

# St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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## PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Shakespeare's tragic character, Hamlet, stated '*There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy.*' Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost Sunday, a special day in the Church's calendar and the readings of the day provide us with significant food for thought with its focus on the themes of **unity, peace and forgiveness**, three words that all are necessary and complementary to foster individual and collective growth, a reminder to us that our quest for reason and truth often obligates us to be self-reflecting and service-oriented if we are to support unity and peace.

Part of the first reading (Acts 2:1-4) on Sunday is very evocative: "When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech." For unity, peace and forgiveness to occur, we need to be able to **communicate with each other**, implying an awareness of (an empathy for) each other's perspectives and gifts.

In Sunday's second reading from 1st Corinthians, Paul noted that some of the Corinthians appear to have rated the more dramatic and ecstatic gifts (especially, the gift of tongues) above all the others, Paul insists on the broad variety of gifts – including giving assistance to the poor – have their origin in the Spirit but not all have the same purpose. Elsewhere in this section of the letter Paul makes clear his preference for gifts that build up the community rather than simply the individual. Seneca, a 2nd century philosopher, noticed how most of his friends and acquaintances were lacking peace. He especially noticed that his richest friends were the angriest of all. Seneca came to believe that the reason so many people were agitated was that they had an unreasonable

expectation about how smoothly their day would go – we would call it a 'false sense of entitlement' today. Those who were rich thought their money would buy them an easier life in every way and so when it didn't, they got the angriest of all. Seneca's secular wisdom holds that the more aware we are of the frailties in us, others and life, the fewer the occasions when we would need to ask or give forgiveness. Pope Francis is quoted as saying, "Grace is not part of consciousness; it is the amount of light in our souls, not knowledge nor reason." Pentecost provides us with touchstones to the 'reality of the unknown' – the light that we can present to people may very well be beyond knowledge or reason, however, for those of us who have been influenced by people who are shining lights, we are assured of the strength of service.

Regards,

Rod Linhart (principal)

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### JUNE

Friday 5th	9.00-10.30am Inquiring Minds - Set-up for Success (Online)
Monday 8th	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 9th	Sophie, school counsellor visiting
Friday 12th	9.00-10.30am Inquiring Minds - Set-up for Success (Online)
Wed 17th	Mrs O'Brien's final day prior to leave
Monday 15th	9.00am School captains present school Zoom assembly

### JULY

Friday 3rd Final day of term 2

### SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2020

Term 2 Mon 4th May- 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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## Staff and Class News

Mrs Kingshott is away this week - Mr Pucetti and Mr Linhart are teaching Year 6. Ms Stuart was away yesterday - Mr Butcher taught Year 3

## Morning School Assemblies

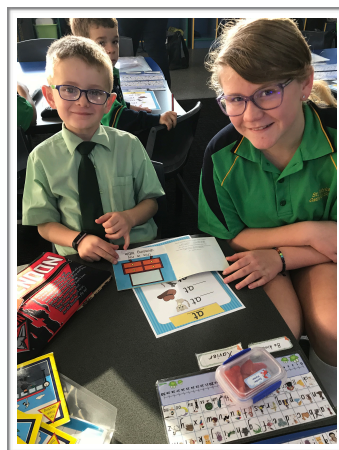
We work hard on developing and maintaining a sense of community and we have missed the community spirit that is reflected in our daily morning assemblies. As a means of promoting both a sense of common message and as an opportunity to support student leadership, our five to seven minute morning assemblies resumed this week via Zoom. Our two school captains, Ava Chamley and Luca Adams, present to the classes - parents are welcome to Zoom in too; please click the 'Community' link on our school website and then click 'Online Assembly' **after 8.55am and before 9.00am** to be welcomed to each day's assembly.

## Library News

Book Club Issue 4 is out now! There are some wonderful new books in this issue! You can order online or return your order to the office for processing. Please have your orders in by Friday 12th June. Thank you for your support.

## Student Leadership

Thank you to Luca Adams and Matilda Hayes who have been listening to Prep students read before school. We appreciate your support. Thank you for being leaders in our school.

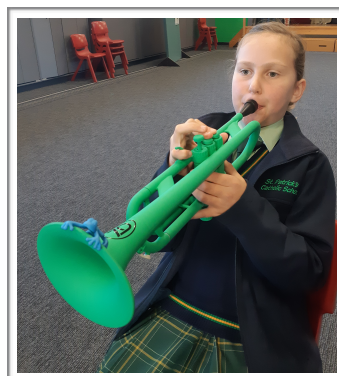


## Music (Mrs Baker)

Many students in primary-aged classes (Years 3-6) are engaged in Mrs Baker's instrumental program each Monday, and have greatly impressed Mrs Baker with both their levels enthusiasm and their growing skill development.

## Reporting student learning engagement: 'Student Progress Statements.'

In line with advice from Catholic Education Tasmania, this year teaching staff will produce **Student Progress Statements** to inform parents of student learning and achievement throughout terms 1 and 2. These will be distributed to families on Tuesday 28th July (week 2 of term 3) and there will be an opportunity for a parent-teacher conversation following this. The traditional 'Mid-year Report', therefore, will be replaced by the 'Student Progress Statement': this Progress Statement will provide feedback about a student's progress in key learning areas aligned to the relevant Australian Curriculum and Good News for Living achievement standards. It is a snapshot of student progress up until the end of Term 2, inclusive of learning and assessment opportunities undertaken by students, while working at home. In response to Federal Government amendments regarding the reporting of student achievement due to the Covid-19 pandemic, an A-E rating will not be provided. Student progress will be described as either **developing**, **consolidating**, or **extending**, indicating achievement against the expected standard at the time of reporting. Staff will continue to work diligently in ensuring students are engaged in meaningful and curriculum-oriented learning experiences with each child's responses to these tasks and activities contributing towards a body of work that teachers will make a judgment on student attainment.



## Tree removal

The two large gum trees that are located on the Last Street boundary are proposed for removal on Monday 8th June. An arborist's report in 2017 stated that the two trees '*are in significant decline - their early replacement should be considered as they have a short landscape life expectancy.*' Our replanting of this area will continue, with plantings since 2016 in this area increasingly meeting our strategic goal of offering a delightful 'mini-forest' for support imaginative play for students.





## WEST Award

Congratulations to Nathan Davis (Year 5) who received a WEST certificate during Monday's morning 'Zoom' 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 (online) our assemblies.

## House Raffle Winners - Not Drawn this Week

Byrne House:

Dooley House:

Martyn House:



## Great Australian Cross Country Challenge

The school has registered for our students to participate in this event, which allows parents to register their child or children to compete in this physical activity in their own time, on their own terms. More information will be provided in next week's Newsletter and I look forward to our usual enthusiastic participation.

## Pentecost

The Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost nine days after Jesus ascended into heaven, his disciples had gathered in one place. They were frightened, because their friend and teacher had left them. They were left feeling powerless and unsure of their future. The loss they felt was overwhelming. While they were there together, the Holy Spirit came upon them in the forms of wind and tongues of fire. With renewed energy and fervour, the disciples were freed from their fear and uncertainty. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they became brave enough to tell everyone the good news of the death and resurrection of Jesus. This event in our liturgical calendar is known as Pentecost. We sometimes call Pentecost the birthday of the Church.

## The Holy Spirit Strengthened the Apostles

After Pentecost, the Holy Spirit continued to strengthen and guide the apostles and the young Church. The Spirit helped them remember and understand what Jesus had done and what he had taught them. The apostles were able to pass on the teachings of Jesus as they faithfully lived the way he had shown them. They spread the good news, baptising and celebrating the Eucharist in new Christian communities. The event of Pentecost gave rise to today's Church. The Holy Spirit is still with us today.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Prep:** Ethan Dick for excellent work sounding out words and reading them.

**Year 1:** Owen Christie for an outstanding effort in all areas.

**Year 2:** Ahmed Ragheb for being a good listener.

**Year 3:** Jon Stendt for his enthusiastic approach toward his poster on Western Australia.

**Year 4:** Tyla O'Toole for her commitment towards improving the presentation and quality of her work.

**Year 5:** Talei Sesara for her beautiful handwriting.

**Year 6:** Grace Steele for her quiet, willing nature and her support of other children in their learning.



**Donations (canned food, warm clothing, vouchers (in envelopes) can be left in the Winter Appeal box in the school office - MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE.**



**Dear God, We thank you that you have sent us the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Please fill us up each day with the Holy Spirit that we would have the power to live for Jesus and let his light shine in our lives. Amen**



# BUS SAFETY TIPS

## Parents

### Tips for Parents to keep children safe

- ✓ Park the car in the safest legal place on the same side of the bus stop so students can get on the bus safely.
- ✓ Always leave enough room for a large bus to park.
- ✓ As a bus approaches, stick to the footpath and keep 3 metres between you and the edge of the road.
- ✓ When disembarking the school bus, remind children to wait until the bus has departed the stop before crossing the road, and to never enter the danger zone located directly in front or behind the bus.
- ✓ Always slow down when entering a school zone or nearing school buses - it's the law. A driver must not exceed 40 km/h within 50m of a bus displaying a school bus warning sign and/or flashing lights.
- ✓ Remember children at bus stops are the responsibility of their parent or guardian.



### Canteen

Amy Davis has begun offering her usual delicious food items from the school canteen each Thursday and Friday. The updated Winter Menu went home last week and is also available from the school website under 'News and Forms.' **Thank you Amy and Carl!**

### 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 prepared meals and to let the school office or Mr Linhart now 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.**