

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Winston Churchill was a great statesman, however, as with all of us, he had his faults and frailties. Autobiographies can tend to disappoint – instead of being uplifted by the apparent triumphs of others, we soon realise that progress comes in small steps - and so does failure. Failure is not a single event. We don't fail overnight or on a single test day. For most of us, failure is nothing more than a few errors in judgment, a few poor choices, repeated regularly. Churchill led and wrote 'from the high ground' – he doesn't strike me as overly gentle or caring in some important areas of his life, however, I believe he was respected because he set himself goals that were grounded in principles that went beyond the person and place, which he expressed well by stating, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the **courage to continue** that counts."

On their own, our daily acts don't seem very important. One more TV program, an extra hour or two at the computer, sleeping in for another hour, skimping on homework - these don't usually result in an instant and measurable impact. More often than not, we escape from any immediate consequences of our deeds. Since nothing drastic happens to us, we repeat our poor choices day after day, week after week, month after month and, before we know it, we are 'confronted' by the consequences of the multitude of tiny indiscretions, often regretting the wasted year or years behind us.

Unfortunately, failure doesn't shout out its warnings. This is why we have to develop our own early warning system so that we make better choices and take the small daily steps towards 'success'. We need to take time to ponder the future so we don't get so caught up in the current moment that we make the wrong choices. The problems and the rewards of today are so absorbing to some people that they never pause long enough to think about tomorrow. Parent-Student-Teacher meetings allow us the time to collaborate and set goals to hopefully aim for success and progress.

Occasionally during our daily assembly, I try to remind the children of the importance of not only setting themselves goals each week or each day, but of also ensuring they tell someone they trust about their goal. Rarely can we achieve progress or make a significant step forward alone – we do almost everything in the context of others and goal-setting that has intrinsic to it mutual obligation is a worthy exercise that we ask of our students and all in our wonderful school community. Thank you to all in our school community who have 'the **courage to continue**' when they work towards educational goals.

Regards,

Rod Linhart (Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

June

Monday 26th 9:00am Prep morning prayer assembly. Aboriginal Black Box visit and information session (Tasmanian Museum initiative).
Tuesday 27th Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country Championships Symmons Plains.

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. Dance Fever performance - family members welcome to attend (but be prepared to dance!): K, P - 9:00-9:30; Years 1, 2 & 3 - 9:30-10:00am; Years 4, 5 & 6 - 10:00-10:45am (school assembly hall)
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

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.
Wed. 30th Code Night for Years P-2 (6.00-7.00pm).

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 3: Monday 24th July-Friday 29th September
Term 4: Tuesday 17th October-Thursday 21st December

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Staff News

Mrs Harris, Mrs Adams and Mr Linhart accompanied the school cross-country team to Symmons Plains today. Mrs O'Brien will be away this Thursday - Mr Batt will teach Year 6; Mrs Baker will be away this Friday - Mr Batt will offer Music release for Years 3-6.

School Cross Country

Congratulations to all members of our school cross country team who performed extremely well in the recent NW Catholic Schools Cross Country event, and who are competing in the Tasmanian All Schools Primary Cross Country at Symmons Plains today. Although we are very proud of all our runners, special mention to the following students who achieved impressive results at the NW Catholic Schools event: Kelly Simpson (Year 6) - 2nd; Annalee Bidwell (Year 6) - 5th; Mac Butler (Year 3) - 9th; Kyle Barnes (Year 3) - 10th; Monty Manion (Year 2 running in the Year 3 event) - 4th; Eamon Young (Year 2 running in the Year 3 event) - 14th; Stella Riley (Year 5) - 6th; Julia Wighton (Year 4) - 12th; Vinnie Manion (Year 4) - 2nd; William Higgins (Year 4) - 4th; Olivia Wighton (Year 4) - 9th; Flynn Glann (Year 5) - 9th.



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.

SRC School Dance -Pyjama and Party Hat theme.

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.

Lockdown

Within the next few weeks we will hold an unannounced emergency practice with staff and students, to test our response to a potential scenario that staff identify a threat warranting the school go into lockdown (opposite to evacuation). We have plans in place to make this practice as least disruptive as possible. If you have queries you are welcome to contact Mr Linhart.

STEM Night

Thank you to the 38 parents and students who participated in last Wednesday's STEM night, which was organised by Mrs Badcock. Congratulations to Mrs Badcock for this facilitation, and to Pamela and Anna Skurulis for taking out first place in the balloon/tape challenge! The hour activities session was entertaining, interesting and informative. Mrs Badcock has a Code Nights planned for late August; please feel welcome to register once we have the details confirmed.



School Photos - Feedback

School photos have been recently distributed to families and the school is interested in receiving your feedback to allow us to plan for 2018 photos. Enclosed in this Newsletter is a feedback slip that families are welcome to return if they would like to provide us with feedback, which will be passed on to the photographer.

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

Families should find enclosed their confirmed booking for next week's parent-student-teacher meetings. A copy of a child's report will be provided to families whose parents are not in the same household, however, we will only be providing one folio per student.



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

Congratulations to Lily Mansfield-Burgess (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 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: Joey Griffiths

Dooley House 53 points: Tyla O'Toole

Martyn House 56 points: Claire Simpson



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Kinder: Ava Kolody for taking pride and care with all her work.

Prep: Jovi Smith for getting along with others and for being a good friend.

Year 1: Thomas Marshall for good listening skills and contribution to discussions.

Year 2: Coby Christie for his engagement in Science activities.

Year 3: Samuel Ling for a more determined approach towards learning tasks.

Year 4: Kimberly Watkins for a wonderful Keynote presentation on Creation.

Year 5: Olivia Gow for her creative ideas in her multimodal response to David Walliams' - Scale of Pain.

Year 6: Kelly Simpson for the wonderful effort he put into his independent speech writing.



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!

Kinder Excursion - OLOL and Wonder Walk.

Well done Mrs Stoessiger, Mrs Klug, Kate Huxtable and Inge Watkins on a wonderful excursion last Wednesday - a big day out for everyone!

Soccer Skills Training - Devonport Strikers

We are fortunate to be able to call on the services of three Devonport Strikers players to offer skills training sessions for our students - last Thursday and during our PE lessons this week. Thank you to John at the Strikers for making these players available to us.

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. Many thanks to Sean Young who assisted in setting up for the Year 2 White game last Saturday and for coaching two games. The roster for **Saturday 1st July (soccer will then be in recess until Saturday 29th July)** is included below.

Prep:	10.30am	Ground 3
Year 1:	9.00am	Ground 7 (please help set up at 8:50am)
Year 2 Green	9.50am	Ground 10
Year 2 White	10.40am	Ground 12
Year 3/4	9.00am	Ground 8 (please help set up at 8:50am)
Year 5	10:00am	Ground 1
Year 6	noon	Ground 11 (please help pack-up)



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

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.

School Banking: Commonwealth Banking every Thursday.

Curiosity Headquarters

Curiosity Headquarters Term 3 Makers' Design Labs will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 9 August—6 September (5 weeks). Curiosity Headquarters is an after-school STEM programme for children in Years 3-6. The Makers' Design Labs will provide opportunities for participants to use a variety of robots, drones, and other devices including:

- MakerBot 3D printer
- Meccanoid Robot
- LEGO Mindstorms Robot
- Edison Robot
- Sphero Robot
- Raspberry Pi
- FlyBrix Lego Drone
- ProBot
- Dash and Dot
- Makey Makey

The cost for Term 3 is \$50.00—scholarships are available. Invoices will be sent to successful applicants. All fees are due prior to the commencement of the first lab on 9 August, 2017. Applications must be submitted by 7pm on Wednesday, 2 August. Places are limited. Successful applicants will be notified by Friday 4 August. The online application form can be accessed at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J2TGZXW>



Daniel Syson School Of Soccer

3 Day Soccer School Clinic (July Holidays)

July - 17th, 18th, 19th

Venue - Meercroft Park

Ages 6~ 13 years

Time ~ 9am ~ 12 -00pm

Price ~ \$100 pp

Contact - Coach Daniel 0472 541 066

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Pre book today to secure a spot on camp

