

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Our school budget for 2017 is reasonably healthy, it is 'in the black' and our expenditure appears sound and focused on continually working towards enhancing teaching and learning opportunities. However, parents and teachers know only too well the greatest investment we can make in our child's education is **time**, which is often the only item in our balance sheet constantly 'in the red'.

Research cited in *Psychosomatic Medicine* stated that people who feel they have a **purpose in life** live longer than 'the aimless'. This link existed even after factors such as depression, income and chronic medical conditions were taken into account. As parents and teachers, we see before us each day one wonderful gift that God has endowed us with; one very important purpose for our lives is lifting our children to greater heights than we may have been accorded. The gift that is our children is not necessarily the result of any great investment in our time or money. However, a budget balance sheet may certainly reflect significant capital investment without the accompanying emotional investment – therein lies an important purpose in life for many parents and teachers – to balance the capital and emotional investment in our children's lives.

A summary of our expenditure over the last 12 months highlights investments in amongst other things the reading and spelling schemes, mathematics support materials, Teacher Mentoring Program, Information Communication Technology hardware and software, various building initiatives and a focus on stewardship including some refurbishments of playgrounds and of the grounds in general including our gardens. These investments are tangible and evident.

Our emotional investments can be viewed in the way we, as a school community, work consistently and collectively to uphold and enhance the values inherent in our school Vision & Mission Statements. This is achieved through the little (and big) things we do each and every day to ensure our children develop some independence and resilience, display values that create 'character', are forward-looking, and generally be seen to have a worthy purpose in life.

As John F Kennedy stated, 'efforts and courage are not enough without direction and a worthy purpose'. Many thanks to all in our small, unique school community who invest in their child's education and, together with the school, help create a sense of '**worthy purpose**' by promoting the value of learning and education.

Regards,

Rod Linhart (Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

May

Monday 1st	Term 2 commences (full winter uniform). Year 6 student leader presentations during morning assembly
Wednesday 3rd	LOTE activity Day at school. Dance Fever sessions for classes
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) NAPLAN Testing (Years 3 & 5)
Wed 10th	Dance Fever sessions for classes NAPLAN Testing (Years 3 & 5)
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 2:00pm P & F meeting (Kinder classroom) 6:00pm School Board Meeting St Brendan-Shaw community open session 11:00-12:30pm.
Tuesday 16th	Dance Fever sessions for classes
Wed 17th	9:00-10:45am Playgroup (Kinder classroom)
Friday 19th	9:00am Year 1 morning prayer assembly
Monday 22nd	School Photos - full winter uniform please.
Tuesday 23rd	Dance Fever sessions for classes
Wed 24th	Year 6 St Brendan-Shaw 10:30-12:40pm School cross country
Thursday 25th	9:00-10:45am Playgroup (Kinder classroom)
Friday 26th	9:00am Year 5 morning prayer assembly
Monday 29th	Dance Fever sessions for classes
Wed 31st	

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

We welcome Certificate 3 in Education Support students Kelly Mundy Furley and Hannah Grace who will assist in Year 3 one day a week until approximately the end of October. We also welcome Tamiaka Anthony who will be assisting in Year 3 for 6 hours a week. Mrs Lawrence-Vick will also now be a supporting Teacher-Assistant in Year 5 for two hours a week and Mrs Hyland will work in Year 1 every Friday morning to complement her Monday to Thursday support in Year 1. Mr O'Brien will support teaching and learning programs with Mrs Marshall in Year 1 every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 to 12:30pm

Easter Egg Raffle

Many thanks to the many members of our school community who supported our Easter Egg raffle last term by contributing Easter eggs and/or by purchasing raffle tickets. The money raised will be used to assist subsidising the Year 5/6 Canberra trip. A member of each grade received a raffle from the Easter Egg raffle draw, in addition to three main prizes, which were won by Luca Adams, Lucy Doonan and Tyla O'Toole. (Thank you to Mrs Adams for donating one prize back into the raffle pool after winning two prizes.)



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.

ANZAC Day Commemoration

Thank you to the following students who represented our school at the Latrobe ANZAC Day commemorations, which this year were held in the Memorial Hall due to the forecast of inclement weather: Maddi Lamprey, Amelia Klug, Riley Kuys, Kelly Simpson, Annalee Bidwell, Seth and Lily Mansfield-Burgess, Luca Adams, Zaria Richardson, Harry Marshall, Logan Lamprey, Claire Simpson, Gideon Barker.



Fruit and Rice Day and Holy Week

To appreciate a little more about Holy Week, we participated in many activities during the last week of term 1. Thank you to the many students and staff who participated in the Fruit and Rice day, our Thursday Stations of the Cross assembly and our Holy Thursday assembly, in addition to attending the parish Mass. The Easter story can be quite confronting for us and we endeavoured to try to express the sense of service to others and the deep, unconditional love that our God has for us in our interpretation of the Easter story.



Parent-Student-Teacher Meetings

Many thanks to the teachers and the parents who met at the end of term 1 to discuss strengths and to establish goals for term 2. We had almost 75% of parents contribute towards these meetings, which is an excellent response!

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.

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

Congratulations to William Higgins (Year 4) 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 May our whole school PBS focus is "**Learning**" and our WEST focus is '**Welcoming**'. We encourage you to talk to your child about this monthly focus and what it means to him or her.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Oliver Parry for great work in reading and writing.

Year 1: Brad Jones for his improvement with his organisational skills.

Year 2: Gideon Barker for fabulous problem solving skills in Mathematics.

Year 3: Ava Franklin for her caring nature and positive attitude.

Year 4: Josie Darby for always welcoming and including others.

Year 5: Ty Weatherill for neatly writing a well planned draft that includes all the elements of a narrative text.

Year 6: Maddi Lamprey for a great effort in her English writing.

Devonport Junior Soccer 2017

Families of children involved in the Devonport Junior Soccer season have been provided with the roster for the season with today's Newsletter (rosters are also available on our Skoolbag app). The following message is from Danielle Last, Devonport Junior Soccer: *This Wednesday 3rd May, Devonport Junior Soccer will be holding their Annual General Meeting. The AGM will be held at the Meercroft Club rooms at 7pm. We would like to see as many DJS parents there as possible to show their support for the Club. We are a small committee who would welcome more input and support. All positions become vacant. If this is something that interests you and you would like to know more please feel free to email us or call our current President, Richard Bidwell on 0419 314 411. Alternatively just turn up! A Devonport Cup Sub-committee meeting will be held after the AGM.*

School Banking Information Session

St Patrick's is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards. The rewards available during 2017 are: Cyber Handball; Colour Change Markers; 3D Chalk Set; Tablet Case; Smiley Emoji Keyring; Volt Handball; Pencil + Tech Case; Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school: Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit). School Banking day for Commonwealth Bank School Banking will be Thursdays. We will be holding a School Banking Information Session at our school: **Time: 9:00am Date: Monday 8th May Location: School Assembly Hall**

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. A School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session.

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 Bellchambers.

Dance Fever

Students in all classes may wear their sports uniform on Wednesdays (and Thursdays as usual) for their participation of 'Dance Fever' classes this term.



Love your neighbour was the theme of this year's Project Compassion. Thank you to the students and families who returned their Project Compassion boxes at the end of last term. We collected the coins and students enjoyed filling up a big love heart with the contributions. Together we raised \$426.85. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



REMINDERS

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.**

Canberra Instalments Due

Canberra instalments are due either monthly or quarterly, with the 4th monthly instalment due on the 27th May and the 2nd quarterly instalment due on the 20th May. Thank you to those parents who are already making regular payments. Payments can be transferred 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 Mr Linhart or Mrs Leonard on 64261626 or via email: leatrice.leonard@catholic.tas.edu.au

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.

COMMUNITY

Attendance at Wednesday Parish Masses

Unfortunately, due to our whole-school involvement in Dance Fever every Wednesday morning this term, we will not be able to participate in the weekly 9:30am Wednesday Masses. Our involvement in the form of two 'cobber-classes' attending on a regular roster will continue next term.

St Patrick's Parents & Friends

The St Patrick's Catholic School Parents and Friends Committee met last term 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. Karen Smith was nominated and voted as President for 2017, Anita Tueon was nominated and voted as Vice-President and Sally Bond was nominated and voted as Treasurer. The position of Secretary remains vacant. Prue Garwood and Kate Huxtable were nominated and voted as committee members. This important group of volunteers will be meeting regularly throughout the year and would welcome your contributions in the aim of helping support St Patrick's Catholic School as a school that endeavours to offer a quality, faith-centred education. Feel welcome to join in the next meeting: 2:00pm Monday 15th May in the Kindergarten classroom.

