

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Welcome back to the routines, the challenges, the excitements, and the occasional rides on the roller-coaster that is 'school'. Two weeks 'break'; from usual school routines should certainly have allowed depleted batteries to be charged and I appreciate the work that was undertaken by staff over the holidays in preparing academically rigorous and engaging teaching and learning programs. After being around the ridges for many years, I can assure parents that we are blessed to have a staff who display such impressive commitment to increasing learning outcomes for our students.

The Bible refers to 'fallow' time quite often and holidays certainly confirm the benefits of having time to reflect on goals and principles. Teachers are only too aware of how fortunate they are to enjoy significant holidays or, more appropriately, 'down-time'; time that allows them to prepare themselves for their busy and often challenging days. None of my family had ever been to university so I endured the taunts associated with the correlation between teaching and holidays...that is until they realised that a significant focus for teaching and teachers occurs during the holidays.

The holidays certainly affirm for me Walt Whitman's simple statement - "I have learned that to be with those I like is enough." It is in the simplicity of being away from routines and demands that the important values that each of us intrinsically possesses can be realised and I am exceedingly grateful to have had the time to have had some 'down-time'. I trust that all members of our school community have had the opportunity to have some 'down-time' to reflect on goals and aspirations that help make us what we are to others, and in being true to ourselves.

The issuing of reports and folios last term allowed teachers, parents and students the opportunities to re-assess goals and the strategies employed to work toward and hopefully reach goals. The Dalai Lama stated that, "It is important to check your goal and motivation thoroughly. One should be very truthful, honest, and reasonable. One's actions should be good for others, and for oneself as well." I believe we are striving to be reasonable in our expectations of our children at St Patrick's Catholic School. I also realise that it is important for families to converse regularly with teachers in order to come to appreciate our perspective of 'reasonableness' in the context of a family's own interpretation. Opportunities for Parent-Student-Teacher consultations are appropriate forums for invaluable discussions that allow goals to be established and prioritised, hopefully using the maxims of 'honesty' and 'reasonableness'.

Regards,

Rod Linhart (Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

July

Monday 24th Term 3 commences
9:00am Assembly: Prospective school captains and house captains present speeches to the school community.
Aboriginal Black Box visit (Year 6).
Wed. 26th 9:00-10:45 Playgroup (Kinder classroom)
Friday 28th 9:00am Assembly - led by Year 3
Monday 31st

August

Wed 2nd 9:30am Years 3 & 4 attend Parish Mass.
Thursday 3rd Latrobe High student information presentation to Year 6.
Friday 4th 9:00-10:45 Playgroup (Kinder classroom).
Monday 14th 9:00am Year 4 prayer assembly.
Wed. 16th 9:30am Years 4 & 1 attend Parish Mass
Saturday 19th 1st Eucharist and Confirmation at OLOL Catholic Church, Devonport.
Monday 21st 9:00am Year 2 prayer assembly.
6:00pm School Board Meeting.
Wed. 23rd Code Night for Years 3-6 (6.00-7.00pm).
9:30am Years 2 & 6 attend Parish Mass
Friday 25th Students watch OLOL school perform, 'Danger Kids' at the Devonport Entertainment Centre.
Monday 28th 9:00am Year 6 prayer assembly
2.00-2.45pm & 6.00-6.45pm NAPLAN parent information sessions in the school assembly hall.
Tuesday 29th Latrobe High School Year 6-7 transition (Boys)
Wed. 30th Latrobe High School Year 6-7 transition (Girls)
9:30am Years 6 & 2 attend Parish Mass
Code Night for Years P-2 (6.00-7.00pm).

September

Friday 1st 8:00am Father's Day Breakfast (school assembly hall).
Monday 4th 9:00am Year 5 prayer assembly
Wed. 6th 9:30am Years 5 & Prep attend Parish Mass
Friday 8th 6:00pm for 6:30pm School Trivia Night (school assembly hall).
Monday 11th 9:00am Prep prayer assembly

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 Badcock and Mr Linhart will be attending a meeting regarding Online NAPLAN testing this Friday; Mrs Gregson will be away next Tuesday 1st August, however, she will be at St Patrick's on Friday 4th August; Mrs Badcock will be away next Wednesday 2nd August - Miss Cook will teach Year 2.

School Calendar

A calendar of school events can be downloaded from our school website. Some important dates for your consideration and attention are included on the first page of this and every newsletter.

Student Folios

Student folios are requested to be returned to the class teachers please. Folio items will be continually updated so your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Father's Day Breakfast - Friday 1st September

An invitation is offered to the fathers, uncles and grandfathers who wish to attend our Father's Day Big Breakfast commencing at 8:00am sharp on Friday 1st September. To ensure we cater sufficiently, we will be requiring all who intend attending this event to either please **complete the RSVP online on the 'What's Happening' tab of our school website <http://stpatlatrobe.tas.edu.au/>** or ring Lennice, Tameka or Kris in the school office to register. **We will be printing a full list of attendees in the school Newsletter immediately preceding the breakfast and tables will be set with these names.**

School Archive Photos

We are interested in contacting anyone in the community who may have historical photographs that relate to either St Patrick's School or the St Patrick's Catholic Parish. The school is intending to add to the existing frames and create a series of pictures, photographs or even letters that reflect the history of the school and parish and put them on display around the school.

School Grounds - Plants, Paths and Play Project

Mr Broos has been busy (ably assisted by numerous volunteers) in planting trees as part of our boundary beautification initiative. The intention is to create a green and natural tactile play area on the boundaries of our playground to allow exploratory play and to also provide an area of focus for children who are not as interested in the more competitive organised play such as football, basketball or soccer. We hope the plantings and paths to be in place before mid-term 4 of this year.



Surveillance

Unfortunately the school experienced some vandalism and extensive graffiti in the weeks leading up to the school holidays. As a consequence, we have installed surveillance cameras that cover extensive areas of our school grounds, which will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our school grounds remain available for responsible use outside the school and childcare hours (8:30am to 6:00pm week days).

Let's Dance!: Dance Fever Performance and the SRC Dance - Pyjama Party

Thank you to all members of the school community who supported the SRC School Dance that was held on the last day of term 2. Special thanks to Mrs Badcock and Mrs Marshall Karen Smith, Anita Gillam and Lorraine Young who assisted with preparations, and to all members of the Student Representative Council and especially Tomas Sullivan in Year 6 whose 'Master of Ceremonies' skills are worthy of special mention.



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

Congratulations to Frank Dewrance-Milligan (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 July our whole school PBS focus is "**Learning**" and our WEST focus is '**Thanking**'. 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: Zara Omogbai-Musa for her very neat handwriting and presentation of work.

Year 1: Blake Kenny for a wonderful welcome back to Term 3.

Year 2: Amelia Jones for her positive approach to learning.

Year 3: Zaria Richardson for consistently displaying WEST qualities in the classroom.

Year 4: Dylan Stevens for always being a welcoming and inclusive class member.

Year 5: Jack Hayes for maintaining a positive attitude towards all aspects of school, right up to the end of Term 2.

Year 6: Amelia Klug for outstanding speech presentation in Term 2.

Marshmallows on sale Wednesdays - \$2.00

As previously communicated to families, Hayley Brazendale, a mother of two children at St Patrick's (who has offered some healthy eating and cooking workshops for members of our school community in the past) is selling her delicious marshmallows to our school community each Wednesday.

Staff Professional Learning - Mercy Charism

We welcomed Sister Margaret Henderson to our school on the last Friday of term 2 (student-free day). Sister Margaret is a Mercy Sister, the order who commenced teaching at St Patrick's in 1892. Staff were involved in a presentation and discussions regarding how we can continue to be a community that endeavours to live-out our Mercy values, that are as real and important today as they were in 1892: Mercy, Excellence, Dignity, Compassion, Hospitality and Justice. As part of our school improvement process we will be looking to align our Mercy values with our school strategic plan in real and tangible ways.



Devonport Junior Soccer six-a-side competition Saturday 12th August. **NOMINATIONS CLOSING**

We are taking registrations for the Devonport six-a-side competition. We must have nominations BEFORE we register any teams this Thursday 27th July. Students who are registered in our Saturday soccer competition may nominate by completing the two questions on the 'What's Happening' tab of our school website <http://stpatlatrobe.tas.edu.au/>. Alternately, you can ring Lennice, Tameka or Kris in the school office to nominate.

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 29th July** is included below. A reminder for parents whose child plays in Year 2 Green, Year 3/4 and Year 6 are asked to assist with either setting up or packing up - many thanks.

Prep:	9.45am	Ground
Year 1:	9.45am	Ground 5
Year 2 Green	9.00am	Ground 12 (please help set up at 8:50am)
Year 2 White	9.50am	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)



Library News

Mrs Carter is asking for donations of children's magazines and comic books from families please - they need to be in good condition and of interest to primary school-aged children. Thank you in advance for any donations.

2017 Devonport Basketball Primary School Tournament

Well done to the following players who represented the school at the Devonport Basketball School Tournament during the middle week of the holidays: Amelia Klug, Annalee Bidwell, Maddi Lamprey, Lily Woodhall, Nat Mason, Isabel Bishop and Logan Lamprey. Thank you to Jo Lamprey, Ursula Klug and Kelli Mason who scored, coached and assisted in managing the team. The team displayed impressive skills, collaboration and resilience, making it all the way through to the grand final - well done girls!



School Counsellor - Cheree

Our school will be fortunate to have Cheree, an experienced and qualified counsellor visit St Patrick's on the Friday of each even week of term. Families who wish to use Cheree's services are advised that a 'School Counselling Service Consent to Work with Student' form is required to be completed by both parents prior to any meeting. This form will be made available to families upon request - please contact one of the office staff or Mr Linhart for more information and we hope to have the consent form available for download via our school website by the end of this week.

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.

COMMUNITY

Port Sorell Tennis Coaching

Port Sorell Tennis Coaching has tennis coaching group session on Wednesday and Thursday nights from 4:00pm (Wednesday) 3:30 (Thursday) until 6:00pm for children aged 5-14 years old. Tennis recommences on Wednesday May 3 and Thursday May 4. A group lesson lasts for 40 minutes with children of similar ability grouped together. If you are interested please contact Peter Georgiades on 0439637301 or 64287112.



Zumba

Zumba will be running each Wednesday of the school term at the new time of 6:30. Starts this Wednesday, still \$7 per person with under 15 free with an accompanying adult.

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Thursday 10th August 7:30pm
Friday 11th August 7:30pm
Saturday 12th August 1:00pm & 7:30pm

Adults \$25 + booking fee
Student/Concession card holders \$22 + booking fee

Tickets on sale now at the Devonport Entertainment and Convention Centre online at www.decc.net.au
in person or by phone 05 6420 2900

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