

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Abraham Lincoln is attributed as saying "We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because a thorn bush has roses." Reading some of the adversities that Lincoln (and so many others who helped change the world for the better) faced in his life, and the achievement or 'success' that he helped create in his world, this simple quote is testimony to his belief that the secret of success is "Attitude" - and it is really not such a secret. People who succeed do not have fewer problems than others. They do not always start out with the most 'brainpower' or better parents or more money, either. A significant number of them start with nothing but a dream and a will to make that dream a reality.

Most people who succeed start out working against incredible odds, however, they have a way of looking at things, a way of seeing obstacles as possibilities, a way of 'hanging in there' and making the most of every opportunity that almost guarantees success. We parents can tell by the look of exasperation on our children's faces when we offer what we consider genuine encouragement to our children when they are facing an unexpected challenge. We might try to support them by placing the blame on others or on circumstances, however, we might be advised to ask instead "Are you not seeing the way around, because of an attitude?" "Are you getting in your own way, because of your attitudes?"

I read an article recently in which Roger Federer is said to focus his whole world on three words - humility, gratitude and humour. Life, if we are living it fully, never ceases to present us with challenges and problems to solve. The secret to successful living is not in finding an easy, carefree existence, but in being "up to" the trials that life brings. It has been said that we don't so much break down from overwork, but from "under being" - most of us are not given too much to cope with, it is just that sometimes we feel as if our inner resources are too low to handle it. A camping supply company slogan once put it this way: "See us for supplies so you can rough it smoothly." To *rough it smoothly through life*, you need to be well equipped, too. You need

good values, a good support system of people who care about you, a purpose you believe in strongly, an optimistic spirit, respect for others, and respect for yourself. May we all, at St Patrick's, be people whose attitude brings about positive change.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

February

Wed 12th	5.30pm Family get-together (BBQ)
Friday 14th	9.00-10.30am Inquiring Minds (Birth to 4 program) begins in the kinder classroom
Monday 17th	9.00am morning assembly Commissioning Service for staff and student leaders.
Wed 19th	9.30am Years 1 & 4 attend Parish Mass
Monday 24th	7.00pm Sacramental Program information evening (Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Devonport)
Tuesday 25th	School Photo Day Shrove Tuesday - Pancakes on sale from the canteen
Wed 26th	Ash Wednesday (Lent begins): 9.30am Years 3 - 6 attend Parish Mass. Project Compassion begins

March

Monday 2nd	9.00am morning assembly (Year 6)
Wed 4th	9.30am Years 6 & 2 attend Parish Mass
Monday 9th	Public Holiday
Wed 19th	9.30am Confirmed Catholic students attend Parish Mass
Monday 16th	9.00am morning assembly (Year 3)
Tuesday 17th	St Patrick's Day
Wed 18th	9.30am Years 3 & 4 attend Parish Mass

SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2020

Term 1 Thursday 6th February - Thursday 9th April
Easter break Friday 10th April-Tuesday 14th April
Term 2 Mon 27th April - Friday 3rd July
Term 3 *Tues 21st July 2020 - Friday 25th September 2020
(* Monday 20th July: Staff PL Day - Student Free Day)
Term 4 Mon 12th October 2020 - Thursday 17th Dec 2020

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

WEST Award

Congratulations to Cooper Cody (Year 2) 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. Families are always most welcome to attend our weekly assemblies.

House Raffle Winners

Byrne House:

Dooley House:

Martyn House:

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Isaac Banks for being a happy, kind and polite member of Prep, Thank you Isaac.

Year 1: Violet Furley for an outstanding start to the year!

Year 2: Violet Watkins for her attentive and motivated approach towards settling into Year 2.

Year 3: Zarna Bakes for being welcoming and showing initiative.

Year 4: Kyan Mayes for demonstrating respect and for his application towards completing his tasks. A great start to the school year.

Year 5: Coby Christie for a positive start to Year 5.

Year 6: Melanie Garrad for displaying the school values of being welcoming and encouraging, especially toward a new class member.

REMINDER: Family Get-together - Wednesday 13th February (5.30 - 6.30pm)

All families are invited to attend our Family Get-Together, which is timetabled for this Wednesday 13th February. We plan to begin the occasion at 5.30pm with an 'Open Classroom' opportunity - teachers will be in their respective classrooms and will welcome families who wish to have a chat or to review the classroom and appreciate the wonderful work staff have completed in ensuring their classrooms are stimulating and places that prompt and encourage positive habits of learning. Teachers will have information sheets available for families, which outline class routines, expectations and some important aspects of the curriculum coverage. At 6.00pm, the BBQ will be ready with sausages and burgers available for families, following on from the bbq there will be ice-creams. Sporting equipment will be made available for use. We expect the evening will conclude by 6.30pm. Children are under the direct supervision of families and must not be left unattended at this event. This occasion is aimed to allow families the opportunity to both meet their children's teacher/s and hopefully meet families of children in their child's or children's class or classes in an informal, happy atmosphere.

LIBRARY

This week is our first week of borrowing. We are asking for families to please ensure their child or children bring a library bag to school on the respective class library day (this bag can be a plastic shopping bag - any bag that protect the library books when being transported).

Book Club: Book Club Issue 1 is out now. Please have your orders in no later than 21st February 2020.

'Inquiring Minds' Birth to 4 program - a 'Set-Up for Success' Catholic Education Tasmania initiative.

Our 'Inquiring Minds' birth to 4 program will begin Friday 14th February from 9.00am to 10.30am. This program involves considerable focus on communicating to parents the learning intentions of important activities that are associated with early years learning. Mrs Stoessiger and Mrs Klug will be working together to engage parents in early years learning experiences that will ensure children who are enrolling in kindergarten, will be informed in regards to developing key social, emotional, physical and cognitive skills and understandings. Parents or an adult family member stays for the duration of these sessions; there is no obligation in regards to any cost. Please feel welcome to participate.



Novel coronavirus

An updated Fact Sheet from the Department of Education with more detailed advice about novel coronavirus and help resources is available from a link on our school website. I strongly suggest that you read the Fact Sheet to familiarise yourself with this important information. General information about the virus can also be found at <https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

School Photo Day - Tuesday 25th February

School Photo envelopes have gone home with all students today. Family photo envelopes are available from the office. Students will be required to wear their full summer uniform.

Year Six News?

If the first two days of the new school year are any indication of the year ahead for Year 6 (or should I say 'Team AKA') the prospects are very exciting. 'Team AKA' consists of Mrs Anthony (Teacher's assistant Mon – Thurs), Mrs Kingshott (Teacher) and Mr Angliss (Wed/Friday). This year, in Year 6 the big focus will be on developing leadership, goal setting and teamwork in readiness for the next step in the student's education journey onto High school. We welcome two new students, Eden and Grace, to our class and we look forward to getting to know them and to have them share the wonderful experiences that lay ahead for the Year 6 students in their final year at St Patrick's Primary School. As Year 6 students the expectation is that we all display leadership through positive attitudes and genuine role modelling based on the school's WEST values. More formal and privileged opportunities exist in the roles of School and House Captains, as well as the Student Representative Council. Having taught the majority of these students in 2019, I am very excited about being part of, and witnessing the growth of, our Year 6 students both on an academic and social level. In English this year there will be a focus on the 'Seven Steps of Writing', and 'Probe' will be utilised to further extend the students' reading abilities. Our initial Mathematics Unit will involve elements of Geography, and Measurement through interpreting timetables. Lets go Team AKA - It is time for each and every one of the bright sparks in Year 6 to 'shine and lead the way'.

Care and Concern

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.**

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Sacramental program: Information was distributed today regarding participation in this program, which is of relevance for children and their families in Year 3 and above who wish to be part of our Parish Sacramental Preparation for 2020. If you know of any child/ren who are eligible to be prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist please contact Father Mike, Mrs Marshall, Mr Linhart or the Parish Office 6424 2783. An information evening will be conducted at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Devonport on Monday 24th February, commencing at 7.00pm - all are welcome to attend.

Student Leadership

Students in Year 6 who are interested in being School or House Captains addressed the school assembly yesterday morning, with staff and students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 voting; Student Representative Council members will be decided after each class in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 vote. Student leaders will be announced during next Monday's Commissioning Service morning assembly. Details regarding the attributes that are expected of student leaders include:

School Captains: per term; voted by students from years 3-6 and staff

- Consistently display WEST qualities (Welcoming, Encouraging, Saying sorry, Thanking)
- Be confident in public speaking – school assemblies, community events as required – and be involved in representing the school at such events.
- Have a heightened sense of the importance of being well-presented in their school uniform and in their general demeanour or manner.
- Be viewed as excellent role models by staff, students and the wider school and general community.
- Display reliability and a degree of initiative as required.

House Captains per term; voted by students from years 3-6 and staff

- Consistently display WEST qualities (Welcoming, Encouraging, Saying sorry, Thanking)
- Consistently display sportsmanship – not necessarily outstanding personal sporting abilities; rather a willingness to be involved and to involve others in sport.
- Be available, reliable and willing to assist in promoting sport and other student welfare programs.

Student Representative Council per two terms per class (Years 3-6); voted by students in their respective classes

- Consistently display WEST qualities (Welcoming, Encouraging, Saying sorry, Thanking)
- Be reliable and willing to assist in promoting student welfare programs.

Prep 2020 (Mrs Jak)

Prep have settled in very well to their first week of school. This year is going to be an educational, social and physical year of growth for your child. It will be very rewarding to participate in and to observe your child develop their reading, writing, spelling, mathematical and general knowledge skills. To get off to a good start, I strongly encourage each child to read in the classroom of a morning with an adult and for the students to complete a fine motor activity. This is a great routine to get into, to start the day in a focused way ready to learn. Reading is encouraged every night. Information in regards to supporting your child with reading is enclosed in their Home Reader plastic pocket. Healthy lunches and water to drink are encouraged. A healthy lunch box full of fresh food gives your child the energy to concentrate, learn and play all day. Can you please pack a spare set of underwear in your child's school bag, sometimes accidents do happen! Please ensure ALL school clothing and shoes are labelled with your child's name. Our Teacher Assistant in Prep is Mrs D'Arne Adams. We look forward to working with you to nurture and educate your child.



What to expect in Year 4. (Mrs Meech)

Mrs Meech will be teaching Year 4 from Mondays to Fridays and the class will be supported by teacher assistant, Mrs Hyland. We warmly welcome our new students, Jack Chapman and Kyan Mayes. This year we look to cover the curriculum requirements of Year 4 with a focus on Biological Sciences, the colonisation of Australia in HASS and differing environments in Geography. In Mathematics we will be learning to recall the multiplication and division facts. In Religious Education we will be working on the units, "Jesus, God, Christian Life and Scripture," as well as continuing the "Spirit of Jesus" program. We will be participating in the Year 4 Camp at Camp Clayton on 11-12th May. We would also like to invite any parents who would be interested in listening to students read from 8.30-8.50am each morning with our students to please let us know. Helpers would need to complete the on-line, "Working with Vulnerable People Check" <https://www.cbos.tas.gov.au/topics/licensing-and-registration/registrations/work-with-vulnerable-people> and complete a short induction with Mr Linhart. If you have any enquiries regarding this process please do not hesitate to ask. We are looking forward to a happy and productive year together.



SCHOOL POLICIES

A summary of some important school policies are located in the front of the school diaries, which were distributed last week. Thank you for the support we receive from families in the implementation of these policies, which are ratified by the School Board and are designed to support our school's Vision and Mission and our desire to acknowledge the importance of a holistic education.

COMMUNITY NEWS & REMINDERS

2020 Devonport Winter Primary School basketball roster

Winter rosters for Grade 1 & 2, Grade 3 & 4 and Grade 5 & 6 will remain as school-based. Grade 1 & 2 games will be played on Wednesday nights commencing 11th March and Grade 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 games will be played on Friday nights commencing on Friday 6th March. It is a requirement of Basketball Tasmania that all players register online. The DBC Inc. requires all intending players to be registered and paid online **before Friday 21st February 2020.** **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED** To register go online www.devonportwarriors.com.au.

Registration fees:

\$80-00 for children born in 2011, 2012 and 2013

\$90-00 for children born 2009 and 2010

\$100-00 for children born between 2007 and 2008

\$50-00 if you are registered with another club

For children that qualify for TICKET TO PLAY please contact the DBC office on 64242440 for assistance.

If you require any assistance with online registrations or have any queries regarding rosters please contact Jan at the DBC Office on 64242440 between 10 – 2 daily.

*Kindest Regards, Jan Templeton, Administrator,
Devonport Basketball Council, PH: 03 6424 2440*

Important: Forms to return please - please return by Thursday 13th February. (Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated.)

Please find included in an envelope with this Newsletter some forms that we require returned as soon as possible please:

- 2020 Payment Arrangement Form.
- Compass login information if you have not already logged in as a Compass user.
- Bus form.

Information regarding updates to **medical information and/or address and contact details THAT HAS CHANGED from last year** must be communicated to us as soon as possible - please ring the school or note details in your child's diary. A letter that will include these details that reflect our school records will be forwarded to families next week and families are asked to please check these details and make any necessary updates as detailed with next week's letter.)

REMINDER: School Stationery/Book-Packs

Please provide the Mr Linhart or Mrs Harris with any feedback in regards to the school stationery orders, a service that is undertaken by OfficeMax. Your comments and feedback will be compiled and Mr Linhart will communicate a whole-school response - without your feedback, the school will have limited scope to offer suggestions to this service provider in regards to offering what we would hope would be an efficient and cost-effective service in this annual task.

Inquiring Minds at St Patrick's

A play-based Birth - 5 program open to all families

Qualified early years educators plan developmentally appropriate experiences for you and your child to explore together.

Our educators work with families to support parental understanding of the development of early literacy, numeracy and communication skills.



WHERE: St Patrick's Catholic Primary Kindergarten Room

WHEN: Every Friday during school term

TIME: 9am - 10:30am

WHAT TO BRING: A hat, water bottle, piece of fruit & gold coin donation

We look forward to welcoming your family to our Birth-5 Sessions

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