

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Companion Prayer

Lord, we are companions on a journey.
Only you, Dear Lord,
know the identity and depth of me.
You know my hurts and pains;
those frustrations I feel in this land.
So please, I ask you take my hand
and comfort me.

Reconcile and guide me in justice and in faith.

This week is a significant week for all Australians as we remember May 27 and June 3 being important dates in Australia's history. May 27 marks the anniversary of the 1967 referendum when Australians voted to remove clauses in the Australian Constitution that discriminated against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. June 3 marks the historic 1992 Mabo decision in which the High Court of Australia recognised native title—the recognition that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights over their lands did survive British colonisation. During every Monday assembly we acknowledge that we gather on the traditional land of Punnilerpanner People and we pay our respects to their elders both past and present.

Before Nelson Mandela was arrested in 1962, he was an angry, relatively young man. He founded the ANC's military wing. When he was released, he surprised everyone because he was talking about reconciliation and forgiveness and not about revenge. A 2004 US study asked 83 college students to respond to an ordinary social conflict—forgetting to meet a friend for a party, but going on their own—and then to imagine that the friend had apologised at the very beginning of a conversation, or after the participants had a chance to voice their feelings, or not at all. Respondents had the most positive reactions to an apology delivered after they'd had the opportunity to express themselves and feel heard by the other party. The study also found that apologies that come too late, like those that come too early, are likely to fail; the sweet spot is somewhere between the two, depending entirely on the circumstances and the nature of the relationship. Apologies or a real appreciation of another's pain are, therefore, an important part of any process of reconciliation.

History is full of tragedies that emerge from a lack of reconciliation, and this is not surprising when we consider how difficult it is to forgive and forget. Thank you to all in our school community who support, by word and deed, our WEST values, with a realisation that, being human, we will make mistakes and that hopefully our attempts at reconciliation are genuine and heart-felt and form part of inter-personal and intra-personal growth by like-minded people.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

May

Monday 29th 9:00am Year 5 morning prayer assembly
730pm 2018 Sacramental Program Preparation Session at OLOL Catholic Church

Wed 31st Dance Fever sessions for classes (Sports uniform may be worn to school).

June

Thursday 1st Devon Hockey Clinics
Friday 2nd 9:00am Pentecost school assembly
9:00-10:45am Playgroup (Kinder classroom)
Monday 5th 9:00am Year 3 morning prayer assembly
Wed 7th Dance Fever sessions for classes (Sports uniform may be worn to school).
Thursday 8th Devon Hockey Clinics
Friday 9th 9:00-10:45am Playgroup (Kinder classroom)
Monday 12th Public Holiday - Queen's 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
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 6:00-7:30pm

July

Monday 3rd Mid-Year Reports and Folios distributed during Parent-Student-Teacher meetings.
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.
Monday 24th Term 3 commences

August

Saturday 19th 1st Eucharist and Confirmation at OLOL Catholic Church, Devonport

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 O'Brien was away yesterday (Mr Batt taught Year 6); Miss Stuart was away today (Mrs Wescombe taught in Year 3); Mrs Sesara will be away Monday 5th June (Mrs Wescombe will teach Year 4).

Devon Hockey Skills Clinics

Students will be involved in hockey skills clinics for three weeks commencing this Thursday. These sessions will be held during our Thursday PE sessions and conducted by a Devon Hockey team member. Advice from Devon Hockey is that although not compulsory, some families might consider having children wear mouth guards - only if children have their own mouth guards at home from football or soccer etc and/or their own shin pads they are very welcome to bring them for the sessions. If not, Devon Hockey will provide shin pads.

School Cross Country

Thank you to Mr Butcher who coordinated the cross country event last Thursday, and to the Latrobe High students, parents and staff who assisted. All students appeared to thoroughly enjoy the event and spirit of encouragement (the big 'E' in WEST) was clearly evident. Congratulations to all competitors from Kinder to Year 6 and special congratulations to our age champions (1st place-getters) and to our 2nd and 3rd place getters:

Year 3 Boys

- Mac Butler (6:02); Kyle Barnes (6:18); Samuel Ling (6:22).

Year 3 Girls

- Julia Wighton (6:54); Luca Adams (7:35); Ava Chamley (7:38).

Year 4 Boys

- Vinnie Manion (5:15); William Higgins (5:37); Patrick Mulcahy (6:04).

Year 4 Girls

- Olivia Wighton (7:21); Logan Lamprey (7:36); Molly Clarke (7:51).

Year 5 Boys

- Flynn Glann (7:38); Luke Harris (8:10); Ryan Mulcahy (8:16).

Year 5 Girls

- Olivia Gow (8:39); Piper Emmerton (8:41); Mackenzie Garwood (9:32).

Year 6 Boys

- Kelly Simpson (6:59); Jesse O'Brien (8:25); Charlie Reeman (8:35).

Year 6 Girls

- Annalee Bidwell (7:45); Maddi Lamprey (8:32); Amelia Klug (8:42).

These students and any other student who can prove to Mr Butcher or Mr Linhart that their distance times are such that they would be competitive in the distances run at the representative level are eligible to compete in the North West Catholic Schools Cross Country, which will be held at Stella Marist, Burnie, on Thursday 15th June. Students received a letter advising them of their place in the school cross-country team and permission slips are due back to school by Monday 5th June please.

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 on Thursday 15th June - please notify the school office of your interest before this date in order to take part in in this exciting school representative opportunity.



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



Congratulations to Tyler Bakes (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 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

Kinder: Edgar Huxtable for his impressive work on rhyme.

Prep: Mushtaq Khan for being a good sport at the cross country carnival and for trying his best.

Year 1: Lincoln McQueen for improved effort in all his tasks.

Year 2: Tyler Bakes for always showing kindness and consideration to his peers.

Year 3: Julia Wighton for her fantastic effort with learning tasks and an amazing cross country race.

Year 4: Peter Metz for an outstanding result on his fractions test.

Year 5: Lucas Hodge for consistently being organised and utilising his learning time to complete set tasks effectively.

Year 6: Riley Kuys for his cooperation and support of the class cross-country PE unit.

House raffle winners

Byrne House: Jack Hayes points (110)

Dooley House: Buckley Davis 115 points

Martyn House: Piper Emmerton 83 points

Left: Father Mike visited Year 4 last week and answering questions about his role, his faith journey and life in general.

Pentecost

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost Sunday marks the end of the Easter season, fifty days after Easter Sunday. Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on the Apostles, and the beginning, or 'birth-day' of the Church. It was on this day that the Apostles, once fearful and afraid to even be seen in public, went out into the streets of Jerusalem to tell the people the story of Jesus Christ. As Christians, we believe that they were enabled to do this by the power of God's Spirit.

Year 6 St Brendan-Shaw Taster session

On Wednesday 24th May Year 6, Mrs O'Brien and Mr Tim visited St Brendan-Shaw College for a taster session. We did one MDT class and made wooden coasters. It was a lot of fun. Our impression of the college is that it is impressive and (a lot bigger than primary school) it would be fun to go there as you'd learn a lot. (By Charli Reeves and Eva Saunders-Curran).

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. 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. The roster for this Saturday is included below.

Prep:	10:30am	Ground 4
Year 1:	11:15am	Ground 6
Year 2 Green	10:40am	Ground 12
Year 2 White	9:00am	Ground 12
Year 3/4	11:00am	Ground 9
Year 5	10:00am	Ground 16
Year 6	11:00am	Ground 11



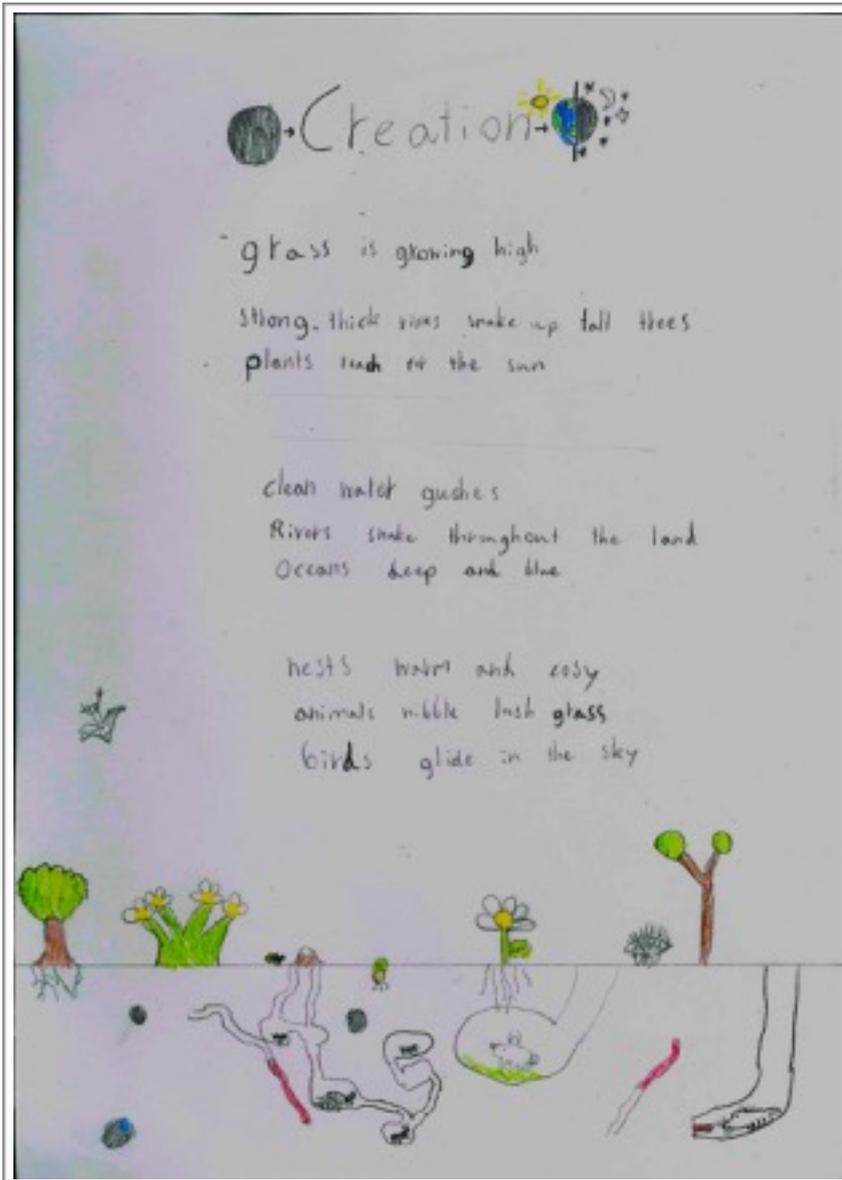
REMINDERS

School Banking - Thursdays

Commonwealth Banking Day is Thursday of each week. Please contact Lennice or Tameka in the school office for any information regarding this opportunity. CDF Kookaburra Banking is still functioning for the time being at St. Patrick's. Account holders deposits will still be processed by Mrs Bellchambers.

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.



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 again, have a healthy interest in enrolments. 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.



Poem
by
Arlo
Year 3

