



Larmenier Catholic Primary School

term dates

March

- 3 - Third week of Lent
- 6 - Larmenier Swimming Carnival
Grades 3-6
- 8 - SPC Instrumental Program
Instrument
- 10 - Family Mass 5.30pm
St Peter's Church, Kings Meadows
- 11 - Fourth week of Lent
- 12 - LONG WEEKEND
- 13 - P&F Mtg
- 15 - NJSSA Swimming carnival
- 17 - St Patrick's Day
- 18 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
Catholic Education Week
- 21 - Catholic Education Week Mass
11am Sacred Heart Church Newstead
- 25 - Palm Sunday
- 29 - Holy Thursday
- 30 - Good Friday - begin of Easter Break

April

- 1 - Easter Sunday - End of Daylight Savings
- 2 - Easter Monday
- 3 - Easter Tuesday
- 4 - Return to School
- 9-11 - Grade 6 Camp
- 12 - End of Term 1
- 13 - Staff PD
- 22 - Earth Day
- 25 - ANZAC Day
- 30 - Beginning of Term 2

May

- 7 - School Photos - full uniform
- 13 - Mothers' Day

Just a reminder to all families that we have an increasing number of children who may suffer from a severe reaction to nuts. We discourage nuts at school and hope families will assist in minimising this risk.



1st March, 2018

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*I know that there's a place for us
For we are glorious*

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*I am brave, I am bruised
I am who I'm meant to be, this is me
Look out 'cause here I come
And I'm marching on to the beat I drum
I'm not scared to be seen
I make no apologies, this is me*

This is Me –performed by Keala Settle (The Greatest Showman)

'This is me' is a song based on the premise of Believe in Yourself, one of our Five B's and an overarching principle for all the B's.

How do we build up our children to believe in themselves? To know they are valuable, worthy and glorious as they are. We need to continue to encourage and support our children at every hurdle and challenge. This might mean 'at the start of every school year' or for 'new activities' or 'new learning they encounter'.

Some things we can do to support our children include;

- Focus on your child's strengths and the effort they put in. Praise your child for what they are good at, and let them know you're proud of them for trying things they find difficult.
- Teach your child about fair play. They need chances to win and lose.
- Coach your child through tricky social situations – for example, 'Try giving a big smile when you want to join in. People will want to play with you if you look happy'. You could try role-playing these situations with your child first.
- Give your child the chance to try new activities and learn new things.

As part of our Performing Arts program, 'This is me', is being learnt by all our children. We are hopeful, and knowing Mrs Rice, confident that the children will perform this song with joy and belief towards the end of this term.



Jacqui Lawless
PRINCIPAL

Mrs Beth James

Mrs James has announced her decision to retire at the end of this term. Mrs James has been a dedicated and passionate staff member at Larmenier for 23 years and working in Catholic Education many years prior. We will greatly miss her experience and look forward to celebrating her time with us. We are in the planning stages of an appropriate farewell and will share the date shortly.

Larmenier School Fair

Our Fair is on Friday 16th of November. Planning and work towards the fair has begun. Our dedicated P&F are working hard with Ben Verbeeten the Fair Coordinator. The process of organising Grade Coordinators and stalls is well underway, as is the work towards finding donations to support all aspects of the Fair. You can make contact via the parent Facebook page or by the email fair@larmenier.tas.edu.au

Farm Dates



Farm began this year unfortunately for our Year 6's on a very wet day. Upcoming dates are

- Friday 2nd March – Year 1
- Friday 9th March – Year 5
- Friday 16th March – Year 2
- Friday 23rd March – Year 3
- Friday 6th April – Year 4

BE RESPECTFUL an expectation for all members of our community

Over the past few weeks, pick up time has continued to improve. We have, however, had many reports of adults not speaking or behaving respectfully to other adults. **The car park is busy, with safety the priority, you will need to be patient.** All adults in the community need to be respectful to each other, in word and action, we expect this from our children and need to continue to show them how it is done.

Please remember...

- The pick up and drop of lane is not for parking – if your child is not ready you need to park your car.
- When you are leaving a car park space, take care of other vehicles.
- Only park in designated spaces.
- Other parents are also collecting their children, be patient and respectful.

Have you thought about...

- Waiting until 3.15 to collect your children, they are still supervised and it is not so busy, or
- Using the bottom oval access.

Student Free Day

The last day of Term 1 – Friday 13th April is a student free day. There will no school on this day for children.

School Board Vacancy

The role of the Larmenier Catholic Primary School Board is to provide strategic direction and to support the Principal in decision-making.

We have vacancies on the School Board. If you are interested in nominating for the Board please collect a form from the office or email larmenier@catholic.tas.edu.au
We meet monthly for approximately 1.5 hours.
If you require additional information please contact Jacqui.

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Applications close Friday 9th of March

Caritas

Caritas Australia helps people help themselves — regardless of ethnicity, religion or political beliefs.

Caritas supports long-term development programs in impoverished communities in Africa, Asia, East Timor, Latin America, Indigenous Australia and the Pacific — helping oppressed people to rediscover their dignity by taking greater control over their lives and overcoming poverty.

Giving to others is a central part of the Season of Lent. This is the time that we focus on the Caritas Charity. All families will receive a box for any extra coins that you may have and are able to give to others. Involving children in this is crucial, giving to others and the understanding that many of us have fortunate lives is something that all children need to learn.

For great information and clips please go to <http://www.caritas.org.au/>

Lap – MINI – ers

Playgroup has once again begun in the Kindergarten room on Wednesdays between 9am and 10.30am. This group is open to old and new families and children from birth – four. It is a wonderful way to make links with other parents and families and for children to socialise with each other. We are looking forward to seeing you there.



Story-time at playgroup



Gumboots

Do you have any old unwanted gumboots that would like a new home in Kindergarten, to be used on wet days. Please drop them into the office or to the Kinder classroom.



2018 updates to be returned

- Asthma, Allergy or Anaphylactic Action plans
- Local excursion permission
- Farm activities permission
- Student Records and Medical updates

We still have a lot of student record verification forms and Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylactic forms missing. Please send these back as soon as possible, for your own child's safety and wellbeing.
(replacement copies available at the office if misplaced)

Car Boot Sale

St Peters Parish, Kings Meadows are holding a Carboot and Craft Sale.

Saturday March 17, 10am-2pm.

This is an invitation for your families to have their own stall/s, including face painting, drinks, craft, second hand or any other ideas. Stalls outside \$10, inside (limited) \$20. Some tables available for \$15 with refund of \$10 at return.

RSVP: 2nd March 2018.

Contact Geraldine Byrne on 0459 331 491
Email: geraldineby@bigpond.com

Larmenier Swim Carnival – Years 3 – 6

This carnival is on Tuesday the 6th of March. Entry forms are overdue. No student will be participating without a signed entry form. We will need volunteers for the day.

Larmenier is also responsible for organising the NIJSSA Swim Carnival on the 15th of March. This will be a very big day for us and once again we will be looking for volunteers.

All Volunteers must have a WWVP check.

Lost Blazers

We have two families looking for lost blazers. Please check your child's blazer and return to the school office what doesn't belong. Found items are always most welcome on return.

The lost blazers are labelled Will Robinson and L. Bishop.

We are collecting these so if you shop at Coles and they offer them to you send them to the office please.



Autism Tasmania

Autism Tasmania is conducting a series of information sessions for parents and family members of children of all ages on the autism spectrum. These sessions provide an opportunity to learn about and discuss a variety of autism specific issues in a friendly and supportive environment.

All sessions are free to attend however registration is required. Please register online via the events page on our website (www.autismtas.org.au) or contact us on autism@autismtas.org.au or 6231 2745

Addressing Challenging Behaviours

Thursday March 15th, 10-12 noon

Sensory Processing and Addressing Common Challenges

Thursday, May 17th, 10-12 noon

School, Keys to Successful Collaboration

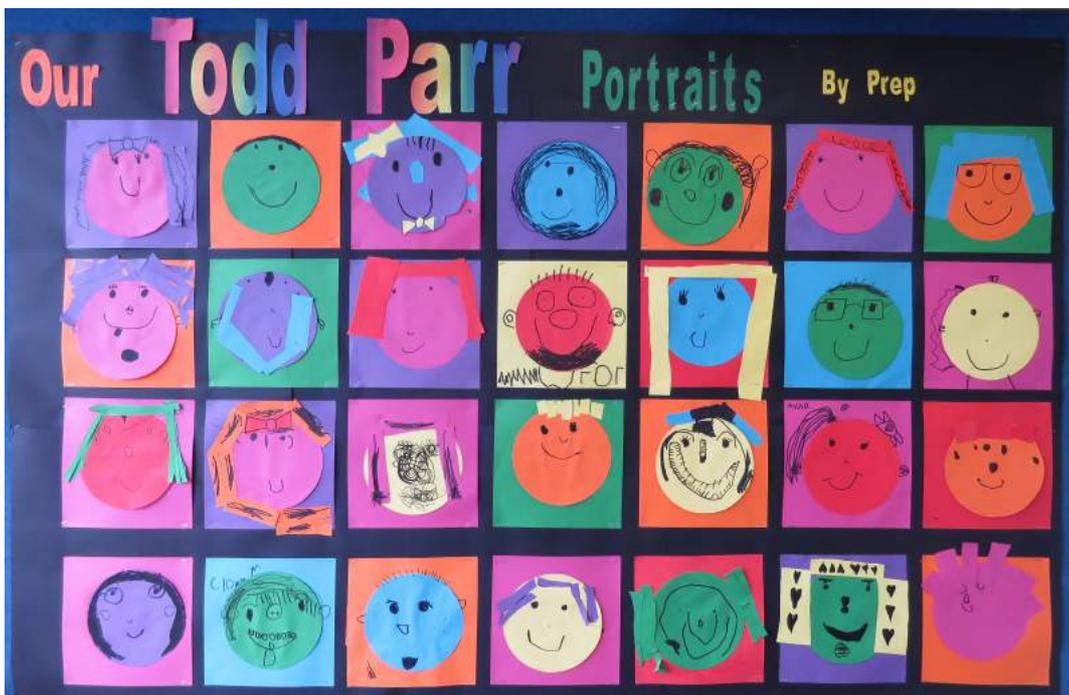
Thursday June 14th, 10-12 noon

Puberty: Health, Hygiene and Common Challenges

Thursday, September 6th, 10-12 noon

Supporting the Well-being of Siblings

Thursday, November 8th, 10-12 noon



Stamps

Don't forget to keep saving used stamps for the missions. They are collected in the office.



Found

A small plain silver band ring in the Kindergarten room. See the office.







Catholic Schools - Partners in Tasmania's Future Party Responses to Catholic Education Requests

Requests	Tasmanian Liberals	Tasmanian Labor
Recurrent Funding - Schools <i>Catholic schools call on all political parties to fund the gap in the Australian Government's Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) over the next 6 years.</i>	<p>Maintain commitment to additional Students First (Gonski) funding for the non-government sector of \$36 million over six years (2013-2018).</p> <p>Maintain the existing 2017 funding pool for 2018, even though the Australian Government's adjusted School Resourcing Standard (SRS) reflects a reduced funding requirement for 2018. This maintenance, along with \$3.1 million for transition and 2.5 per cent indexation, contributes to an overall increase in the order of nine per cent compared to 2017 funding levels.</p>	<p>Labor is committed to delivering the existing capital works funding and pre-committed additional \$36 million recurrent funding to non-government schools in Tasmania.</p>
Capital Funding – Schools <i>Catholic Education is seeking retention and extension of the additional Capital assistance provided in the 2017-18 Budget currently worth an additional \$950,000 annually to our sector beyond the four year forward estimates and to build in appropriate levels of indexation that reflect rising building costs.</i>	<p>Extend the additional capital assistance provided in the 2017/18 budget over the forward estimates period to the 2021/22 financial year. This will equate to an additional \$950,000 per year in capital assistance for Catholic schools over the forward estimates.</p>	
Increased support for the Early Years <i>To expand greater access to early learning opportunities already offered to parents in government schools, Catholic education is seeking funding support over the next four years to provide Birth to 4 (B4) programs for parents choosing a Catholic education.</i>	<p>Re-affirmed support for early years learning through committing funding to the <i>Working Together for three year olds – targeted pre-school initiative</i> program to provide a free additional year of pre-school to vulnerable or disadvantaged three year olds across Tasmania.</p> <p>Catholic providers of pre-school services will be eligible for this, should they become accredited.</p>	<p>Committed to building six new Child and Family Centres (that could be accessed by our families).</p>
Better access to Health Care checks <i>A new partnership needs to be developed with Government to assist children in Catholic schools to have hearing and sight checks similar to that provided to state school students.</i>	<p>Provide a new grant for student support for Catholic and Independent schools in low socioeconomic communities to provide additional student support where it is needed. This equates to approximately \$158,250 for Catholic schools per year, or \$633,000 over the forward estimates. There will be some flexibility in the application of the funds, however additional literacy and numeracy support or access to allied health or support services such as hearing and sight checks, speech therapy, psychology or a social worker may be included.</p>	<p>A Labor Government will give school nurses more career options within the health system by moving them into the Tasmanian Health Service.</p> <p>School nurses will perform sight and hearing checks on every Tasmanian student aged between five and nine.</p> <p>Labor will work with Catholic education and private schools to deliver the program through shared funding.</p>
Cross-Sectoral Collaboration for Teacher Professional Learning	<p>Supports cross-sectoral collaboration particularly on the west coast.</p>	<p>Labor will always support the opportunity for teachers to share knowledge across sectors.</p>
Supporting Vocational Education <i>Catholic education is calling on Government for appropriate funding to ensure equity of access to TAFE VET programs for Years 10 to 12 students.</i>	<p>No specific response</p>	<p>Labor will offer 3,000 targeted TAFE scholarships. The \$1,000 scholarships will be used to fill key skills gaps, as identified by Labor's new Industry Advisory Councils.</p>
Sustainability <i>To broaden the availability of conversion to solar power and increase the uptake of this option for Catholic schools.</i>	<p>No specific response</p>	<p>Labor will seek financing assistance from the Clean Energy Finance Corporation and ARENA to expand the Community Solar Hub program to government buildings such as schools, hospitals and offices and would welcome discussions with the Catholic Education Commission regarding involvement in this program.</p>
Support for Parent Engagement <i>Catholic Education is seeking financial support for parent engagement.</i>	<p>No specific response</p>	<p>No specific response</p>
Additional Commitments	<p>Work with the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office on a long-term accommodation solution for the St Francis Flexible Learning Centre in the Northern Suburbs of Hobart.</p>	<p>Under a Labor Government all students attending their nearest public or school of their chosen faith will be provided with free public transport.</p>



St Patrick's College Launceston

YEAR 7, 2019 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

St Patrick's College is hosting an information evening for prospective parents and guardians regarding Year 7 enrolment for 2019.

This will be held at the
St Patrick's College Chapel
282 Westbury Road, Prospect
at 7:00pm
on Wednesday, 14 March 2018

The opening date for online applications will be advised at this evening.

Applications for Enrolment close on
Friday, 27 April 2018.

Prior to attending the Information Evening parents are welcome to access our College Schoolbox Parent Portal using the following link and access details.

<https://schoolbox.stpatricks.tas.edu.au/homepage/12017>

Username: Guest
Password: Enrolment

For further information, please contact the Enrolment Registrar,
Mrs Denise Costello at registrar@stpatricks.tas.edu.au or (03) 6341 9988