

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

During our fairly recent Commissioning Service, staff, and student leaders made the same pledge: "Give us the courage and generosity to respond to the challenge of our roles." Any study of philosophy will touch on Epicurus, the ancient Greek teacher who insisted that nothing should be believed, except that which was tested through direct observation and logical deduction. He believed that we can identify that which is good because the fruits of what is good gives us pleasure. Similarly, that which is 'bad' is characterised by pain. However, such a simple description of his school of philosophy does not give it justice and he taught that a person may have to endure pain initially in order to attain greater good, and that the notion of pleasure is not self-seeking gratification.

As we embark on the sixth week of the school year, we all will be facing the challenges that confront busy people who are trying to juggle a multitude of responsibilities. As educators, teachers and parents would do well to consider the Epicurean logic that points to the idea that we don't develop courage by being happy in our relationships everyday; we develop it by enduring and learning from difficult times and challenging adversity. In some cases, we will need to increase our expectations of ourselves and of others, however, to also temper such expectations with Christian love; a love that St Augustine describes well when he stated, "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like."

Therefore, our initial Commissioning Service pledge does call on us to show courage, but a courage that has intrinsic to it, a generosity of spirit. Many visitors to our school comment on our WEST qualities - the warmth of the **W**elcome; the eagerness of the **E**ncouragement; the sincerity of saying **S**orry and; the timeliness of the **T**hanking. Just as Epicurus called on understanding to be based on what we see in the actions of others and nature, I pray that the words of our pledge are lived out through our actions; actions that are seen to be 'good' because they produce the pleasure that comes from endeavouring to bring about the development of the whole person – not just the child's intellect.

Rod Linhart (Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

March

Monday 13th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Eight Hour Day).
Tuesday 14th	9:00am Morning class prayer assembly (Year 3). Year 4 attend camp (Camp Clayton).
Wed 15th	Year 4 attend camp (Camp Clayton).
Friday 17th	St Patrick's Day - students may dress in response. 9:00-10:45am Playgroup. NO CANTEEN TODAY: Cakes and biscuits and a sausage in bread will be available for \$2 each. Noon: Years 3-6 attend Parish Mass St Patrick's Day - SCHOOL FAIR from 4:00pm.
Saturday 18th	Sacramental Program - Preparation Day for candidates.
Monday 20th	Catholic Education Week. 9:00am Morning class prayer assembly (Year 2). Year 6 visiting Strahdevon residents 6:00pm school Board Meeting (Staffroom). Judy Pakinga (Student Support) visiting
Tuesday 21st	Catholic Education week Mass (Marist College, Burnie) - Years 5 & 6 involved.
Wed. 22nd	9:30am Years 2 & 6 attend Parish Mass.
Thursday 23rd	IEP parent-teacher meetings.
Friday 24th	Matt Jones (Assistant-Director: North) visiting.
Monday 27th	9:00am Morning class prayer assembly (Year 1).
Wed. 29th	9:30am Years 1 & 3 attend Parish Mass.
Thursday 30th	NW Regional Swimming Carnival (Burnie)

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



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Staff News

Mrs Sesara, Mrs Mitchell and Mr Lowry will be attending the Year 4 camp today and tomorrow at Camp Clayton. Mr Linhart will be attending a statewide principals' meeting on Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs Leonard will be attending a Budget workshop on Thursday 16th March. Mrs Badcock will be away on Monday 20th March attending an ICT Key Teacher meeting - we welcome Miss Cook to Year 2. Mrs Pakinga (Regional Student Support Officer) will be visiting the school on Monday 20th March.

Senior Choir - Singing at the School Fair

Our senior school choir, under the direction of Mrs Baker, are timetabled to sing a number of songs at our school fair, to be held **Friday 17th March**. The time-slot is **4:30pm**. Choir members should be dressed in their sports uniform (they can leave their sports uniform in labelled plastic bags in my office and change into them at school prior to 4:30pm if they are already in casual clothes attending the fair. They can change and store their sports uniform at school or pick it up when they leave the fair. Thank you for supporting this initiative, and many thanks to the children and Mrs Baker for what, no doubt, will be a delightful session of entertainment.



Friday 17th March - St Patrick's Day

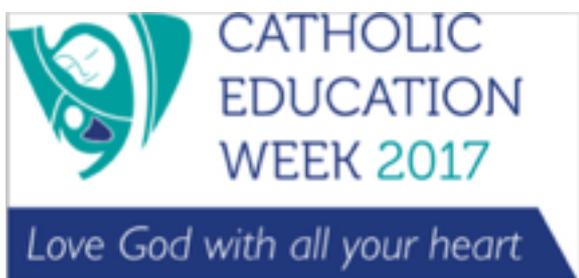
This Friday will be a very busy and important day in our school calendar. Some events of the day include:

- Students may choose to '**wear the green**' - come dressed in response to St Patrick's Day (please ensure clothes are comfortable and covered shoes are required - no singlets or thongs please).
- **NO CANTEEN TODAY:** Cakes and biscuits (morning tea) and a sausage in bread (lunch-time) will be available for \$2 each (Years 5 & 6 Canberra Trip fundraiser).
- 9:00am: Whole-school morning assembly - classes will share some learning about St Patrick.
- 9:30-10:30am: Year 6 will lead activities for classes.
- Noon: Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will attend the parish Mass, welcoming any parishioners back to the school assembly hall for lunch after Mass (Year 6 and SRC to assist with serving the group).
- 2:00-4:00pm: Setting up for the school fair (please contact your child's teacher or Tameka or Lennice in the school office if you are intending assisting with setting up).
- 4:00-8:00pm: School annual fair



Parent-Student-Teacher Meetings: End of term 1 (Tuesday 11th April & Wednesday 12th April)

As part of our reporting schedule, teachers will be making themselves available for parent-student-teacher discussions **between 3:30pm and 7:00pm** on **Tuesday 11th April and Wednesday 12th April** – we will try to accommodate meetings during the school day if this is your preference and if it is possible. Except for Kinder children, students are strongly encouraged to attend these discussions (although there may be a decision made by you and your child's teacher that determines your child's attendance at this meeting may not be appropriate). If you are bringing other children to a meeting, please ensure they are engaged in independent, quiet work to allow the parent-student-teacher meetings to proceed without distraction. The intent of these 15 minute meetings is to have the opportunity to talk openly and honestly regarding your child's progress this year, whilst also discussing some areas that might or will require some work. It is envisaged that some discussions will be undertaken regarding establishing goals that teachers believe may be important to support to ensure your child makes the most of their schooling this year. A letter with preferred meeting times will be distributed to families next Tuesday 21st March.



Catholic Education Week

This year from 19th-24th March 2017 St Patrick's Catholic School will join with Catholic schools across Tasmania to celebrate Catholic Education Week (CEW). This year's theme is 'Love God with all your heart' and is drawn from St Mark's Gospel 12:30. It is here that Jesus is asked which is the greatest commandment and he answers "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'—There is no commandment greater than these."

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

Congratulations to Ava Chamley (Year 2) 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: 120 points Kimberly Watkins (2)

Dooley House: 122 points Joseph Ryan (5)

Martyn House: 103 points Piper Emmerton (5)

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Dekota Brumby for fantastic listening and for trying her best with all of her work.

Year 1: Sophie Mulcahy - for being a conscientious worker.

Year 2: Jada Leary for fabulous poetry writing.

Year 3: Lily Mansfield-Burgess for being a positive and conscientious student who can work independently on tasks.

Year 4: Kimberly Watkins for her amazing short story.

Year 5: Johnnty Young for consistently, and conscientiously completing all learning tasks to the best of his ability.

Year 6: Amelia Klug for being a courteous, considerate and helpful class member.

School Fair (Friday 17th March) Timetable and prices

4:00pm Fair begins

4:15pm Irish dancers

4:30pm School senior choir

5:00pm Latrobe Federal Band

5:30pm Shimjang display

6:00pm Zumba

Raffle draws at quarter to each hour and numerous ferret wheel spins throughout the fair.



Events

- D'Arne Adams and Anita Tueon: Hot lamb rolls \$5.00, soft drinks \$2.00, fruit boxes \$1.50
- Rod Linhart: BBQ hamburgers \$3.00, sausages \$2.00
- Sally Bond and Fiona Harlow: Administration (e.g. floats and finance)
- Amy Davis and Lorraine Young: Hot chips \$3.00 - \$4.00 with gravy
- Julie Dewrance Milligan: children's activities/side show
- Carol Doonan, Jayne Bidwell, Jo Lamprey, Kelly Mason: Cake stall maximum \$5.00
- Elissa and Zeb Overton: Guinea pigs
- Julie Swanson: Face-painting \$5.00
- Kinder Cupcakes: class teachers and P & F rep. \$2.00
- Prep Scarecrows: class teachers and P & F rep. \$10.00
- Year 1 Cold Rock Ice-cream: class teachers and P & F rep. \$3.00
- Year 2 Lucky jars: class teachers and P & F rep \$2.00-\$5.00
- Year 3 Sweets: class teachers and P & F rep. \$3.00-\$5.00
- Year 4 Lucky bags & show bags: class teachers and P & F rep. \$6.00 or three for \$15.00
- Year 5 Lob-a-choc: class teachers and P & F rep. \$1.00/\$2.00
- Year 6 Jams and sauces: class teachers and P & F representative.
- Fairy floss \$1.00; arm bands \$5.00; hand massages \$2.00; tattoos \$1.00; Recipe Book \$10.00; cow pat lotto \$2.00; raffles \$1.00; ferret wheel tickets: 50 cents/\$1.00/\$2.00; giant vegetable \$1.00 a guess.

General setting up to begin at 2:00pm and will include:

- Setting up gazebos, bins, chairs, signs; setting out tables for the picnic area.
- People with specific responsibilities should communicate any needs, concerns or questions to Prue prior to the day to ensure everything will be ready for the day

To assist you in supporting stalls at this Friday's school fair, please find included a map indicating the location of stalls. Class teachers have requested assistance in regards to being in attendance at class stalls for a short time allocation from 4:00pm to 8:00pm and we greatly appreciate those of you who have generously offered 10 or 15 minutes of your time. Preparations are now in the final stages and the leadership and energy of the P & F executive and the small band of volunteers is quite outstanding, as is the incidental and ongoing support that so many staff members, parents and friends have already made in regards to providing materials, time and energy in supporting class fair initiatives – it augurs well for a wonderful community event!

REMINDERS

Sacramental Program

Families with children in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 are warmly invited to participate in our Sacramental Program to prepare to celebrate the sacraments of RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION and EUCHARIST this year. For further information please contact the Parish Office 6424 2783 or Mrs Marshall or Mr Linhart.

Canberra Payment Arrangements

Invoices for the 2017 Canberra excursion were sent home with students in years 5 and 6 last week. Thank you to those parents who have already made payment arrangements. The payment options include:

- \$90 x 10 monthly instalments; February to November on the 27th day. (A February catch-up payment is due now).
- \$225 x 4 instalments; March/May/July/September on the 20th day.

Canberra instalments can be made by using your existing school fee payment arrangements that you have already provided to the office or alternately by transferring directly to our school bank account; BSB 067000 Acc 10273325 (Reference: Surname/Canberra). Should you wish to discuss or inform us of your payment arrangements, please contact Mrs Leonard on 64261626 or via email: lennice.leonard@catholic.tas.edu.au

Devonport Junior Soccer 2017

Soccer this season will once again be coordinated by Richard and Jayne Bidwell; I thank them for taking on this role within our school community. Children from Prep to Year 6 are invited to play in the roster, which is open to both boys and girls. The games will be played at Meercroft Park in Devonport each Saturday morning. The season will commence on Saturday 1st April, however, teams need to be nominated by Tuesday 14th March. If your child would like to play soccer this season **please complete the online registration form and pay the \$75 registration fee by Tuesday 14th March**. No late registrations will be accepted under any circumstances. In an effort to support those adults who could manage the team on Saturday, but couldn't support after-school coaching, we are prepared this year to offer team coaching sessions at school during lunch-times, coordinated by myself and facilitated by Years 5 and 6 students. Team coaches/managers should contact me if they would like their team to have after-school coaching instead of lunch-time coaching facilitated by the school.

Pupil Free Day 2017 - Friday 7th July

The Catholic Education Office allocates one Pupil Free Day during the school year for staff professional learning. The North West have been allocated the Friday 7th July as our Pupil Free Day as a region for 2017. We appreciate that this may impact on childcare for families so provide this advanced notice. Friday the 7th July is the final day of Term 2.

COMMUNITY

Devonport Triathlon

There will be a free interactive clinic for ages 7-12 set up at the Devonport Triathlon that will give students the skills of swim, bike, run and transition in a fun and skills based format with the help of some of Australia's best paratriathletes. The event activation will be offered on Saturday March 18 from 9:30 until the start of the Tri Kids event at 12. On the day entries to the Tri Kids race will be on offer to clinic participants. Feel free to stick around after to see some of the world's best triathletes in action. For more information about the Devonport Triathlon, see <http://www.devonporttriathlon.com.au/>



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