

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

"Every father should remember that one day his children will follow his example rather than his advice." Last Friday's Father's Day breakfast was testament to 'example' in that all participants were outstanding examples to others in their display of courtesy and consideration - many thanks to each of the 140+ family members who participated and to the many staff and 'mums' who contributed by assisting with serving, preparation and tidying-up; a truly collective school community effort of which St Patrick's is rightly proud.

My father was a post-World War II refugee and, no doubt his childhood experience of this war and the physical, social and emotional dislocation that was associated with this catastrophe was such that I cannot recall us ever having a conversation of any substance - his was a guarded soul. As a father myself, and having the good fortune to have been a teacher for 35 years, I am only too aware of how our environment can be a positive or negative influence on our relationships with others. The privilege that our position as parent (and consequently, educator) offers us, is often only apparent when we have the opportunity to reflect on the experience - as parents of school-aged children this gift of 'reflection-time' is acutely precious and unfortunately too often neglected as we undertake so many tasks that are compelling aspects of the lives of young parents who juggle so many responsibilities.

My prayer this week is that our young families are permitted (and allow themselves) the time and opportunity to embark upon sufficient 'reflection time' to really appreciate with '**Wonder and Awe**' the precious gift that is parenthood. Examples of only a few of a multitude of '**Wonder and Awe**' experiences that I have recently witnessed include:

- The look of love and pride in the faces of so many fathers last Friday as they enjoyed a shared community experience - the wonder of parenthood was so apparent.
- A student recently intervening respectfully on behalf of a mate in a (successful) attempt to allow the mate a chance to play when out of uniform - such an intervention reveals much about the awe that our students have in regards to the value of friendship.
- The honest and respectful dialogue that has ensured between our students who attend Wednesday Masses, and with Father Mike or Father Pascal during 'question time'- the children are confident in sharing their 'wondering' of faith.

Parenthood and teaching implies being aware of the '**Wonder and Awe**' that our environment constantly involves us in, and we are right to feel both blessed and

overwhelmed. To be filled with '**Wonder and Awe**' is so very important in our roles, and it was Albert Einstein who captured the importance for us to be alive and alert to the mystery of parenthood and teaching, by his following statement: "The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and all science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead: his eyes are closed."

Thank you for your continued support.

SCHOOL CALENDAR (Items in red are recently added.) SEPTEMBER

Monday 3rd	9.00am Year 1 morning prayer assembly Deloraine Drama rehearsal 3.00-4.30pm
Wednesday 5th	9.30am Years 1 & 4 Parish Mass
Thursday 6th	1.00pm School choir - Devonp't Eisteddfod
Saturday 8th	Six-a-side soccer competition for three teams under 9, 10 and open 6 teams
Monday 10th	9.00am Prep morning prayer assembly
Wed 12th	P & F canteen day - Hot Dogs 9.30am Prep & Year 5 Parish Mass
Thursday 13th	Deloraine Drama rehearsal 3.00-4.30pm
Friday 14th	1.30pm Children's Book Council Picture Book of The Year performance visit. 6.00 for a 6.30pm start School Trivia Night - 'Aussie, Aussie, Aussie' Theme.
Sunday 16th	Deloraine Drama rehearsal 3.00-4.30pm
Monday 17th	Winter-Summer uniform transition begins
Thursday 20th	6.30pm Deloraine Youth Drama Festival - school performance
Friday 28th	Final Day of Term 3 Footy Colours Day

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018

Term 3: Tuesday 24th July - Friday 28th September
Term 4: Monday 15th October - Thursday 20th December

SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2019 (Staff Professional Days TBC)

Term 1: Thursday 7th February - Friday 12th April
Term 2: Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July
Term 3: Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September
Term 4: Monday 14th October - Wednesday 18th December

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Staff News

Mrs Badcock attended a Leadership Meeting yesterday - Miss Morice taught Year 2; Mr Linhart, Mrs Badcock, Mrs Gregson and Mrs Marshall attended Catholic Education Leadership meeting today - Miss Morice taught Year 2 and Mr O'Brien taught Year 1; Mrs Klug will be away this Thursday and Friday - Mrs Anthony will support Mrs Stoessiger on Thursday in Kinder and Mrs Stoessiger will support Playgroup this Friday; Mrs Baker and Mr Linhart will be supporting the school's events in the Devonport Eisteddfod this Thursday and Friday from 1.00pm to 2.00pm.

Devonport Eisteddfod

We wish students who are involved in the senior choir and vocal ensemble all the very best for their performance at the Devonport Eisteddfod this Thursday and Friday: Thank you to Mrs Baker for preparing these gifted singers.

Winter-Summer Uniform Transition

Winter-Summer uniform transition begins, Monday 17th September, with the expectations that students commence school on the first day of term 4 - Monday 15th October - in full Summer uniform. The uniform policy is available to view on our website, Skoolbag app or in your child's school diary or a hard copy can be obtained from the school office.

Father's Day Recipes From Year 5 (Mrs Kingshott)

Ruby Meech (Year 5)

How to make a dad.

Ingredients:

- Love
- Hugs
- Smartness
- Sweetness
- Kisses
- Giggles
- Cuteness
- Silliness
- Amazingness
- Support
- Joy
- Forgiveness

Procedure: Pour some forgiveness into a cooking pan. Sprinkle a spoon of silliness before adding 500 litres of love. Now roll into a small bun and cover it in hugs and kisses. Next add a touch of sweetness, support and trust. Then put the father in an oven on high temperature. Take the father out and poke until it giggles. Now you have your homemade father.

Ryan Guard (Year 5)

Title: Making a father

Ingredients and materials:

- a cup of caring
- bowl of brightness
- sip of strictness
- splash of support
- handful of humour
- sprinkles
- spoon
- bowl

Steps:

Tip the jug of joy into a bowl. Next put the sip of strictness, and then mix with a spoon for 2 minutes. After that tip the cup of caring in the bowl, more mixing - 2 minutes. Put in the splash of support, more mixing - 2 minutes.

Put in the bit of brightness, more mixing - 2 minutes. Then put in the handful of humour, more mixing - 3 minutes.

Sprinkle over with some sprinkles. Mix your final things for - 4 minutes. Put your dad in the oven at moderate heat. When he is cooked he will yell boy! You can cook your dad in all different ways. You can cook whatever kind of dad you want. You just have to have the courage.



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

WEST Award

Congratulations to Rose Evans (Year 1) who received a WEST certificate during today's morning assembly, and Lily Woodall (Year 6) for being awarded Aussie of the Month for August. We will continue to acknowledge those students who exhibit WEST (*Welcoming, Encouraging; Sorry; Thankful*) qualities and Mercy Values (*Hospitality, Compassion, Mercy and Respect*) by presenting awards at our Monday morning assemblies. Families are always most welcome to attend our weekly assemblies.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Oriana Woods for an excellent effort in improving your handwriting. Well done!

Year 1: Amaja Scott for great progress with maths.

Year 2: Ekam Gill for taking care with her handwriting.

Year 3: Nathan Davis for his contributions towards discussions in Literacy groups.

Year 4: Merinda Jones for a wonderful effort with her explanation writing.

Year 5: Ruby Meech for sharing her procedural writing at the Father's Day liturgy.

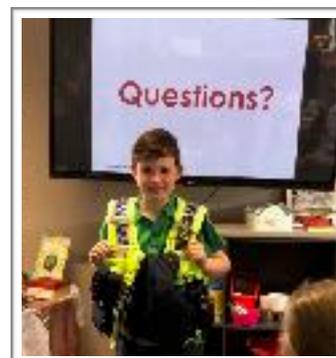
Year 6: Joseph Ryan for being an engaged learner and a helpful and considerate class member.

Cyber Awareness

ThinkUKnow is a cyber safety program that helps support young people who use technology to create a safe online environment. Constable Emilie Dellar from Tasmania Police presented an engaging and informative session to the Year 5 and Year 6 students on Thursday 29th August. The presentation covered what young people say, see and do online. Emilie held discussions around the following:

- usernames, passwords and privacy settings when using websites and apps
- true and false information
- safe searching
- staying safe while using instant messaging
- sharing images or videos and what information can be gathered
- online gaming and staying safe when playing online games
- cyber-bullying and what help is available to students

Thank you to the eight families who attended our own school-based Parent Information sessions on Social Media. From our school survey results and discussions at these meetings, we will put together a program for senior students at St Patrick's that provides these students with an awareness of how to be effective participants in the online environment.



Soccer Saturday 8th September: Six-A-Side.

We will be fielding three sides: Under 9 mixed; Under 10 mixed; and Open 6 mixed.

Thank you to Mrs Harris for organising our teams and registering us for this event. Rosters, six-a-side competition rules, code of conduct and team lists were sent home with all participating players last week. Please contact Mrs Harris or Mr Linhart if you have any questions in regards to the upcoming six-a-side competition this weekend.



PARENTS & FRIENDS

Before-school Breakfast: Breakfast club will continue until the end of this term at least under the supervision of Amy Davis and her band of helpers (Many thanks in particular to Rachel Smith and Lorraine Young). Thank you to Cacia Rand and Kirsty Veitch who have volunteered items to ensure this initiative is offered to students with no cost to themselves or the school. Please contact the school office staff, Mr Linhart of one of the Breakfast Club facilitators mentioned above if you would like to assist in any way.

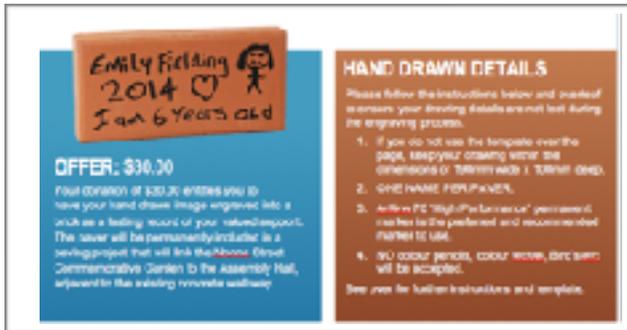
P & F Canteen Day Lunch - Wednesday 12th September.

The P&F will be holding a lunch day on Wednesday 12th September. Chicken burgers and hotdogs will be on offer. Chicken burgers will be **\$3.50**, Hot Dogs **\$2.50**. Choc Wedge Ice creams will be available for **\$1.00**
Please return order form with money enclosed by no later than Monday 10th September.

REMINDERS

St Patrick's Catholic School 2019 Kindergarten interviews

Interviews for prospective 2019 kindergarten enrolments will be conducted at a mutually convenient time and are a pre-requisite for enrolment. During the enrolment interviews, parents will be given comprehensive information regarding the school day, programs, curriculum, what to expect as a parent of kinder children and much more. In 2019, kindergarten will continue to be offered for three full days: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday. **Monday morning pre-kinder classes** will also be offered for three Mondays towards the end of the 2018 school year from 8:50am to 10:50am in the St Patrick's Catholic School kinder classroom; these sessions allow parents and prospective 2019 kindergarten students the opportunity to engage in and encounter some expected routines that they will need to be familiar with in 2019. To be eligible for kinder enrolment, a child must be turning 5 in his or her kinder year.



Emily Fielding
2014
I am 6 years old

OFFER: \$30.00
Your donation of \$30.00 enables you to have your hand drawn image engraved into a plaque as a lasting memento of your child's journey. The plaque will be permanently installed in a heritage project that will link the **Abbeys** Great Commemorative Garden to the Assembly Hall, adjacent to the existing **riverwalk** walkway.

HAND DRAWN DETAILS
Please follow the instructions below and marked to ensure your drawing details are not lost during the engraving process.

1. If you do not use the template over the page, keep your drawing within the dimensions of 100mm wide x 100mm deep.
2. ONE HAND DRAWN IMAGE.
3. Artwork PE 'High Performance' permanent markers is the preferred and recommended marker to use.
4. All colour pencils, colour water, etc. will be accepted.

See you for further instructions and template.

Care and Concern

Our Mercy Charism provides us with key values that are real ingredients for our uniqueness - Compassion, Hospitality, Mercy and Respect. We have created a list of school community members who are willing and able to provide a service to those families in our school community who are in need by providing a meal or a dish, or assisting with moving or cleaning or yard-work for a family who is or has undergone a significant challenge such as bereavement or loss of work, or who are finding life temporarily very challenging. Please feel welcome to be included in our Care and Concern Volunteer List - thank you to the many school community members who are already on this list and are assisting others: **Always 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.**

Pathways to the past - Pavers initiative

The fourth stage of our 'Pathways to the past' project is now ready for work with the return of pavers - thank you to those families who submitted paving forms. These pavers will flow alongside the path that currently runs from the Noone St gate to the assembly hall. Those families who wish to be involved, forms are available from the school office; families wishing to be involved are asked to submit a form **before Friday 14th September.**

Playgroup

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe offers a wonderful opportunity for children in the birth to 4 age group by offering playgroup every Friday during school terms with sessions operating from 9:00am to 10:45am. The program offers fun-filled opportunities for children to socialise and learn new skills including singing, art and craft and story-telling. Children will need to be accompanied by an adult and bring some morning tea, a drink and an art smock. Please contact the school office for information.



Christmas Postcard Competition

'Putting Christ into Christmas'

On A4 paper create a picture of what the Christmas story means to you.

Winner's prize – your design will be on the front of the Christmas postcards for the Launceston churches.

Due: Friday, 10th November

