



# St Paul's Catholic School Palette



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Today we celebrated Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. During this season of Lent we think about how we can be more like Jesus in our world– giving what we can do for the poor, the needy and most especially, to those around us who are hurting or who need us in their lives. We have especially been discussing with children how they can be more like Jesus – being kind, compassionate, patient and loving to all those around them. Let your light shine unto others!

**“Speak to me, I will listen with the heart.”**

As parents, one of the greatest joys is when our child opens his or her heart to us. We feel fulfilled in who we are. We know that we can't force it to happen. We know it rarely happens when we are tired or cranky or busy or distracted. We know that such a sharing touches something very deep within us and within our child.

God too is a parent...one who has made it clear that listening to the desires of our hearts is of highest importance. God is never tired, cranky, busy, distracted, rather God is just waiting for us to crawl up into the divine lap and pour out our heart. Unbelievable as it seems, God listens to each of us as though we were the only one. We may find that hard to understand as we complain that our prayers go unanswered but we have to ask ourselves what type of prayers are they.



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Are they just words we repeat with our hearts far away? Are they orders given to God to make life easier – don't let the boss be angry? Find me the parking spot? Let us get a good price for the house? We are more than these concerns, we have deeper needs and God knows this. Something deeply human within us blossoms when we share heart to heart with God.

This Lent, take some quiet moments with God. Perhaps when waiting to pick up the kids, when putting the washing out, during a lull at work, ask yourself, "What is my heart feeling?" and share that with God.

*Loving God, you want us to draw close to you. Send up your Spirit so that we may see how much you loved us by sending us your Son. May the example of Jesus inspire our prayer. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us.*

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Thank you** to all the families who have made time to meet with me. I really value this opportunity to get to know you and your family and thank you for your openness to share your St Paul's experience so far as well as share your hopes and dreams for the future. I will continue to work my way through the grades so please bear with me as it is a timely but valuable process.

## **Parent/Teacher Conversations**

Thank you to all families who took the opportunity to attend the recent parent/teacher conversations. This was a great opportunity for teachers to get to know you and your children. If you have not had the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher please contact them as they would love to meet with you.

## **School Photos**

A reminder that our school photos are on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> March! All students are to be in their full summer uniform. Please ensure the photo envelopes have been returned to the school office or completed online.



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## Congratulations to Our House Captains

Last Tuesday, six of our year 6 students received the acknowledgement and challenge of leadership in our school. As House Captains, they will support our School Captains in the leadership role, not only for sporting events, but for all activities in our school. We congratulate them for this achievement.

Rice - John Toms & Riley Blackwell

McAuley – Lucy Rolls & Owen Smith

Sheedy - Ben Hall & Nadeen Matloob



## Kinder Enrolments 2020

We have opened our Kindergarten enrolments for 2020 this week. We are hoping that all our current families that have a child for Kinder next year can complete the paperwork in the next few weeks. Our Kindergarten positions last year filled up before the end of Term 1. Please contact the school office if you require a form to be sent home. To be eligible for Kinder your child must turn 5 in 2020.



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## Grade 7 Enrolments 2021

A reminder to our Year 5 families that our Catholic Colleges have their 2021 Grade 7 enrolments open at the moment. You may have seen flyers about open days and other events. I would encourage families to make contact with the colleges asap.

## St Paul's Strikers Soccer Club

Please keep an eye out for upcoming registration dates. This is a great opportunity for your child to join with other children from his/her class and develop strong healthy relationships as a team. All children from Prep to Year 6 are welcome. The club have an Easter fundraiser that they are currently running.

## Caritas Project Compassion Boxes

During Lent each class will have a project compassion box to raise funds for people in developing areas of Zimbabwe, Indonesia, Solomon Islands, Australia, Bangladesh and Vietnam. Families are asked to bring loose change from home to place in their class project compassion box. Upper Primary students will also be taking small boxes home to assist with our fundraising campaign.

## St Paul's B5 program

Our Birth to 5 years Program is a very exciting initiative for us and fits in with our continued commitment to providing the best possible outcomes for all in our local community. Families with children aged 0 – 5 years are welcomed to our Kindergarten on Friday morning from 9.00am – 10.30am commencing 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019. No need to book. **All Welcome.**

### **Children and parents/carers will:**

- play alongside other families
- have fun and learn together



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- be part of purposeful activities to support child development
- become familiar with our school setting.
- expand their speech skills and learn new words.

## be part of a variety of activities including:

- story time
- messy play
- excursions
- exploring our outside environment
- developing friendships.

When you spend time playing with your child you can make a difference to their future as you learn together. We hope to see you soon. Have a great week.

**Jo Clark**

**Principal**

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## **Dominic College Open Day – Tuesday 12 March**

It is now time to enrol for Year 7 2021. Take a closer look at what makes Dominic College a leading Catholic, co-educational College in Hobart on our upcoming Open Day. Experience the College in operation on one of our Learning in Action Tours during school hours or take a Facilities Tour after school hours. Tour times are as follows:

**11.45am Year 7 - 10 - Learning in Action Tour**

**5.15pm Year 7 - 10 - Facilities Tour**

**6.30pm Year 7 2020 & 2021 Parent and Student Information Evening**

For more information call Leesa on 6274 6010 or for bookings please visit <https://www.dominic.tas.edu.au/enrolment/transition-events>