

# St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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## PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

The nineteenth century American essayist, Ralph Waldo Emerson said, 'Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience.' Patience is the ability to persevere and does not imply passively waiting for an outcome beyond one's control. Patience has intrinsic to it a purposeful, active 'waiting', being concerned with **process** rather than merely **outcome**; respecting **discernment** rather than **impulse** and it highlights much of our character - patience is at the heart of so much human achievement. As parents and teachers, to be patient with our child's participation in his or her education is as important as being vigilant with our support and love as the child and student engages in new learning experiences.

Our culture has an expectation of convenience - our recent (and ongoing) COVID-19 experience has highlighted our collective sense of entitlement as citizens of a developed society that has a dimension to it that implies an impatience if and when our sense of 'normal' becomes skewed, when the expected outcome is not achieved. Expectation is subsumed in modern life through the various conveniences we've come to expect - from 'on demand' streaming to 'next day' delivery to 'one-click' ordering. It has, of course, been refined through the cult of efficiency, KPIs and year-on-year growth. But impatience reflects a particular relationship to time: the idea that time is a finite commodity that 'must be made the most of', not an opportunity for encounter or an invitation to attentiveness and mutual discovery. We certainly need to be concerned with outcomes, however, the ends do not justify the means if decisions are made through impatience. Patience allows us to sit with discomfort and pain - it is an extraordinary human virtue. Everything that we prize and value thrives in an environment of time, of patience, of trust. A child's learning obligates us to be 'actively patient'.

Impatience can aptly be described as ultimately being about control - about the assertion of the ego onto the world of things and people who don't exist

'for us' or for our benefit. Attentiveness and intensity is aligned to the term 'patience'. Impatience can easily lead to anger and a narrowing of perspectives whereas patience can support a broader, more open vision and an ability to explore creative outcomes. In a society characterised by 'noise' and impatience, we are wise to teach our children that silence is a source of great strength. I am very fond of the writings of the ancient Chinese philosopher, Lao Tzu, and his following statement is a simple, effective education for those of us who are blessed with a responsibility for the education of children: 'I have just three things to teach: simplicity, patience, compassion. These three are your greatest treasures'.

Regards, Rod Linhart (principal)

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### JUNE

Monday 15th 8.55am School captains present school Zoom assembly  
Tuesday 16th Sophie, school counsellor, visiting  
Wed 17th Mrs O'Brien's final day prior to leave  
Friday 19th 9.00-10.30am Inquiring Minds - Set-up for Success (Online)

### JULY

Friday 3rd Final day of term 2  
Tuesday 29th Midyear Student Progress Reports distributed - opportunities for parent-teacher meetings (telephone or Zoom)

## 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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## Health and Wellbeing

Any members of staff or students with flu like symptoms (fever, coughing, sore throat, runny nose, fatigue, aches and pains) that present at school will be directed to go home and/or must remain at home until no longer contagious as determined by a registered medical practitioner. Thank you for your support of the health and wellbeing of all in our school community.

## Feedback - Please submit a response until Monday 22nd June (your feedback is important)

St Patrick's is in the process of creating its next three year school strategic plan. The school leadership team will use feedback from our recent *Organisational Culture Inventory* that was completed by all staff earlier this year, student achievement data, Positive Behaviour Support data, the Catholic Education Tasmania strategic plan and feedback from parents via the School Board and students via the Student Representative Council. A School Improvement Parent Feedback Form is included in this Newsletter and is also available via the school website until next Monday 22nd June - please feel welcome to provide us with your feedback, including suggestions, in regard to our creation of the school's next three-year School Strategic Plan.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdT3ApKwwN78e-tQUBA\\_bmy63pYbxDK5v57RxCJVUXUy3YmDw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdT3ApKwwN78e-tQUBA_bmy63pYbxDK5v57RxCJVUXUy3YmDw/viewform)

## Year 4 (Mrs Meech)

In Year 4 we have been learning about the artist, Picasso. Picasso co-founded the Cubist art movement. Cubism was a new way of painting a person or object from different angles using geometric shapes. The artists created a picture of something by breaking it up into different blocks. Later on, Picasso began to add other materials leading to the invention of collage. We have used the influence of Picasso's art to create our own portraits using collage.

We have also been looking at life cycles in Biological Science. We were able to grow some seeds as part of our Learning@Home work. We have also planted some broad bean seeds in the school garden. We have been checking on our plants regularly and have recently worked with Mr Tim staking our plants.



# Spirit of Jesus @ St Patrick's

Term 2  
Week 7



- ✿ Isaac - helped Angus with his art creation
- ✿ Chas & Tanner - teaching Jon soccer skills during recess
- ✿ Fraser - he is kind and caring
- ✿ Grace - went to get Jessica's lunch box for her
- ✿ A Year 5 student - helped a younger student up
- ✿ Kyle - picked up rubbish

- ✿ Darcy - helps to get games started and includes others
- ✿ Lulu - congratulating Sophie on receiving a certificate
- ✿ Sophie - thanked Ms Stuart for cleaning the desks
- ✿ Ross - he has a good heart and good manners
- ✿ Ava F & Tilly - packed my bag for me when I was busy
- ✿ Mr Angliss, Ava C & Luca - cooking breakfast for us
- ✿ Aiden - helped Cameron up
- ✿ Koby - picked up some equipment and put it away
- ✿ Aleks - she fell over, but she got straight back up again and tried her best
- ✿ Esther, Grace & Gracie - made sure Matilda was okay when she fell over
- ✿ Melia - helped some people in PE who didn't understand the game
- ✿ Mac - teaching me a new game
- ✿ Mrs Barker - helping Zander get through the gate to come into school
- ✿ Amelia - said thank you, with a smile on her face when she left peer fitness
- ✿ Josh - sat out so that others could have a turn
- ✿ Kale - swapping the 'good' cricket bat with Tyler so he could use it



## WEST Award

Congratulations to Josh Warren (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

**Byrne House:** Harper Clark

**Dooley House:** Harry Phegan

**Martyn House:** Hamish Crawford

## Devonport Junior Soccer

Thank you to all our registered players who returned their forms that were sent home last week; from the response we have received back we should be able to field all our teams. We hope to have a decision from DJSA with a confirmed start date to the 2020 season soon. There will be a chance for any students who have not yet registered to sign up once we have this information, all details will be sent home to families as soon as we are advised from Devonport Junior Soccer Association.

## Staff and Class News

Mrs Kingshott is away this week - Mr Puccetti and Mr Linhart are teaching Year 6; Mrs Gregson is away all week; Mrs O'Brien commences Paternity Leave from 3.00pm tomorrow - we wish her, Mr O'Brien and Mabel our best wishes - Mr Butcher will be teaching Year 5 every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the remainder of the year.

## Morning School Assemblies 8.55am daily - Reminder

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. Ava and Luca present certificates to students during their 'class rounds', which occurs immediately after each morning's assembly.

## Screen Time & Covid19 (Mr Atkins)

Covid19 has caused many changes in our lives. One of those changes for many of us, including our children, has been the increase in screen time. However, now that things are getting back to normal, it is important that the amount of time we spend looking at screens goes back to normal also. Children find it difficult to lessen screen time when they have been used to looking at the screen for longer periods of time, as they often find it addictive. The eSafety Commissioner website has some helpful tips to help your family get back on track and find the right balance of screen time and other activities. See the link below to find out more. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues/time-online>

## Recommencement of the Friday Grade 3 to 6 Primary School basketball roster

The Devonport Basketball Council Inc. is currently planning to recommence the Friday grade 3 to 6 Primary School basketball rosters in Term 3 and we would like feedback on whether your child/children will be participating. If you can please complete the below survey form by **FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE**.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqOOZUQMWF9z2mrEzfu6Of0kjZxPz7eNDhE9c4I7Vo7OrAA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqOOZUQMWF9z2mrEzfu6Of0kjZxPz7eNDhE9c4I7Vo7OrAA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

We will only run one roster for the remainder of 2020 which will be for 12 weeks and set down to recommence on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July until 20<sup>th</sup> November with no games being played during the school holidays and on the following Fridays (11/9, 18/9, 9/10 and 23/10) due to U22 games being played in Devonport.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Prep:** Darcy Wrangmore for applying persistence towards all of his school work and excellent attention to detail when colouring in. A fantastic effort, Darcy.

**Year 1:** Tallan Mayes for an outstanding effort in all areas. Well done!

**Year 2:** Hudson Brumby for applying himself to literacy and numeracy tasks.

**Year 3:** Dekota Brumby for her focus on her school work, particularly Science.

**Year 4:** Lincoln McQueen for his application towards improving the quality of his work. Well done!

**Year 5:** Jaxon Boyle for the outstanding effort he is displaying in narrative writing.

**Year 6:** Kyle Jordan for his impressive attention to detail.



[www.devonportwarriors.com.au](http://www.devonportwarriors.com.au)

## COMMUNITY NEWS & REMINDERS

### Care and Concern

Thank you to the many families who regularly contact 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.**

### Year 5 News (Mrs O'Brien) What about the world? By Georgie Tueon

In year 5 we have been using the Seven Steps to writing to improve the way we write, in particular, to improve our narrative and persuasive writing. Here is a piece of persuasive writing by Georgie Tueon employing the new techniques learnt.

*"Three, Two, One, Go!!" I shouted. I dived into the water desperate to beat my sister. "Hey you cheated." Shouted Lola coming over and tickling me. I absolutely love going down to the beach! I always race my sister Lola, I surf the glorious waves and then well... I pick up other people's rubbish. My least favourite part of going to the beach. The amount of rubbish people leave is like they tell the garbage trucks to dump it here. We spend hours clearing up other people's mess. It's like they don't care anymore about our world and animals and I could go on forever!!!*

*Have you ever seen images on the internet of the poor sad turtles trapped in or eating horrible plastiky rubbish? Save the turtles guys!! Have you not been listening the past like forever about saving them? Can you imagine all the poor, starving animals wanting to find food for themselves and their families. Then they think they have found food but no. It is your filthy, fetid plastiky rubbish you couldn't be bothered to put in the bin. Too late for the poor turtles though, They have eaten it and died Yes. And you couldn't care less. Did you know that there are 5.25 trillion pieces of rubbish, 150 million metric tonnes of waste that currently circulate our marine environments killing 100,000 animals every single year. Too many of these wonderful creatures' lives are lost because of you and your rubbish!*

*What about our environment? It is not just our animals that suffer, it is our environment too. Our earth suffers from all different sorts of things like air pollution and water pollution. Think about China. China has the poorest air quality in the world. Especially in Shouguang in China. Many people wear masks in china from our air pollution. Air pollution is caused by many different things, In particular smoke from factories and cars. Now think about Indonesia. A particular river in Indonesia called the Citarum river has the poorest water quality in the world. Different things that cause water pollution include littering dirt and muck mixed into the water.*

*Now you know how I said I was clearing rubbish at the beach. Well many people do that everyday to help our earth. What about the next generation of kids to come. Do you really want them wasting their time cleaning up your mess? I know I would hate to see my kids to do that when I die. Not that I would ever litter because I know what happens. Our kids need to learn as well that littering is not ok. If you do it you are setting such a bad example for them and they are likely to think that littering is A OK so they will litter too for the rest of their lives.*

*So now you should know how much I hate littering! If it worked I would get down on my hands and knees every day and beg for people to stop people littering. We need to work as a team to stop people's selfish littering choices and ruining our earth. There is so much more I could tell you but I promised my teacher I would keep it small and not get too crabby at you and your filthy rubbish dropping hands. "Hey Lola I need another bag." I called. "Filled this one up." "Oh, Coming sis." Lola called back. "Get a groove on girls, look down the beach and how much we still have to do." Dad called out. Oh my, Rubbish, Rubbish, Rubbish.*

