



Truth and Happiness

Newsletter



Thursday 31st August

From the Teaching Staff...

Nationally and internationally, there is unequivocal evidence that the quality of teaching stands as the most significant in-school factor that profoundly influences student outcomes. It's a dynamic force, not a fixed entity, and this dynamism underscores the crucial role of professional development in education.

In a landscape where learning is a lifelong journey, the education sector is no exception in requiring ongoing professional development. For educators, this continual process is the lifeline that keeps them attuned to the latest advancements in the science of teaching and learning, ensuring they remain well-informed about how children best learn. Through professional development, teachers continue to grow their own capacity, evolve their teaching techniques, and refine their strategies.

This year, our staff members have actively participated in a diverse range of professional learning experiences aimed at enhancing their effectiveness as educators. These include:

- First aid training
- *Managing Change: Adopting a Growth Mindset*
- Teaching handwriting
- An Introduction to the Science of Mathematics Online Series
- Specific Learning Difficulties with Impairment in Mathematics (Dyscalculia)
- Gifted and Talented workshops
- Cognitive Load Theory
- Progressive Achievement Test: Mathematics
- the *Our Land: Our Stories* resources which we use in our school
- exhibitions of the latest educational hardware and software
- Copyright in education
- Planning in the Early Years
- Capitalising on informal mathematical moments to develop key mathematical understandings in young students
- Managing anxiety in children
- Understanding emotional regulation
- Unlocking ADHD in the Classroom

Professional development helps us keep growing and staying at the top of our game so we can provide our students with a great learning experience. We are always learning and improving to make your children's education better.

In "Truth and Happiness",
Mel Andrews, Grades 4-6 Maths and Drama Teacher

Full credit to our amazing cohort of Leavers who did not just assist with this carnival but actually ran it (with Mr Payne's guidance)! What wonderful leaders!





Fun with Book Week 2023

A delightful morning of reading was enjoyed by the Prep/Ones last Wednesday. It was lovely to welcome the parents in to our school to share in the wonderful gift of reading.



We have been busy having lots of fun the last two weeks. Our book week dress up was wonderful and we enjoyed presenting our Celtic round houses at assembly. We are busy preparing for our junior sports carnival as well.



Socratic Seminar – Prep and Group 1

Rapunzel

Why is it that sometimes we try to own or control others?
Are there times when it is actually important to control others?
What is the best way to deal with being controlled?

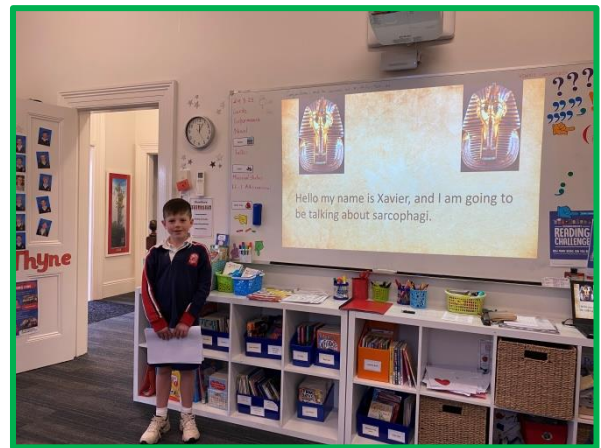
After discussing this important lesson, we looked at the Feelings Thermometer to identify how this may make us feel.

Rebecca Howard

Group 2/3 Ancient Talks

Over the next two weeks, the Group 2/3s will be presenting their talks on something that is “ancient” to them. So far we have had some very interesting talks on topics including Tutankhamun’s family, Earth, the Stonehenge, Zeus, the Bunyip, Australian Aboriginal history and sarcophagi (just to name a few).

So far everyone has done a superb job of standing up in front of their classmates and presenting their information. We have been entertained with amazing facts and some wonderful photo and PowerPoint presentations. We have learnt so much already!



Harriet Thyne

“Other information”

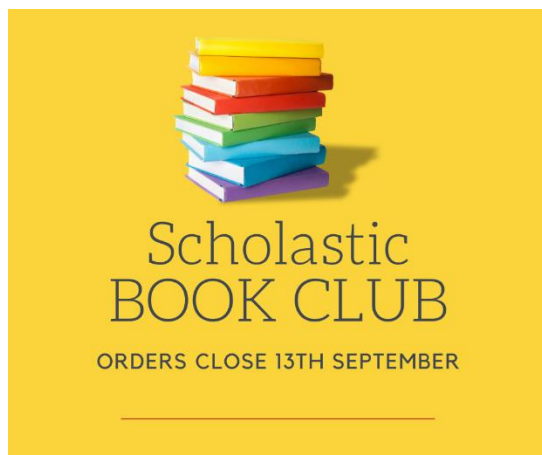
IMPORTANT DATES

12 th September	Parents of LPS meeting, 7.30pm
29 th September	Term 3 ends
17 th October	Term 4 Starts
17 th – 20 th October	Grade 6 Camp – The Lea
6 th November	Public Holiday
8 th – 10 th November	Grade 4 & 5 Hobart Camp



The holidays are fast approaching and PCYC Launceston has our Holiday Program up and running ready for bookings! Starting Monday 2nd of October until Friday 13th of October, we have many fun activities including drawing, gymnastics, rock climbing, cooking and more. With activities starting as low as \$10, there is sure to be something for all ages to keep kids busy and having fun.

To see times, activities and prices please scan the QR code (attached) to book in. Bookings sell out quickly, so the sooner the better!



Please note that any notices we include in this newsletter for providers of activities that occur outside of the school, are provided only for the interest of families and do not carry any endorsement by the school.