



The Launceston Preparatory School

Truth and Happiness

Newsletter



12th May, 2022

From the teaching staff ...

In our ever-changing world, the importance of **Community** is becoming increasingly evident. That sense of belonging is more important than ever. **Community** provides a sense of connectedness and often validates our existence. Our theme this term at The Launceston Preparatory School aims to highlight some of the necessary and valued members of our community, beginning with YOU. Families are our most important community group within our school. Parents, grandparents and extended family members provide an essential link between home and school, forming relationships and connectedness from one vital institution to another.

Families are a basic and essential foundation block in any society. As parents, you provide your children with the link between your home and the outside world. Your role as a family is crucial in educating and socialising your children. You instill in them the values, morals and morés you wish to uphold and preserve in society as your children grow into citizens of the future. Our role as the school is to support you in doing this. Our school aims to provide a safe and supportive place for your children to further build on their resilience, knowledge and social skills to grow into THOUGHTFUL citizens of the future.

Unfortunately, opportunities for families to be involved in a physical sense here at school have been restricted due to COVID-19. We therefore rely heavily on your support from afar! Teachers appreciate the home-school partnership as notes go home and work is followed up in the home setting through daily practice of skills, completion of homework, involvement in hobbies and family activities. This support reinforces children's academic and social development and nurtures a healthy mindset. We appreciate your involvement in school gatherings such as school activities, social gatherings and fund-raising opportunities where possible.

You are integral to providing a safe, happy and secure community in which our children can thrive. **COMMUNITY** is our theme for Term Two; however, more importantly, **COMMUNITY** remains our ongoing focus for all of our students' lives into the future. We thank you, the parents, for choosing to support us in this invaluable endeavour.

Rebecca Howard

Prep/One Teacher



Socratic Seminar - Groups 4-6

The senior students have been exploring the different levels of communities and discussing:

- What does it mean to have communities within communities?
- What are some negatives about being part of a community?
- How and why do you think conflict can arise in communities?

Welcome to Strawberry, Piglet and Feather!

Mrs Thyne's home group was fortunate to have some cute and furry visitors last week! Audrey brought in her guinea pigs and we were thrilled to get to know babies Feather and Piglet and their mum, Strawberry. We learnt from Audrey all about her lovely pets – watch out for some requests for guinea pigs in coming weeks!



Senior English and Drama

Before we begin exploring the lyrics, persuasive devices and meaning of First Nations protest songs, such as 'Treaty', 'From Little Things Big Things Grow' and 'Beds are Burning', the children shared their knowledge about some of the reasons why our First Nations people might protest: discrimination, land rights, stolen generation, destruction of culture, Invasion Day, and the proportion of First Nations people in custody. We will start exploring the lyrics in Week 3.

In Drama, children have started brainstorming ideas for their one-minute films that connect our theme of **Community** with the One Minute Film Competition's theme of **Dreams**. Every group has taken a different approach to this in terms of their storylines. We have some BIG filming plans using our green screen for some of our live-action films, whilst others are planning to create LEGO Stop motion animations and puppet performances. I can't wait to see how the children produce these and to share them with you!



The children are performing Reader's Theatre scripts each week. The aim is to enhance their reading skills and confidence by having them practise reading for a purpose. These vocal performances focus on expression, fluency, projection, and joy.

Mel Andrews, Gr. 4-6 English & Drama

Music News

After an incredibly BRAVE last term, our musical minds are pivoting towards COMMUNITY with great gusto. Early Learners and Kindergarten students are learning to sing and play music together, in a number of different musical groups. The Prep and Year 1s are going to be discovering folk songs and have started by singing the classic Australian folk song "Click Go The Shears".

Groups 2 and 3 are also concentrating on folk music, and have started by watching a docu-drama film "Latcho Drom", which portrays Romani Gypsy culture through various musical performances from people from North-East India, Egypt, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, France and Spain. We will be looking at songs from these cultures for the first portion of the term.

The senior students have embarked on a journey of discovery into the history, technology, and cultural and musical influence of radio. We will create our own radio show, ready to broadcast to our school community. We will also be delving into digital music production in conjunction with Mr Barnes' Digi-Tech lessons and learning about Ableton Live – a powerful music production software.

Mr Billy Green



Socratic Seminar – Prep/Ones

Our Family Community

We have enjoyed sharing many picture books about families. Our discussion this week was about this topic. Some of the questions discussed included:

- How do you feel about having/not having siblings?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of not having siblings?
- How do you cope with the times when you feel your parents aren't paying you enough attention?
- Why do parents always love us just the way we are?



Kinder students have started the term with a bang and are having a wonderful time exploring new learning experiences in the classroom. The children have begun deciding how we are going to explore our theme “Community” and we have started by connecting with our school neighbour Beryl with our special letterbox over the fence. Here we are sorting and classifying groups of animals and marbles, practising our writing and exploring *Polyglots at the Birthday Party* classroom play experiences.

Miss Jacqui Wise



“Other information”

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, 12 th May	P/1 students attending <i>Fantastic Mr Fox</i> at SOC, 10.30am
Thursday, 19 th May	The LPS Cross Country event, Birch Avenue Soccer Grounds, 12.30 – 2.30 pm
Thursday, 26 th May	SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2022

Thursday, 26th May 2022

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Thank you! 😊

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