed 12th 3:30-7:00pm Parent-Student-Teacher meetings.
- Thursday 13th Holy Thursday - Final day of term 1 - Project Compassion boxes returned please.
- Tuesday 25th 9:40am meet for the ANZAC Day march.

May

- Monday 1st Term 2 commences (full winter uniform). Year 6 student leader presentations during morning assembly
- Wednesday 3rd LOTE activity Day at school.
- Thursday 4th St Brendan-Shaw community open session 11:00-12:30pm.
- Friday 5th 9:00-10:45am Playgroup (Kinder classroom)
- Monday 8th 9:00am Year 6 morning prayer assembly
- Tuesday 9th 12:45-2:30pm Tasmanian Parents & Friends Association Parent Information Session (school assembly hall - afternoon tea served)
- Wed 10th NAPLAN Testing (Years 3 & 5) 9:30am Year 6 & Year 2 Mass
- Thursday 11th NAPLAN Testing (Years 3 & 5) St Brendan-Shaw community open session 11:00-12:30pm.
- Friday 12th 8:00am Mother's Day breakfast (assembly hall). 9:00-10:45am Playgroup (Kinder classroom)
- Monday 15th 9:00am Year 2 morning prayer assembly 6:00pm School Board Meeting
- Tuesday 16th St Brendan-Shaw community open session 11:00-12:30pm.
- Wed 10th 9:30am Year 2 & Year 6 Mass

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2017

- Term 1: Thursday 9th February - Thursday 13th April
- Term 2: Monday 1st May-Friday 7th July
- Term 3: Monday 24th July-Friday 29th September
- Term 4: Tuesday 17th October-Thursday 21st December

55 Bradshaw Street Latrobe, Tasmania 7307

Telephone: (03) 6426 1626

Facsimile: (03) 6426 2697

E-mail: stpatlat@catholic.tas.edu.au

www.stpatlatrobe.tas.edu.au

School Banking Details:

BSB Acct: 067-000 Acct: 1027-3325

Staff News

Regional Network Meetings were held in Ulverstone last week for teachers from Kindergarten to Year 6. These meetings were coordinated by the state's Catholic Educational Officers. Teachers worked together with their peers from other North West schools to explore and consolidate curriculum goals in their year levels. To maximise student's learning around digital technologies and ICT capabilities, ACARA aims to support schools in regional areas. Mrs Badcock has been invited to a workshop in Sydney today with teachers from other regional areas to explore how knowledge, understanding and skills in this area can be delivered in our school in effective and sustainable ways.

Digital Technology and Computational Thinking

The new Digital Technology curriculum in primary schools focuses on developing foundational skills in computational thinking. The Year 5 class have been working with binary numbers. The binary system is a base two system that uses only zeros and ones. This system is used internally in computer-based devices. Students learnt how digital systems use whole numbers for representing different types of data.

Sounds tricky? It's not!

Here are their thoughts:

- Lucas I "You only use zeros and ones and there is a doubling pattern to the numbers. You write binary as zeros and ones."
- Piper "I learnt how to use them and how they work. I liked it. It was easy."
- Ashlin "We had to use the binary numbers to figure out the letters. They are used to send signals through the internet. This is how you can send a message."
- Lucas H "If you want to send a message or text we type a letter but the message is sent in binary. The computer changes the binary to letters, pictures or sounds. It does this extremely quickly."
- Krystal " It was interesting. There is an on and an off and how you use the on and off is how you make the numbers. I noticed that as you go up there was a pattern-1, 2, 4, 8, 16. I understood the pattern. It is cool how you can make the alphabet and code it with binary."

Airbnb and Uber are prime examples of new businesses that own little in the way of physical assets but are effectively using digital systems to transmit data. We are teaching these skills with the aim of our students becoming the future designers rather than solely users of digital technology.

Year 2 News

This term students in Year 2 have had a focus on the author Nick Bland. Nick wrote The Very Cranky, Hungry, Itchy Bear stories along with a range of other imaginative and entertaining texts. Students created their own "10 ways to Wake Up a Bear" lists and wrote a "Letter to a Monster". The use of adjectives in Nick Bland's books was examined and students have tried to make their own writing more imaginative. Students also made some "beary" nice art work.



Easter Egg Raffle

Tickets will be 50 cents and raffles will be drawn during our afternoon school assembly at 2:20pm on Thursday 13th April.

Project Compassion - "Love Your Neighbour"

On Holy Thursday, 13th April, each class will bring their Project Compassion boxes to the basketball court and fill in an image of a love heart to reflect our theme for this year's Project Compassion, 'Love Your Neighbour'. Many thanks to all who contribute to help others in need. **Families are requested to please ensure their Project Compassion boxes are brought to school on Thursday 13th April.** Many thanks.

Fruit and Rice Day - Wednesday 12th April

On Wednesday the 12th April, we hope students and families support the fruit and rice day, which will simulate the typical diet of many children in some parts of the world who are less fortunate than ourselves. On this day students are asked to bring only fruit to school as a recess snack and at lunch the SRC will provide each student with a bowl of rice and fresh fruit to eat. This participation is voluntary, however, it would be wonderful to see whole-school support as a small token of our gratitude in the light of the poverty of so many and to reflect a real empathy for our neighbours in the light of our Project Compassion theme - Love Your Neighbour - who more often than not, go without much of what we take for granted.

Summer-Winter Uniform Transition

Students have begun the summer-winter uniform transition. Families are reminded that all students are expected to be in full winter uniform at the commencement of term 2 (Monday 1st May). Our Uniform Policy is available on our school website or via our free download Skoolbag app.

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

Congratulations to Zarna Bakes (Prep) who was awarded a WEST certificate during yesterday morning's assembly. We will continue to acknowledge those students who exhibit WEST (*Welcoming, Encouraging; Sorry; Thankful*) qualities by presenting awards at our Monday morning assemblies. Families are always most welcome to attend our weekly assemblies. For the month of March our whole school PBS focus is "**Learning**" and our WEST focus is '**Encouraging**'. We encourage you to talk to your child about this monthly focus and what it means to him or her.

House raffle winners

Byrne House: 62 points Sophie Franklin (Prep)

Dooley House: 64 points Annalee Bidwell (Year 6)

Martyn House: 42 points Charlie Reeman (Year 6)

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Lachlan Riley for trying his best with his writing and reading.

Year 1: Brad Jones for trying hard with his learning.

Year 2: Joshua Warren for always showing respect towards his friends and teachers.

Year 3: Luca Adams for her positive engagement with learning tasks, especially in Mathematics.

Year 4: Ryan Guard for his commitment to complete tasks independently.

Year 5: Brock Rainbird for his commitment and positive attitude towards learning his weekly spelling words.

Year 6: Jaiden Ralph for the thoughtfulness and care he shows at all times.



Year 1 News (Mrs Marshall and Mr O'Brien)

We are very proud of the Grade 1 students who recently have read at the St Patrick's Day assembly, Mass last Wednesday and each of the children who all read at the Grade 1 assembly last week. They are all so eager to have a turn at reading and they all read beautifully! Well done Year 1's! In recent weeks we have been working on recognising and working with numbers to 100 and looking for number patterns in a 100 chart. Last week we began work on counting by 10's, which children did well with and this week we will start working on counting in 10's from any number e.g. 13. Students have also been learning about the different forms of measurement, mostly focusing on length, area and capacity. While on the topic of Maths, can we remind families that you can access the excellent Mathletics program at home. Mathletics is an excellent opportunity for students to consolidate their mathematical understanding of concepts and further build their skills - we HIGHLY recommend it. In HASS we have also been learning about the features of places and becoming more familiar with the natural and constructed features of particular places. In Science this term, students have enjoyed investigating the ways that different substances can change from applying heat or coldness. Students have also been comparing substances that undergo reversible and irreversible changes. It has been a very busy term! Congratulations to Claire, Ruby, Logan, Sophie, Harrison, Lincoln, Joey, Thomas and Cameron - the budding Soccer champions who played their first game on Saturday.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 throughout Australia will be completing NAPLAN tests in the second week of term 2. It is important for parents to note that these tests, although important in that they can provide us with some useful information on student knowledge, understandings and skills, should not place undue pressure or expectation on them 'performing'. Teachers will provide students in Years 3 and 5 with examples of previous NAPLAN tests in order to help students become aware of the type of questions, however, we do not 'teach to the test'. We will, once again, be offering parent information sessions in regards to NAPLAN test results once we receive the student data.

	Tuesday 9 May 2017	Wednesday 10 May 2017	Thursday 11 May 2017
Year 3	Language conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	Language conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	Language conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 55 minutes	Numeracy 60 minutes
Year 9	Language conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 55 minutes	Numeracy 60 minutes



Holy Week is a week of LOVE.

It is this LOVE that makes this week HOLY.

On Palm Sunday, LOVE leads the way to Jerusalem.

That LOVE washes feet on Holy Thursday and gives itself in the Last Supper.

On Good Friday, it is the LOVE on the cross that saves us.

Finally, the tomb is emptied on Easter Sunday.

It is about Jesus. It is about His Love for all of us.

MERSEY LEVEN CATHOLIC PARISH - Holy Week & Easter Ceremonies 2017			
DEVONPORT:	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes Church</i>		
Holy Thursday:	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.30pm	
Good Friday:	<i>(Adoration till 9pm followed by Evening Prayer of the Church)</i>		
Easter Sunday:	Commemoration of the Passion	3.00pm	
	Easter Mass	11.00am	
POWY SCHELL:	<i>St Joseph's Mass Centre</i>		
Good Friday:	Stations of the Cross	10.00am	
Easter Sunday:	Easter Mass	8.00am	
LATRICE:	<i>St Patrick's Church</i>		
Good Friday:	Stations of the Cross	11.00am	
Easter Sunday:	Easter Mass	9.30am	
SHIFFIELD:	<i>Holy Cross Church</i>		
Good Friday:	Stations of the Cross	11.00am	
Easter Sunday:	Easter Mass	11.00am	
GLVERSTONE:	<i>Sacred Heart Church</i>		
Good Friday:	Commemoration of the Passion	3.00pm	
Holy Sunday:	EASTER VIGIL	7.00pm	
Easter Sunday:	Easter Mass	9.30am	
PENGLIN:	<i>St Mary's Church</i>		
Good Friday:	Stations of the Cross	11.00am	
Easter Sunday:	Easter Mass	8.00am	
RECONCILIATION: Monday 10th April - Our Lady of Lourdes Church Devonport, 7pm			
Wednesday 12th April - Sacred Heart Church Glverstone, 7pm			



St Patrick's Parents & Friends

The St Patrick's Catholic School Parents and Friends Committee met today for its Annual General Meeting (AGM) to allow discussion on the plans for 2017 and beyond after the AGM. All parents and family members of St Patrick's Catholic School are eligible to be members of the school Parents and Friends Committee. In last week's Newsletter, invitations were extended seeking indications of interest in the following committee positions:

- Chair.
- Vice-Chair
- Treasurer
- Committee members

According to the Catholic Education Tasmania Parents and Friends Associations Guiding Principles, **nominees should be submitted to the principal prior to the meeting** - nominee forms are available at the school office or can be downloaded from our Schoolbag and website. The P & F Committee ideally has the following guiding principles:

1. Strive to develop at school a real community of parents, teachers and students who reflect a truly Catholic ethos.
2. Work closely with school personnel, especially the principal, to achieve common goals.
3. Provide a healthy forum for ideas for ideas and discussion on relevant issues that will benefit the education off the children.
4. Assist in planning and organising functions associated with the social, sporting, cultural and education life of the school community.
5. Assist with raising funds for school resource needs.



Playground Development

Our school playground is slowly taking on some changes that hopefully will allow students to engage in some tactile play, in addition to having a place that allows a quiet reflection area. The area of our playground that runs alongside Last Street now has some boulders and an all-weather path - many thanks to Greg Leonard from Dig-Ezi landscaping for the expertise and resources that has helped realise this vision of creating an area of tactile play for students of all ages. Our recent opening of our Peace Garden that is located adjacent to the Noone Street entrance eventuated through a successful Housing Choices grant submission and this area should provide all members of the school community with an area of reflection and hopefully become an area that fosters peace - thank you to James and Tracey Harris for their willingness to work with the school on this application and to Kathryn Robinson and Kim Bomford from Housing Choices for their generous support.

REMINDERS

ANZAC Day

Once again we would encourage students and members of families to represent St Patrick's School by their participation in the annual ANZAC Day march on Tuesday 25th April. Please inform the school office of your child's interest in representing the school in the Latrobe ANZAC Day march. Details for your attention include:

- Students to march in **full winter uniform** please.
- Students may wear medals on the right side of their shirts or jumpers, if this is your desire.
- The parade assembles outside the Latrobe Memorial Hall in James Street from 9.30 am and steps off at 9.50 am.
- St Patrick's Catholic School staff will be available to assist with marshalling the children from 9:30am.
- When the parade arrives at the Cenotaph we have been advised that students would be best to find their parents amongst the crowd - ideally, parents should be located on the Latrobe Baptist Church side of the Post Office Reserve, near the Library. Staff will be available to supervise any student whose parents are not easily located and staff will remain near the Cenotaph adjacent to the Latrobe Baptist Church until you pick your child up.

Thank you to those in our school community for showing such pleasing support by representing St Patrick's Catholic School in this important national commemoration. Full winter uniform is required and a school water-proof jacket may be required. Our school captains will lay a wreath on behalf of the school. I look forward to participating in this important day in our community calendar with as many students as possible.

Mother's Day Breakfast – Friday 12th May

Mothers and/or female family members or significant female friends of students are warmly invited to attend a Mother's Day breakfast that is proposed for Friday 12th May from 8:00am to 8:50am, to be held in the school assembly hall. A short prayer and song will be conducted by the children at 8:00am to commence the breakfast, so we ask everyone to be seated by 8:00am please. **R.S.V.P. to the school office by Wednesday 10th May please:** tables will be set with names of respondents so to **avoid disappointment please ensure your R.S.V.P. in time.**

Enrolments for 2018

Applications for Kinder enrolments for 2018 are now being taken. This year we will be conducting interviews as soon as possible after we receive applications - our kinder enrolments have been very pleasing and we are hoping to, once gain, have a healthy interest in enrolments so please let any friends know that we are **now taking enrolments** for 2018 and to avoid disappointment should they decide to apply for enrolment later in the year and discover that we have reached our capacity. Parents and carers wishing to enrol their child/ren for the commencement of the 2018 school year are asked to complete an enrolment form, which is available from the school office.

Date-claimer: Tuesday 9th May 12:45-2:45pm

On the week commencing 8 May 2017, the Tasmanian Catholic School Parents Council will be conducting a series of 2 hour workshops for parents at 13 Catholic Primary Schools throughout Tasmania. The workshops are aimed at helping schools give students and parents the best possible start to early learning and literacy and set the tone for encouraging parent engagement. The workshops communicate the value of parents and teachers working together as partners in children's learning. Successful Learning workshops empower participant knowledge and confidence while building parent skills so they are active partners in their children's learning. These workshops form part of the service that the parent's council aims to provide parents of children in our Catholic Schools. All adult family members of our school community are warmly invited to the session that will be conducted at St Patrick's (assembly hall) from 12:45pm to 2:45pm. A light afternoon tea will be served.



School Banking

CDF Kookaburra Banking is still functioning for the time being at St. Patrick's. Account holders deposits will still be processed by Mrs Belchambers.

Library Books and Home Readers

Could all students please ensure that they return all overdue library books and home readers this week please.

Devonport Junior Soccer 2017

A big thanks to our Year 6 coaches (Year 5: Riley Kuys & Taegue Mott; Year 3/4: Tom Bond, Kelly Simpson & Charlie Reeman; Year 2 Blue: Jesse O'Brien & Riley Carter; Year 2 Green: James Watson and Tomas Sullivan; Year 1: Sapphire Bailey & Rydar Green; Prep: Annalee Bidwell, Lucy Doonan, Maddi Lamprey, Nat Mason) and our parent managers (Richard Bidwell, Shaun Young, Mathew Manion, David Jessup, Belinda and Kristian Kelly, Adam Higgins and Jason Anthony) who have ensured our 2017 participation has got off to such a positive start.

School Garden (with Mr Tim)

Year 6 rolled up their sleeves and began the clean up of the berry patch by removing the old raspberry canes and strawberry plants, rolling up the dripper tube and digging out the weeds. A berry patch make-over is in order for the Winter months and this was a great way to begin. Very well done Year 6. Year 3 very patiently weeded around their young lettuce and spring onions then shifted their attention to helping clean Prep's garden bed, finding lots of small potatoes as a result - which was quite a highlight.

The task of cleaning Prep's garden was tricky because of the amount of "twitch" which has been growing in it and gradually spreading. Twitch is a pesky weed we would rather be without and Year 3's effort to remove some of it was brilliant. All of Year 1 visited the garden to complete a maths task with Mr O'Brien. It was great to see our veggie garden used as a real life classroom for counting and photographing tomatoes, leaves and rocks and the smiles and chatter suggest it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

To complete our busy week Year 5 prepared a small patch in their bed for celery, taking great care to evenly space the seedlings in 2 rows - even going to the trouble of naming each plant! They also gave our chickens fresh food and water and spent some quality patting time with Spotty, who loved every second.

Well done everyone on another productive week in our veggie garden!

COMMUNITY

Care and Concern

Our school community is special in many ways - dedicated staff, supportive parents, cooperative students - however, our Mercy Charism provides us with key values that, I believe, are real ingredients for our uniqueness - Excellence, Compassion, Hospitality, Dignity, Mercy and Justice. We try hard to live out these values and one way of displaying compassion is for us to be a support to those in our school community who have undergone loss. 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.

Port Sorell Tennis Coaching

Port Sorell Tennis Coaching has tennis coaching group session on Wednesday and Thursday nights from 4:00pm (Wednesday) 3:30 (Thursday) until 6:00pm for children aged 5-14 years old. If you are interested please contact Peter Georgiades on 0439637301 or 64287112. Peter Georgiades Junior Development Coach Tennis Australia.



Peace Garden

Last Thursday we gave special thanks for the people who have worked together to allow us the opportunity to have created this Peace Garden (above). We hope this garden will become a place where members of the community feel welcome, and that they are able to find peace and an appreciation of the beauty of the natural environment. Our school community is blessed with the addition of this peace garden that, in years to come will provide a place of peaceful reflection for those in our school and wider communities.

Junior Hockey
Registration/Information
Night
4-5.30 pm Thursday May 4th
All ages 8 - 16 Welcome
Skills session, games and sausage sizzle
(spare sticks available)

**NW Catholic Schools
Swimming Carnival**

**well done to all our
competitors, all of whom
swam very well and tried
their very best.**

