

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Leonardo da Vinci is attributed as saying that learning never exhausts the mind. Our staff are involved in ongoing professional learning in many areas of their vocation – planning, assessment, ICT, behaviour management, curriculum, pedagogy, to name but a few. An interesting focus for five of our teachers who have volunteered to be part of an 'Educator Impact' teacher development initiative involves discussions with a peer or colleagues regarding reflection on the 'specifics' and 'general' aspects of teaching and learning. I believe our discussions in this area will have considerable benefit for staff and ultimately students in the design and implementation of teaching and learning programs that compel all participants to delve a little deeper and wider in our investigations as learners.

An interesting aspect of this 'Educator Impact' initiative is the role of student feedback in the process – students complete feedback on their teacher, which is complemented by a colleague-teacher's feedback and the teacher's own self-reflection. In discussing with students their reflections on this process, the following statements by some students are interesting: "I think there should have been a question on how well the day was broken up into hard jobs, easy jobs, literacy groups and games outside". When delving a little deeper, the student said he was trying to explain that there should be questions that highlight how well the teacher creates a balance of different activities during the day because he thought this was important. Another student said he thought that there shouldn't be a question on whether you have fun at school because if students have fun all day it might not be helping them learn the things they needed when they left school. Another student thought there should be a question on how "comfortable" you felt with your teacher, not how much you liked them. She thought that if you felt comfortable in asking questions and working with the teacher it would help you learn.

I am grateful that we have teachers who are willing to put themselves up for 'critique'; and I am similarly grateful that our students appear to be taking their role as learners seriously enough to provide us with thoughtful responses. Our teachers are involved in continued professional learning, acknowledging that learning is not a spectator sport.

Regards,

Rod Linhart (Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday 28th 9:00am Year 6 prayer assembly
Tuesday 29th Latrobe High School Year 6-7 transition - Boys
Wed. 30th 9:30am Years 6 & 2 attend Parish Mass
Latrobe High School Year 6-7 transition - Girls
Code Night for Years P-2 (6.00-7.00pm).

September

Friday 1st 8:00am Father's Day Breakfast (school assembly hall).
9:00-10:40am Playgroup
6:00pm for a 6:30pm start: School Trivia Night (P-Theme)
Monday 4th 9:00am Year 5 prayer assembly
Wed. 6th 9:30am Years 5 & Prep attend Parish Mass
P & F Soup Day - Pumpkin and Chicken & vegetable (\$2)
2.00-2.45pm & 6.00-6.45pm NAPLAN parent information sessions in the school assembly hall.
Friday 8th 9:00-10:40am Playgroup
Monday 11th 9:00am Prep prayer assembly
2:00pm St Patrick's P & F meeting
Marty Ogle (MJR) visiting Year 6
Thursday 14th School vocal ensemble entry in the Devonport Eisteddfod
Friday 15th 9:00-10:40am Playgroup
Sofos meeting at St Patrick's Latrobe
1:30pm CBC Book Week performance
Monday 18th 9:00am assembly - Catherine McAuley focus.
6:30pm School play, "Brian the Christmas tree" performing at the Deloraine Youth Drama Festival
Tuesday 19th School instrumental entry in the Devonport Eisteddfod
2:00pm Official Opening of stage 2 of our 'Pathways to the past' school-Parish History project (Open area adjacent to the school office - all welcome).
Friday 22nd 9:00am assembly to celebrate Footy Colours Day - P & F to provide free hot chips.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2017

Term 3: Monday 24th July-Friday 29th September

Term 4: Tuesday 17th October-Thursday 21st December

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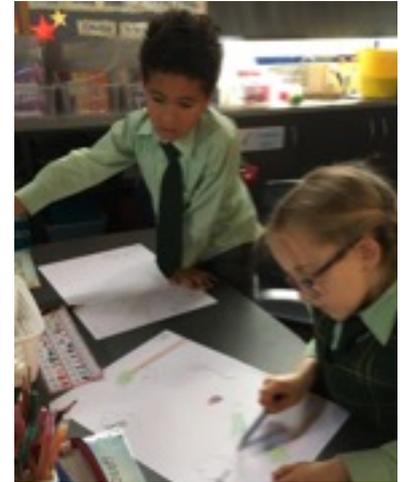
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Staff News

Mr Linhart was away yesterday afternoon attending a meeting in Ulverstone. Class teachers will be involved in regional teacher network days next week - relief teachers have been contacted to ensure continuity of learning takes place; Mrs Marshall and Mrs Badcock will be away this Thursday and Friday respectively at AP meetings.

Prep News with Mrs Jak

During Term 3, we have been exploring the art work of John Glover, a Tasmanian artist. We examined the painting 'Launceston and the river Tamar', 1832. We looked at the horizon and perspective (near and far). Students then sketched the painting.



P & F Soup Day

Parents and friends will be preparing and selling soup (pumpkin soup from our own school garden and chicken & vegetable soup prepared by Prue Garwood) for \$2 next Wednesday 6th September at lunch-time. There is no need to pre-order. If you would like to assist with preparing, cooking and/or selling the soup please contact the school office.

Father's Day Breakfast - 8:00am Friday 1st September

Our Fathers' Day Big Breakfast will commence at 8:00am sharp this Friday 1st September. To ensure we cater sufficiently, we requested that all who are attending this event to have either completed the RSVP online on the 'What's Happening' tab of our school website <http://stpatslatrobe.tas.edu.au/> or to have contacted Lennice, Tameka or Kris in the school office to register by today. Thank you to those who have registered and are sure to enjoy fine food and convivial company. A full list of attendees follows and RSVPs have been issued - tables will be set with these names:

Adams Family, Kuys Family, Harris (Luke) Family, Harris (Melissa) Family, Tueon Family, Chamley Family, Klug Family, Anthony Family, Marshall Family, McQueen Family, Rainbird Family, Jessup Family, Wescombe Family, Reeman Family, Watkins Family, Kelly Family, Newman Family, Scott Family, Barker Family, Gow Family, Emerton Family, Hayes Family, Boyle Family, Manion Family, Young Family, Smith/Butler Family, Mansfield-Burgess Family, Simpson Family, Bond Family, Bidwell Family, Fawkner Family, Watson Family, Lamprey Family, Ryan Family, O'Toole Family, Edgerton Family, O'Brien Family, Reeves Family, Weatherill Family & Metz Family.

NAPLAN Parent Information Sessions

Parents are welcome to attend any of the two NAPLAN parent information sessions that are scheduled for next Wednesday 6th September in the school assembly hall. The sessions will be conducted by Mr Linhart and are designed to provide parents with some insights into the NAPLAN results, school trends and our school response. Mr Linhart is happy to discuss individual student results with the child's parent in a confidential 1:1 session should any parent of a Year 3 or 5 student be interested - please contact one of the school office staff to arrange a meeting.

Eisteddfod - Tour school is timetabled for Thursday 14th September and Tuesday 19th September

Parents of student who are participating in the Devonport Eisteddfod should have received a letter and permission slip (which was due to be returned to the school last Friday) last week. Many thanks to these students Lily Woodhall, Isabel Bishop, Lucas Hodge, Olivia Gow, Tomas Sullivan, Riley Kuys, Eva Saunders-Curran, Chloe Barnes, Maddison Newman, Krystal Riley, Makenzie Garwood, Piper Emerton, Sapphire Bailey, Ify Nwaba, Logan Benson, Josie Darby, Molly Clarke, Amelia Klug and William O'Grady for their willingness to participate and to Mrs Baker for her preparation of the students.

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

WEST Award

Congratulations to Molly Clarke (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 August 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 94 points: Sapphire Bailey

Dooley House 49 points: Kelly Simpson

Martyn House 51 points: Riley Kuys

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Sophie Franklin for encouraging and helping other students.

Year 1: Joey Griffiths for a big improvement with handwriting.

Year 2: Jaxon Boyle for describing shapes in Geometry.

Year 3: Julia Wighton for being a caring class member who ensures the safety of her classmates by being responsible.

Year 4: Harry Marshall for being focussed as engaged when working on his Biome Diorama.

Year 5: Olivia Gow for her creative thinking and insightful ideas during classroom discussion time.

Year 6: Kelly Simpson for the excellent effort he is putting into his work, especially his spelling.

Year 3 News with Miss Stuart

In Year 3, students have been exploring the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We have viewed Youtube clips, seen photos, baptismal candles and certificates of some of our class members, completed graphic organisers on the symbols, actions and words that make up each of the sacraments and have been most fortunate that three of the students have been able to share their first hand experiences of Confirmation and First Eucharist with us. Last week students enjoyed creating dioramas of the different Sacraments.



Perceptual Motor Program

Students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 are currently involved in a weekly perceptual motor program facilitated by John House (Port Sorell Sports) and well supported by our student house captains. Students will be involved in some fine and gross motor skill development, in addition to improving basic physical fitness, balance, throwing and catching skills.

Pre-Kinder - Please contact the School Office for more information.

We will be offering Pre-Kinder classes each Monday in term 4, beginning Monday 23rd October. These classes will be offered for any child who turns four in 2017 and is likely to enrol in Kindergarten for 2018 (children need to turn 5 in 2018 to enrol in Kindergarten).

Saturday Soccer - Saturday 2nd September (FINAL SOCCER ROUND FOR 2017)

The roster for Saturday 2nd September is included below.

A reminder for parents whose child plays in Year 2 Green, Year 3/4, Year 5, Year 6 are asked to please assist with packing up - many thanks.

Please ensure players arrive at their game/ground at least 10m minutes prior to the rostered starting time.

Prep:	10:30am	Ground 3
Year 1:	9.45am	Ground 6
Year 2 Green	11:30am	Ground 10
Year 2 White	10:40am	Ground 12
Year 3/4	11.00am	Ground 8
Year 5	11:00am	Ground 1
Year 6	noon	Ground 11

Coaches will present players with their participation medals at the conclusion of the match; students will present their coach with a card and gift (provided by the school). Thank you to everyone for the season, especially our coaches, Richard & Jayne Bidwell, Justin & Zoe Simpson and D'Arne Adams.

Footy Colours Day - Friday 22nd September

Students are welcome to come dressed in their favourite team's footy colours on Friday 22nd September. The days will begin with a parade in the assembly hall. The School P & F will offer free hot chips from the canteen at lunch-time (no pre-orders are necessary). If you would like to assist with the cooking and distribution of the hot chips, please leave your name with the school office staff.



Emergency Practice

During Term 3 whilst at lunch or recess 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). As for fire evacuation drills, we recognised the worth to test this process. We have plans in place to make this practice as least disruptive as able. If you have queries please call our Safety Officer, Simon Natoli on 0400 105 476

REMINDERS

Marshmallows on sale each Wednesday - \$2.00

As previously communicated to families, Hayley Brazendale, a mother of two children at St Patrick's) is selling her delicious marshmallows to our school community each Wednesday.

Code Night Years Prep-Year 2: Wednesday, August 30th

The session will be available from 6:00pm - 7:00pm in the Year 2 classroom. We will explore activities on the websites code.org and Scratch. No prior coding experience is necessary. It is easy! Please register using the Google form in the **What's Happening** section of our website <http://stpatslatrobe.tas.edu.au/>. Numbers are limited. Register your interest.

School Trivia Night - Friday 1st September

Following on the success of our two previous Trivia Nights, we will be offering fun, opportunities to win some prizes and to dress up in response to this year's them - 'P', please book a table of eight as soon as possible to avoid the rush - please refer to the enclosed flier or contact Lennice, Tameka, Kris or Mr Linhart.

Care and Concern

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.

DYSLEXIA & DYSCALCULIA
what's the denominator?

Square Postas' 2017 Conference brings together world leading experts in the fields of dyslexia and dyscalculia, who will provide a wealth of valuable information, research and innovative, evidence validated strategies to assist in the successful acquisition of skills in language, literacy and numeracy for all children, including those who learn differently.

OCTOBER 2017 | HOBART

University of Tasmania, Sandy Bay Campus

- Friday 6 October - Dyslexia & Dyscalculia Masterclass \$200
- Saturday 7 October - Conference \$120

This pre-posed event is particularly relevant for:
Learning Support Teachers | Principals | Speech Pathologists
Educational Psychologists | Teachers | Occupational Therapists
Tutors | Early Childhood Educators | Parents

Enjoy conference sandwiches on Friday 6 October, featuring gorgeous Tasmanian wines and produce.

To register or for more click here or visit squarepostas.org

Dr Steve Chen
International research consultant and author of *The Trouble with Writing*, expert in dyslexia and former principal of an Australian primary school.

Julie Harnfield
Independent UK based education consultant specializing in dyslexia and numeracy.

Sarah Aacoe
Learning and Curriculum Support leader, Heritage Head, Literacy and Numeracy, Outstanding Teacher, teacher.

Bill Hamberly
Specialist in learning systems with students and training for students in health care, business, coding and writing.

Mandy Rayton
Executive Officer of 200+ literacy and cultural centres, education and community education, specialist teacher and current President of Australia.

Rosalie Martin
Tasmanian Australian of the Year, Director of Square Postas Tasmania and founder of Global Writers.

Professor Michael Rowan
Executive Professor at the University of South Australia and co-founder of the Tasmanian Education Association.

James Justice Bond
Advocate for the rights of children and adults with autism, neurodiversity is a collection of a number of ways to support people with autism.



St Patrick's Catholic School Father's Day Raffle

1st Prize - Firewood (2 metres delivered) + \$50 BWS Voucher

2nd Prize - Milwaukee Angle Grinder Kit.

3rd Prize - Milwaukee Impact Drill & Drive set + Magnetic Tape Measure.

\$2.00 per ticket

Drawn this Friday 1st September 2017
at our Father's Day Breakfast

Please return tickets by Thursday 31st August.

