

St Patrick's Catholic School



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

John Mula, Director of Catholic Education Tasmania, wrote the following in recognition of what he considers the importance of Catholic Education Week, which I thought I would share as the main focus for our Newsletter this week: This week, our Catholic Education Tasmania community celebrates Catholic Education Week 2019. It is a week when we take time to acknowledge and celebrate that our schools are not only good schools but good Catholic Schools!

We have much to celebrate. Our Catholic system of schools in Australia, and similarly in Tasmania, are unique in the world. With one in five students in Tasmania being educated in our Catholic schools, we are in a strong position to influence wider Tasmanian society. We had evidence of this influence at a gathering of the Tasmanian Parliament and Catholic Educators at the launch of Catholic Education Week yesterday evening.

Through our Archbishop's Charter for Catholic Schools endorsed by Archbishop Porteous in 2016 we are committed to ensuring our schools remain authentically Catholic.

So, what makes our schools authentically Catholic?

Firstly, to be authentically Catholic we endeavour to be **CHRIST CENTRED** in all we do. Jesus Christ is foundation of our whole Catholic enterprise. This means that:

1. We hold a fundamental belief in the dignity of the human person and right relationships.
2. We publicly acknowledge Gospel values and the life-giving presence of God through our traditions, rituals and symbols.
3. Our schools are Ecclesial communities called to do and be church, and be part of the Sacramental and Liturgical life of the parish. Prayer is a very important part of our school communities.

Secondly, Catholic schools endeavour to be **STUDENT FOCUSED** offering a holistic approach to education that focuses on the development of the whole person; the spiritual, the academic, the social, the emotional, and the physical development of the student. Our Catholic curriculum is a 'values added' curriculum. In this way our schools serve Australian society through promotion of Christian values and belief system.

Thirdly, Catholic schools endeavour to offer **LEARNING FOR LIFE**. This means that we view learning and education not as must as a personal achievement but more as a contribution to the greater good. Our schools see themselves not so much as an institution, but as a community of service founded on the principle of the common good. The communal good rather than personal success should be our primary motivation.

Ultimately Catholic education and our Catholic schools should strive to be places of hope.

In being places of hope we draw inspiration for this hope, from Pope Francis' model of Church that challenges us to be authentically who we are – 'imperfect' and challenges us to walk with people, supporting people through their losses and disappointments, but ultimately providing hope by upholding human dignity.

SCHOOL CALENDAR (Items in red are recently added.)

MARCH

Monday 18th	Catholic Education Week 9.00am Year 6 lead morning prayer assembly 6.00pm School Board Meeting Years 5 & 6 girls surfing option
Tuesday 19th	Combined Catholic Schools Mass - Marist College (Years 5 & 6)
Thursday 21st	NWCPS Swimming Carnival (Burnie)
Monday 25th	9.00am Year 1 lead morning assembly
Wed 27th	Billy Tea Bush Dance Evening - BBQ 5.30 Bush Dance 6.00-7.30.

April

Monday 1st **9.00am Prep lead morning prayer assembly**

SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2019

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 Oct - Wednesday 18th December.

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Breakfast club this Friday 15th March 8.30am to 8.45am: helpers may assist from 8.15am.

Catholic Education Week 2019

From 17-23 March 2019 St Patrick's Catholic School will join with Catholic schools across Tasmania to celebrate Catholic Education Week (CEW). Catholic Education Week is also about forging and strengthening relationships between everyone who has a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community – by showcasing our activities and actions. Our school has a supportive and talented community of teachers, parents, carers, P&F, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to give students the best education possible. This special week on the Catholic Schools' calendar provides an opportunity for the community to recognise our committed and gifted teachers and support staff for their work in encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion in our young people. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of our school and I look forward to celebrating Catholic Education Week with you. Gwenda Gregson, our Student Support Key Teacher, will be conferred with an award as an 'Outstanding Service as an Employee within Catholic Education, Tasmanian Catholic Education Office' at a ceremony at 4.00pm at OLOL school Devonport. Congratulations Gwenda!

St Patrick's Day 17th March

As a school, we celebrated St Patrick's Day by inviting members of the parish to school after last Wednesday's Mass, and by participating in our School Fair and 'Green Theme' casual dress day last Friday. Thank you to everyone who enjoyed the activities in the spirit of joy and community.

DATE-CLAIMER: Billy Tea Bush Band - School visit Wednesday 27th March

The Billy Tea Bush Band will be involved in teaching students some dance moves during the day. **From 5.30pm to 6.50pm a BBQ and salad will be offered to families (gold coin donation please)**, followed by students from classes performing for families - adults will need to be prepared to join in the fun too. It would be great to see as many families as possible attend what should be lots of fun.

Sacred Heart Catholic School Geeveston

Luch Brighella, the principal of Sacred Heart Catholic School Geeveston, expressed his thanks for our small effort of assistance due to the impact of the recent bushfires on their school community:

Many thanks for the lovely hamper, generous donation from fund-raising and your personal support during our time of need. Our community and I certainly have appreciated your generosity and that of your school community very much. I know that our staff and students will really appreciate your kindness. Please pass on our thanks to your students and staff. We are very grateful.

Milkshakes will be available from the school canteen tomorrow (Wednesday 20th) for \$2.00.



100% HOPE

Second Sunday of Lent
17th March 2019

PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas AUSTRALIA

Tali lives in the remote forest of Indonesia with her husband and children. Earning an income working in a local rubber plantation, her Dayak culture has relied on the rainforest for generations. However, due to land clearing, many indigenous people are losing their land and livelihoods. Through eco-tourism training supported by Caritas Australia, Tali can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tali aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Please donate to your Project Compassion Box 2019 to help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty and give them hope to protect our common home.



Lives change when we all give 100%

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

WEST Award

Congratulations to Sienna van der Hulst (Year 1) who received a WEST certificate during today'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.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Connor Bray for making great predictions about stories we are reading.

Year 1: Jakk Burgess for an improved attitude towards his learning and great effort in literacy and maths.

Year 2: Dekota Brumby for treating others with kindness and respect.

Year 3: Cameron Reeves for his great participation and encouragement of his peers at the swimming carnival.

Year 4: Amelia Jones for the positivity she brings to everything she does.

Year 5: Melanie Garrad for her positive attitude and genuine enthusiasm at St Patrick's Swimming Carnival.

Carnival 6: Arlo Valentine-Smith for his insightful responses to class discussions and amazing help on our fair stall.

NW Swimming Squad – School Representatives

All the best for the following students who were invited to represent our school at this Thursday's NW Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival

Year 3

Harrison Fawkner
(Cameron Reeves)
Ruby Anthony
Sophie Mulcahy
Indy Wells
Tyla O'Toole

Year 4

Reuben Clarke
Monty Manion
(Josh Warren)
Gideon Barker
Georgie Tueon
Loretta Smith
Talei Sesara
Emily Phegan
Anna Skurulis

Year 5

Kyle Jordan
Mac Butler
Bradley Venton
Koby Harrington
Linden Woods
Matilda Hayes
Luca Adams
Ava Chamley
Melanie Garrad
Zarlia Richardson

Year 6

Vinnie Manion
William Higgins
Harry Marshall
Patrick Mulcahy
Arlo Valentine-Smith
(Ethan Richardson)
Ruby Meech
Lottie Dowling
Taylor Wells
Josie Darby
Logan Lamprey

Year 3 News (Miss Stuart)

We have been very busy in Year 3 exploring the structure and features of persuasive texts and creating our own. We wrote persuasive letters to our parents trying to convince them of something we need or want!

Dear Mum and Dad,

I am writing to persuade you to buy me a new bike because my other bike is small and slow.

Firstly I believe a new bike can help me to learn the road rules and I will learn to be safe.

Secondly I need a new bike because I can get fit and healthy. This will help me to live longer.

Thirdly I need a new bike because we can go riding together as a family. My sister and I can go riding up and down the hill.

So can you please get me a new bike?

Love Tyla

In Mathematics we have explored odd and even numbers and the conditions required for a number to be odd or even. We are currently using MAB blocks to develop our understanding of Place value up to and beyond 4 digits.

We all had a great time at the swimming carnival and it was fantastic to see such wonderful class spirit as our students encouraged and cheered each other on!



School P & F Fair News (Anita Tueon)

We are all done and dusted for another year after a very successful and enjoyable fair! The weather was on our side this year so we were able to throw open our gates and welcome the community into our school, with all reports so far indicating that everyone had a great time!

The fair would not be possible without the help of our many volunteers. We give our heartfelt thanks to everyone that contributed in any way, big or small, it all makes a difference to the running of our fair. We do need to make mention of some people, without whom, this fair would not go ahead. Tameika Anthony, Lorraine Young, Anita Tueon, Karen Smith, Kirrilly Jones, Rachael Smith, Amy Davis and Julie Dewrance Milligan. These ladies all went above and beyond the call of duty and worked tirelessly to ensure the fair was a success along with some amazing helpers in Hannah Bakes, Sarah Bos, Robyn Huxtable, Kate Huxtable, Pru Garwood, Bronwyn Watson, Julie Fawkner, David Tueon, Allannah Davis, Mark Smith, the Araroa family and the numerous parents and friends who stepped in and assisted prior to, and on the evening. We are very grateful for the generous donations we received to supply stalls which greatly assisted us in reducing the costs involved therefore increasing profit. We would also like to thank the Venton family, who very kindly donated approximately 30kg of potatoes to assist our Prep jacket potato stall. THANK-YOU!!!

We were lucky enough to have some very generous donations which helped to make our raffle a great success. Thank-you to Scott from Crabtree Automotive, Dean from Tyreright Latrobe and David from North West Mechanical Society for their voucher donations; Jo from The Body Shop at Home for her gift pack donations; St Johns Ambulance Service for their first aid kit and also vouchers to be utilised throughout the year and the Tueon family for the bike and helmet. We greatly appreciate all donations, big or small, and certainly had some very happy prize winners.

We must also thank our wonderful staff and their families here at St Patrick's who took time out of their busy schedules to ensure that everything ran smoothly and that the community could enjoy all that our school has to offer. There are too many of you to name individually, but to everyone that has helped along the way – THANK-YOU!!! Special thanks to David Broos for all of his efforts but in particular, his very creative leprechaun photo board that was well received by everyone at the fair. I'm sure he will be a very valued addition at our school events in the future.

With your help we have managed to raise approximately \$5,500 (exact figure to be confirmed) which will directly benefit our children and our school. We are currently looking into where the money can best be utilized and we will keep families up to date once we know more. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact us at stpatspanflatrobe@gmail.com and we will happily table them for discussion.

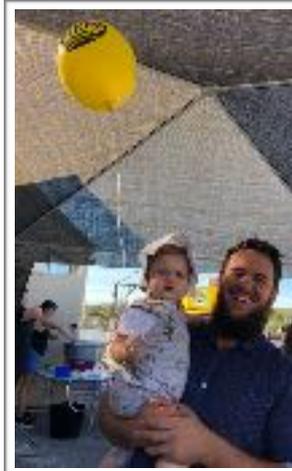
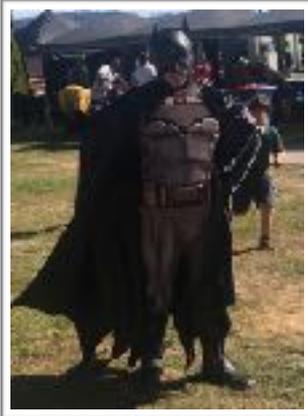
The P&F Committee are already looking forward to planning another successful event in 2020!

RAFFLE WINNERS

- #1 Dustin Richardson - Child's Bike and Helmet
- #2 Molly Walker - Automotive vouchers to the value of \$250
- #3 Anne Jessup - Household hamper
- #4 Rebecca Venton - Household hamper
- #5 Robyn Huxtable - Household hamper
- #6 Luca Adams - Household hamper
- #7 Peta Hampton - Household hamper
- #8 Andrew Young - First aid kit valued at \$95
- #9 Anthony - Ulverstone Miniature Railway voucher

All winners will be contacted this week to arrange collection of their prizes. Congratulations!







St Patrick's Day Celebrations

Many thanks to the students and families who embraced the joyful spirit that is associated with St Patrick's Day celebrations. The green-themed frog-in-a-pond was well received by everyone - thank you to Mrs Marshall for these delicious treats!



Junior Basketball

Congratulations Mrs Meech and her junior basketball team who competed in their first game last Wednesday. It is wonderful to have a team in the Devonport competition and we wish the girls all the best for their next game tomorrow afternoon at 4.10pm at the Devonport Basketball stadium.



'Set-Up' for success.

Caring and supportive environments that promote early childhood development greatly increase a child's chances of a successful transition to school. Successful transitions into school help children achieve better learning outcomes whilst at school and lead to a better education, employment prospects, and health after they have finished school. Parents attend *Setup for Success* alongside their children in a welcoming and inspiring environment designed to promote development across all learning areas. Each week the *Setup for Success* program coordinators will work with families to:

- support parental understanding of child development,
- respond to learners' interests, strengths and needs,
- communicate the learning that is on offer, and why this learning is important to their child, and
- provide resources to assist families to continue to support their children's learning in their home settings.

Mrs Stoessiger and Mrs Klug will facilitate this program every Friday from 9.00am to 10.30am in the St Patrick's kindergarten space beginning week 1 term 2 (Friday 3rd May); this program will replace our existing 'Playgroup' program and will incorporate the principles and structure of the 'Set-up for Success' program. More information next week.

Catholic Education Week - Launch of 'Set-Up for Success.'

I was pleased to be able to represent the school and join other Catholic school principals last Wednesday evening at the launch of Catholic Education Week at Parliament House. This celebration also corresponded with the official launch of an exciting initiative for pre-kinder children, 'Set-Up for Success' details of which are included above.



LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club Issue 2 is out now and orders are due back 25 March

REMINDERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

School Canteen

The school canteen will be selling Hot Cross Buns up till easter for \$1.50 each.

Devonport Junior Soccer Development Centre Under 9 to Under 12

Two come and try days: Wednesday 27th March and Wednesday 3rd April.

Official training and registrations will begin on Wednesday 10th April. The cost for the Development Centre is \$50 for the year, which includes kit hire for the three Cups, socks, end of season photo, and badge.

Jackets, bags and beanies will be available to order. Please contact us for more information, devonportjuniorsoccer@gmail.com. Place: Meercroft Time: 4pm

Junior Referees: grade 5 and 6 players are eligible to referee games on a Saturday morning. Players will need to attend one 1.5 hour information session. Dates: Monday 18th or Wednesday 20th March 6.30pm-8pm.

Working Bee: there will be a Working Bee on Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th March 6.30pm to 8pm to



Thank you...

Bronwyn Watson, Lorraine Young & Erin Moore (Sesara) for helping prepare a pancake feast for our students!

Together we raised \$226 for Project Compassion.

This money will...

- Provide the opportunity for a Vietnamese child, to attend group learning activities with other children living with disabilities, increasing their confidence and their communication skills
- Provide 4 schools in the Solomon Islands with five metres of guttering to collect valuable rainwater.
- Provide a school in the Solomon Islands with a reliable water tap so students have access to clean water, improving health and education outcomes.
- Will pay for six rural midwives in Bangladesh to visit mums-to-be, for a vital pregnancy check-up in her own home.

