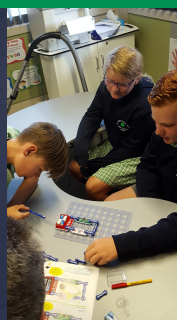


St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



School Newsletter Number 24 Tuesday 11th August 2020

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

The medieval mystic Meister Eckhart once said, "If the only prayer you said in life was 'thank you', that would be enough." It sounds simple, however, there is more to gratitude than it seems. Gratitude or being grateful doesn't necessarily mean saying thank you all the time but that we create in our lives an atmosphere of worth. Not just our own worth but conveying to people who are part of our lives that we value them - that they are worthy as well. And intrinsic to that, I believe, is being grateful to God for the fact that we are in relationships that give meaning to our lives. The 'T' in our WEST principle is a constant reminder for staff and students that we are right to be thankful, and that being grateful does not necessarily imply being comfortable all the time.

We are all, to varying degrees, involved in relationships and it is through these relationships that we come to appreciate not only the variety of temperaments and personalities of others, but also how engaging with such a 'rich ecosystem' helps define our own character. I would argue that most of us would contend that there are two sorts of people: people who think they are entitled to everything and people who feel gratitude for all that they have. If I had a friend and loved him or her because of the benefits which this brought me and because of getting my own way, then it would not be my friend that I loved but myself. Children are learning about their role and responsibilities that are subsumed in the wonderful word, 'friendship' and we are encouraging students to show love for their friends on account of his or her own goodness and virtues with the realisation that despite occasional misgivings, central to friendship is a sense of gratitude. As staff at St Patrick's Catholic School and as parents - as educators - we need to be clear to our students and children that human relationships are about balancing obligations.

Gratitude is a word used to express thankfulness and praise; a general attitude of thanksgiving in both the trials and blessings of life distinguishes the faith-filled person. It is never difficult in our school community to identify a person, or experience an event, that does

not commend us to be thankful and grateful - thank you to all in our school community who contribute to this thankful culture.

Regards,

Rod Linhart (principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST

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| Monday 10th | 8.55am-9.15am Whole school assembly
6.00pm School Board meeting - school staffroom
Principals' Meeting 10.00am 2.00pm — Mr Linhart away
3.30-5.00pm Staff PL focusing on the RE Curriculum. |
| Tuesday 11th | Sophie (School Counsellor) visiting.
3.30-6.00pm Staff PL focusing on the RE Curriculum. |
| Wed 12th | 2.00pm Latrobe High visiting Year 6
P & F Fish & Chips Day. |
| Thursday 13th | Deputy Principal meeting (Mr Atkins away) |
| Friday 14th | 9.00am-10.30am Set-up for Success/ Inquiring Minds birth to 4 program (all are welcome.)
2.00pm School P & F meeting (Kinder classroom) |
| Monday 17th | 8.55am-9.15am Whole school assembly to confer certificates of merit. |
| Tuesday 18th | Sophie (School Counsellor) visiting. |

SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2020

Term 3 Tues 21st July 2020 - Friday 25th September 2020

Term 4 Mon 12th October 2020 - Thursday 17th Dec 2020

SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2021

Wednesday 20th January: school office opens

Wednesday 27th January - Staff return

Term 1 Mon 1st Feb - Thursday 1st April 2021

Term 2 Mon 26th April - Friday 2nd July

Term 3 Mon 20th July - Friday 24th September

Term 4 Mon 11th October - Thursday 16th December

(One student free day yet TBC)

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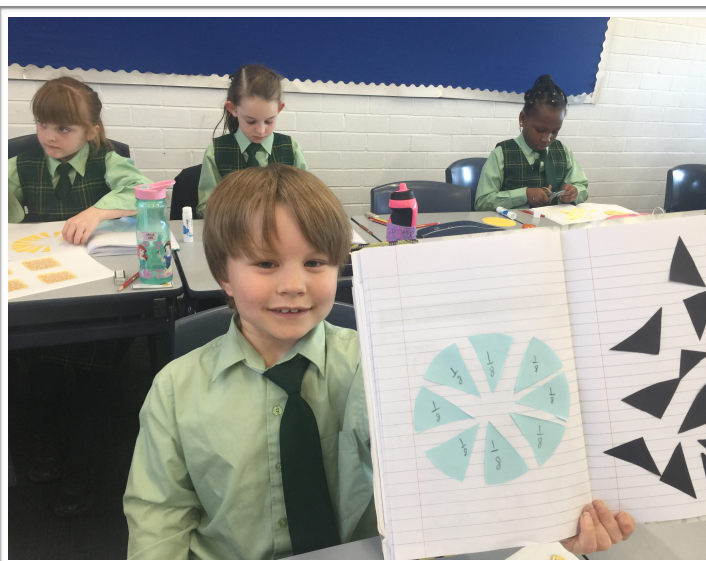
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Fractions in Year 2 (Mrs Badcock)

In Year 2 students have been learning about fractions. We are learning to write and recognise fractions and to calculate halves, quarters and eighths. Students have also been pondering the Fairy Bread Challenge: *How many ways can you cut fairy bread into quarters using straight lines?* Chloe Anthony successfully produced a solution to this problem. Well done Chloe.



PARENTS & FRIENDS (Tameika Anthony, P & F President)

The St Patrick's School P & F will be holding a lunch day tomorrow 12th August. Orders closed on Friday 7th August at 3.00pm and no orders on the day will be accepted.

All are welcome to attend a Parents and Friends Meeting to be held in the school Kinder classroom from 2.00pm to 2.50pm - all participants to please sign-in at the school office and support our school COVID-Safety Plan please.

School assemblies

Parents are welcome to attend morning assemblies - please sign-in using the book at the back of the hall.

COMMUNITY NEWS & REMINDERS

Care and Concern

Thank you to the many families who have contacted the school to offer of assistance by providing ingredients or cooking meals for families who might be doing it tough. A reminder for all families that we have the ability to prepare some meals and to let the school office or Mr Linhart know if you would like a meal delivered. 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 the office staff or Mr Linhart if you feel we could offer support in any way to anyone in our school community in need.**

A huge thank you to Darren and Caroline from '**Mumma Buzz' Cafe 'n Takeaway**' in Deloraine who, after being aware of our school-based initiative of care and concern, generously donated two quiches and a number of delicious pizzas that were distributed to appreciative families in our school community. In line with today's Newsletter theme, it is difficult to show sufficient gratitude for the generosity of others, however, we are indebted to people such as Darren and Caroline who, without encouragement, offer a generosity of spirit through deed.



WEST Award

Congratulations to Emily Phegan (Year 5) who received a WEST certificate during Monday's morning assembly. 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.

House Raffle Winners

Byrne House: Amir Khan

Dooley House: Nathan Davis

Martyn House: Zita Omogbai-Musa

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Fraser Smith for his great work in sounding out words and reading sight words in books.

Year 1: Seth for excellent progress in learning his Oxford words.

Year 2: Harper Clark for accurate mapping skills.

Year 3: Oliver Parry for his application and attitude towards individual and small group learning tasks.

Year 4: Suraya Khan for her creative ideas in visual art activities and her excellent application towards the completion of her work.

Year 5: Loretta Smith for her detailed and creative artwork.

Year 6: Ava Franklin for her positive smile and enthusiasm while leading Peer Fitness.

Year 4 News (Mrs Meech)

As part of our Religious Education unit about God, Year 4 have been reflecting on where they might encounter God. Father Steven also visited our class with student, Kanishka to talk with the class about his life as a priest and to answer our questions. Where we might encounter God?

- I see God when I make someone happy and when someone makes me laugh. By Blake
- I see God in other people and in myself. By Ryan
- I see God when I look into my Mum's eyes. By Oliver
- I see God in nature and other place like the park, home, school and in my heart. By Connor
- Some people see God in the water maybe because water is so calming, and it makes you feel peaceful and calm. By Indy
- I feel God when I play and pat animals from the wild and tamed ones and I also feel God when I play with nature-things like trees, sticks and leaves. By Ruby
- I see God in good actions. By Jack
- I feel God when someone show acts of kindness to somebody else. By Sophie
- I see God in the medics who help people that are hurt. By Harrison



Student Stars

Congratulations to Lincoln McQueen who recently participated in a Guinness World Record event titled: "For the most users to take an online environmental sustainability lesson in 24 hours to record light viewed in the night sky." Lincoln's regular 30 minute observation of the night sky and his logging of visibility contributed to the success of this endeavour and the data collected world-wide will contribute to a greater understanding of the effects of light pollution.

Congratulations also goes to Lulu, Melia, Sophie and Amaja who, with the tremendous support of their families, participate in both school and town representation in sports such as basketball - well done girls on being active and engaged.



The theme of Christian Mission is the focus for Year 2 students during their unit on Christian Life in Term 3. Students have been reflecting on how Catherine McAuley can inspire us. Her words "We should be shining lamps giving light to all around us" encouraged us to consider what we value.



Despite the uncertainty that surrounds such interstate travel, we are beginning our fund-raising to support families whose children intend being involved in our biennial Canberra and Sydney trip, which is usually conducted in September. To commence the fund-raising, a trailer load of firewood, sourced from the cool climate of Golden Valley, which produces slow-growing timber that results in impressive wood-burning qualities, will be raffled each month. Tickets are \$1 and a raffle book with five tickets will be sent home with next weeks Newsletter - please return the book sold or unsold with money, to the school office prior to the Monday morning assembly on Monday August 31st. Delivery and stacking of wood is complementary.



Hair guidelines (parents are encouraged to contact the principal if they are not clear on this expectation prior to their child's hair cut):

- Hair is to be clean, neat and tidy at all times.
- Hair longer than shoulder length is to be worn tied back as a health and safety measure. Ribbons, clips, bands and 'scrunchies' are to be discreet in nature.
- Hair colouring, including bleaching, is unacceptable.
- Excessively gelled or styled hair is considered unacceptable; This includes razor cuts and designs.

When in doubt, parents and students should, in the first instance and prior to any hair styling, seek the advice of the school Principal, who is empowered by the School Board to implement the approved Jewellery and Hair Policy. Sensible adherence to this policy is the responsibility of everyone in the school community.