

# St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



School Newsletter Number 18 June 20th 2017

## PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

The story of Jesus feeding the multitudes has real resonance; Matthew is telling us that Jesus sees our need, does not turn us away, comes to where we are, as we are, and recreates us through the abundance of his love, so we can be signs of His kingdom in the world. The story is typical of many stories in the Gospels in that they may too often be disregarded by those who do not understand Jesus' message and who do not look deeply enough. By appearing to be a story that is far too simple and aligned to the 'fantasy' genre, it provides much for the sceptics who dismiss many Gospel stories as being shallow, whose audience appeal rests in the 'happy-ever-after' mode.

However, this particular story is very challenging because, whilst it is all about abundance, it challenges us to reflect on what tremendous gifts we have been granted and what we have and can do with them to make our world a better place. Our God has abundantly provided for us so that we can abundantly provide for our world, which is given into our care. The message appears to be, 'To those to whom much is given, much is required'. The problem is that when we look around we see that some of us have so much, while others have nothing at all.

Sometimes people look at the poverty in the world and think, 'How could God allow that?' This question can cause us to feel distant from God, but in light of what God has given us and our ability to share from this abundance, when we think this, perhaps we should ask, 'What am I doing in my own way to meet the needs of others?'

As any teacher or parent who is grounded in reality will attest, education is not about always having the answers; rather it is about leading others to a multitude of experiences whereby the individual can find meaning in his or her world. Our teachers are involved in continuous professional learning and one aspect of our approach to constructing learning sequences involves an appreciation of six facets of understanding – *explanation; interpretation; application; perspective; empathy; self-knowledge*. Just as the Gospel stories may not always be what they appear if only given a cursory glance, as educators, we need to continue to work to provide an education that instils in the student an appreciation of the many interpretations of every educational experience and be willing to tolerate another's interpretation based on their own appreciation of the six facets of understanding.

Thank you to all in our school community who take the time to reflect and see perspectives, and therefore come to a deeper appreciation of events and personalities, which hopefully allows for a more generous spirit in our relationships.

Regards,

Rod Linhart (Principal)

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### June

Monday 19th 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  
9:00am Prep morning prayer assembly

Monday 26th

### 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 'Pyjama Theme': 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  
Wed 26th Aboriginal Black Box visit and information session (Tasmanian Museum initiative).

### 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 Year6-7 transition (boys) - girls day is Wednesday 30th.  
Code Night for Years P-2 (6.00-7.00pm).

Wed. 30th

### September

Friday 1st 8:00am Father's Day Breakfast (school assembly hall).  
Friday 8th 6:00pm for 6:30pm School Trivia Night (school assembly hall).

## 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

55 Bradshaw Street Latrobe, Tasmania 7307

Telephone: (03) 6426 1626

Facsimile: (03) 6426 2697

E-mail: [stpatlat@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:stpatlat@catholic.tas.edu.au)

[www.stpatlatrobe.tas.edu.au](http://www.stpatlatrobe.tas.edu.au)

School Banking Details:

BSB Acct: 067-000 Acct: 1027-3325

## Staff News

Mrs Kingshott was away yesterday, Monday 19th - Mr Batt taught Year 5; Mrs Badcock is representing the school at the statewide principals' meeting this Thursday and Friday in Devonport; Mrs Jak is away this Friday - Mrs Wescombe is teaching Prep; Mrs Marshall is away this Friday - Mr O'Brien will be in Year 1 as usual for Fridays.

## Class News - Prep (Mrs Jak)

In Prep we have been learning how to sort objects into groups. We have been thinking and discussing why we sorted our objects into particular groups and we have been thinking about other ways we could sort and classify the items.



## The Premier's Reading Challenge

Take up the challenge of reading 10 books in 10 weeks! If you are interested please contact your classroom teacher or Mrs Badcock for the recording booklet.



## Class News - Year 2 Famous Art (Mrs Badcock)

The National Gallery of Victoria currently have a Van Gogh exhibition. I was lucky enough to visit, along with thousands of other people at the same time, to view some very "famous" pieces. Save yourself the airfares, accommodation and entry fees and wander through the "famous" artwork exhibition in Year 2. This term we are looking at well-known artists and how they have used lines, colours and shapes to produce their work. Year 2 students are in the process of diligently reproducing a fine collection that may one day feature on St Kilda Road in Melbourne. Entry is free.



## SRC School Dance - 'Rainbow' Theme. (One or many colours)

The Student Representative Council and members of the St Patrick's Parents & Friends 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, which also includes a juice. 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.



St Vincent de Paul Society



Winter has arrived. The days are shorter and the nights are colder. Very cold... for some members of our local community.

As a school community, we would like to help those around us, who are not as fortunate as ourselves. Winter is a hard time for many people who do not have enough to keep themselves and their families warm.

We would like to collect any clean blankets, sleeping bags, bed clothes that you do no longer use. We would also like to collect any old coats, jackets and warm clothing that you no longer need, that could be put to good use, by those who need it.

As always, non-perishable goods are always needed by organisations such as the St Vincent de Paul Society and would also be gratefully appreciated.

Donations will be accepted until the end of term and will then be donated to our local branch. Donations can be left outside Mr Linhart's office.

*We hope you are able to help!*

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

Congratulations to Jimmy Tueon (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 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 52 points: Melia Sesara**

**Dooley House 53 points: Luca Adams**

**Martyn House 56 points: Brock Rainbird**

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Kinder:** Ava Araroa for always having a happy and positive attitude.

**Prep:** Livai Sesara for a great effort in writing.

**Year 1:** Blake Kenny for being a happy, engaging student who always tries his best.

**Year 2:** Ruben Clarke for making valuable contributions to class discussions.

**Year 3:** Riley Molendyk for his great progress with Reading.

**Year 4:** Arlo for a wonderful improvement with the presentation of his work.

**Year 5:** William O'Grady for his preparedness and willingness to work hard on his science project in the absence of his partner.

**Year 6:** Maddi Lamprey for the outstanding job she did in the Science investigation and the write up.

### Garden News with Mr Tim.

Year 5 will be watching the sky and hoping for some rain this week as they are keen to see if the rain gauge which they installed on their garden bed actually works. With just a little bit of help the enthusiastic Year 5's cut the rain gauge post to the required length, then fixed it to their garden bed. It was a real team relay effort with lots of encouragement given and plenty of determination required. Once the post was fixed into position we then attached the bracket to the post by drilling holes and using wood screws to hold it in place. The final part was then easy as the rain gauge slipped over the bracket and now stands proudly in our veggie garden. Our plan is to record the amount of rain which falls each week, month, season etc - look out Bureau of Meteorology here we come! Year 3 cleaned up our herb bed beautifully, then did a great job planting and spacing parsley seedlings evenly in a circular pattern in the top herb bed. Another group of Year 3's tackled some out of control weeds and quickly knocked that area into shape. As always, Year 1's were also very busy as they managed to prepare their bed, then sow 2 rows of onion seeds. Onion seeds germinate in very low winter time temperatures, so we will watch with interest every week to see when our onions pop up. Brilliant work everyone - our garden continues to thrive thanks to our smiling little green thumbs.



### 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. The roster for **Saturday 24th June** is included below.

Prep: 10.30am Ground 3

Year 1: 10.30am Ground 5

Year 2 Green Bye

Year 2 White 9.00am Ground 12 (please help set up at 8:50am)

Year 3/4 Bye

Year 5 10:00am Ground 1

Year 6 11:00am Ground 11



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

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

We called 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 and we have enough interest to field a Year 5/6 girls team - well done to the following players: Amelia Klug, Annalee Bidwell, Maddi Lamprey, Lucy Doonan, Nat Mason, Isabel Bishop and Logan Lamprey (and to the other students who nominated for other age levels, however, we failed to receive sufficient interest to field teams in the other age groups). Thank you to Jo Lamprey and Ursula Klug who will coach and act as manager for the team. The school will meet the costs of registration and singlets will be supplied.

## REMINDERS

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

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/> return the slip contained in today's Newsletter or notify the school office of your interest **before Wednesday 21st June.** We will endeavour to accommodate your preferred time - a confirmed meeting timetable will be distributed in the June 27th Newsletter.**

### 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 Year 2 classroom 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 room. 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 Tuesday 20th June. (Mrs Badcock)

### Care and Concern

Our school community is special in many ways - dedicated staff, supportive parents, cooperative students. 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 ORDERS ARE DUE THIS WEDNESDAY (TOMORROW)**

**Student Stars:** Congratulations to Piper Emmerton (pictured right) who recently represented the NW area in hockey in a statewide hockey tournament. Well done Piper!

