

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

As adults, our current safe boundaries were once puzzling, if not frightening, frontiers. We had faith in our eventual ability to deal effectively with a complex society because most of us were fortunate to be blessed with adult role models of character and generosity. As we grew, we too confirmed John Tyndall's opinion that, "Knowledge once gained casts a light beyond its own immediate boundaries." Education, whether it is in the home or at school, impresses upon the learner the need to 'push boundaries' in order to gauge one's potential.

It is right to question, to seek deeper and wider explanations – it is the accepted 'Socratic method' and it has a role to play in the many strategies that assist learners. However, at times there are some in our school and wider community who confuse pushing personal boundaries in order to gain much and be a significant positive role model and influence on others, with a rather selfish interpretation of 'pushing boundaries' in the sense that the result is usually others being diminished by the selfish and often thoughtless actions. I would certainly encourage parents to urge their children to push personal boundaries, whilst making it clear the importance of respecting others, including traditions that continue to be observed because they originate from time-tested collective wisdom.

Testing boundaries requires a degree of faith in oneself and in the support of others. Education hopefully allows the individual to appreciate what he or she has to gain, and to lose, so that risks associated with testing boundaries is tempered as an informed choice. St Augustine is attributed as stating, "Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." There are many aspects of the educational, 'life-long learning journey' that rely on our faith and it is useful to investigate the origins of many of our traditions to allow us to be more committed faith-filled participants. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of many faiths – if you haven't engaged in an authentic life-long learning journey yet, 'push your boundaries' and hopefully your faith in yourself and others may be enriched.

Regards,
Rod Linhart (Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

June

Monday 12th Public Holiday - Queens Birthday.
Tuesday 13th 6:30pm P & F meeting (Staffroom)
Wed 14th Dance Fever sessions for classes (Sports uniform may be worn to school).
Thursday 15th NW Catholic Schools Cross Country (Burnie)
Friday 16th 9:00-10:45am Playgroup (Kinder classroom)
Monday 19th 9:00am Prep morning prayer assembly
9:00am Year 4 morning prayer assembly
6:00pm School Board meeting AGM (staffroom)
Wed 21st Dance Fever sessions for classes (Sports uniform may be worn to school).
Science Technology Engineering Maths (STEM) evening at school 6:00-7:00pm

July

Monday 3rd 9:00am End of term assembly
Tuesday 4th Mid-Year Reports and Folios distributed during Parent-Student-Teacher meetings.
Wed 5th Mid-Year Reports and Folios distributed during Parent-Student-Teacher meetings.
Thursday 6th Term 2 ends - Final day for students.
SRC school dance: Prep-Year 2 (4:00pm-5:00pm); Year 3 - Year 6 (5:15pm-6:30pm).
Friday 7th Staff attend professional learning at school.
Monday 24th Term 3 commences

August

Saturday 19th 1st Eucharist and Confirmation at OLOL Catholic Church, Devonport.
Monday 21st 6:00pm School Board Meeting.
Wed. 23rd Code Night for Years 3-6 (6.00-7.00pm)
Friday 25th Students watch OLOL school perform, 'Danger Kids' at the Devonport Entertainment Centre.
Monday 28th NAPLAN parent information sessions 2.00-2.45pm & 6.00-6.45pm in the school assembly hall
Tuesday 29th Latrobe High School Year 6-7 transition (boys) - girls day is Wednesday 30th.
Wed. 30th Code Night for Years P-2 (6.00-7.00pm)

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2017

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 Badcock will be away tomorrow - Miss Cook will teach in Year 2; Mr Butcher and Mr Linhart will be attending the NW Catholic Schools Cross Country carnival on Thursday - Mr Batt will be supervising the PE sessions with Devon Hockey; Mrs Badcock will be away this Friday; Mrs Kingshott will be away next Monday 19th - Mr Batt will be teaching Year 5.

Teaching and Learning

The Australian Curriculum sets the expectations for what all students should be taught throughout Australia. For Prep to Year 10, students have access to the same content. Schools and teachers use these documents to plan for teaching and learning experiences. The Australian Curriculum website offers "Parent Information" pages with frequently asked questions and information about the curriculum. <http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/> Many contexts and skills will still be familiar. At our school students are learning multiplication facts, reading and writing high frequency words, exploring the history of Australia. Changes in technology have led to the introduction of a Digital Technologies component to the curriculum. Students in schools now are focussing on data and digital systems and using computational thinking skills to design digital solutions. In classrooms now, for example, students at our school are learning to read, design and apply QR codes. The QR code to the right of this text may be of interest and of use to many parents.



Dance Fever - Final Week Performances (Wednesday 5th July)

Students in all classes are appearing to be thoroughly enjoying their weekly dance classes with Michael from 'Dance Fever'. Students will be performing for families on the final week of this program, Wednesday 5th July. Class times are: Years 6, 5 & 4 9:00-9:45; Years 3, 2 & 1 9:45-10:15am; Years 1, Prep & Kinder 10:15-10:45am. All family members are most welcome to attend (and hopefully join in when a student asks them to dance).

Using the laptops....

The Year 1 students have recently been introduced to the world of word processing using the laptops. After a few exploratory lessons, students were asked to produce a page with their name on it. Students had to:

- open word processing document
- choose a font
- choose a size, then select and increase the size so it fills up most of the page
- change the colour
- start their name with a capital letter
- shut down the computer at the end of the lesson

Students were very eager and excited, and only needed a few small reminders to complete this task.



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

Congratulations to Buckley Davis (Prep) who was awarded a WEST certificate during 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 June our whole school PBS focus is "**Safety**" 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 104 points: Harrison Fawkner

Dooley House 79 points: Georgie Tueon

Martyn House 75 points: Lily Mansfield-Burgess

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Kinder: Jakk Burgess for improving in all areas in Kinder.

Prep: Hayley Mitchell for trying her best at everything.

Year 1: Connor Anderson for listening on the mat and completing all tasks.

Year 2: Loretta Smith for working hard every day to complete tasks.

Year 3: Alex O'Grady for his fabulous effort with information report writing.

Year 4: Dylan Stevens for displaying a positive approach to set tasks.

Year 5: Isabel Bishop for improving her reading ability enough to progress beyond levelled reading.

Year 6: Sapphire Bailey for her cooperation in the classroom and her willingness to work with many different class members.

SRC School Dance - 'Pyjama' Theme.

The Student Representative Council (and interested members of the parent community) are organising a school dance for current students to be held on the last day of term, Thursday 6th July. Details include:

- 4:00-5:00pm Students from Prep to Year 2 are welcome. Senior students will be assisting with games and dances.
- 5:15-6:30pm Students from Years 3 to 6 will be welcome. Some free dancing and organised games will be offered.

A gold coin donation is the entry fee. We will be looking for some support from the parent community in supporting this event and parents who wish to assist with setting up the hall and helping clean-up are asked to leave their names at the school office. Parents may attend (and join in).

Mid-Year Reports & Folios: Parent-Student-Teacher meetings Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th July

Discussing your child's report in the context of your child's Folio offers opportunities for a richer conversation, which can be supported by reference to report grades and accompanying folio pieces. Teaching and learning programs are based on the Australian Curriculum areas that have been mandated to date (*English, Mathematics, Science, History*) and assessed according to evaluative tools including teacher-designed assessment rubrics. Several curriculum areas and strands within curriculum areas may not be reported upon in the Mid Year Report, however, your child's 2017 report should be viewed as complete when distributed at the end of the year in December, when sufficient teaching time has allowed all curriculum areas to have been reported upon and graded. To request a time to meet with your child's teacher and discuss your child's report **please register via our school webpage using the 'What's Happening' tab <http://www.stpatslatrobe.tas.edu.au/> or notify the school office of your interest before Wednesday 21st June** - details are contained on the back page of this Newsletter. We will endeavour to accommodate your preferred time - a confirmed meeting timetable will be distributed in the June 27th Newsletter.

Saturday Soccer (Devonport Junior Soccer Competition)

Thank you to all families who are supporting our school's involvement in this competition, especially our team coaches and the Year 6 students who are training the teams each Thursday. As was mentioned in last week's Newsletter, we have recently called for any family member who is interested in coaching a team after school to contact the school office, however, no-one has confirmed their availability so lunch-time training will continue. If any family member would like to coach a team, please let the school office know.

The roster for **Saturday 17th June** is included below.

Prep:	Bye	
Year 1:	9.45am	Ground 7
Year 2 Green	10.40am	Ground 10
Year 2 White	10.40am	Ground 10
Year 3/4	10.00am	Ground 9
Year 5	10:00am	Ground 16
Year 6	11:00am	Ground 11



School Canteen News: **Sushi is not available anymore.**

REMINDERS

2017 Devonport Basketball Primary School Tournament (Friday 14th, Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th July)

We are calling for nominations from students who are interested in playing for one of the following school teams for entry on the 2017 Devonport Basketball Primary School Tournament: Year 1/2; Year 3/4; Year 5/6. We will need seven or eight players per team please. The school will meet the costs of registration and singlets will be supplied. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to both represent the school and enjoy a team sport that will build skills and confidence. We will require some parents or family members to assist as managers and time-keepers; as with last year's involvement, we hope to pay for the services of referees to enable parents the opportunity to be active spectators. **Entries close this Thursday 15th June - please register via our school webpage using the 'What's Happening' tab <http://www.stpatslatrobe.tas.edu.au/> or notify the school office of your interest before this date** in order to take part in in this exciting school representative opportunity.

STEM Night

As part of our STEM education at St Patrick's Catholic School we will be holding a STEM night on Wednesday 21st June in the Hall from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. Engage with your child/ren in a variety of construction activities with everyday materials. We will begin with a balloon tower competition and move to a number of activities set up as stations around the hall. The aim is to work together and develop our creative and critical thinking skills. If you will be attending please indicate the names of the family members participating by registering via the school web page in the 'What's Happening' tab or by contacting one of the school office staff by Friday 16th June. (Mrs Badcock)

Deloraine Youth Drama Festival

Last Wednesday and Thursday Mrs O'Brien held auditions for the Deloraine Youth Drama Festival. Auditions were open to all students in Years 4-6. The Deloraine Drama Festival offers students the opportunity to gain confidence and skills in teamwork and drama that culminates in an exciting evening performance at the Deloraine Theatre. The Festival runs from Monday the 18th – Saturday the 23rd of September. Rehearsals will be a mixture of lunch times, in school hours and after school hours. All students in the drama will be expected to commit to all rehearsals and will need to learn all lines off by heart.

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.

Registering online via the school webpage.

In an effort to streamline aspects of registering for events (such as Mother's Day and Father's Day breakfasts) we have created links from our school website to allow families the opportunity to register online. You may still prefer to ring the school office staff to register your intention of attending a school event or for your child's registration for an event. However, should you wish to register online, the steps are very simple and involve:



1. Open the St Patrick's School website <http://www.stpatslatrobe.tas.edu.au>
2. Click on the 'What's Happening' tab.
3. Click the registration for the intended event.
4. The registration will usually only ask you to respond to a few questions.

We will print a list of all names that have been registered in the school Newsletter prior to the event for members of the school community to check their registration.

School Banking: Commonwealth Banking every Thursday.

Book Club Issue 4 is due back to school by Wednesday 21st June.