



# St Paul's Catholic School Palette



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## "Forgive and Forget" No, not really

The Resurrection stories in the Gospels are a little odd – not quite as straightforward as the rest of the Gospels usually are. To appreciate them, we need to put ourselves in the story even more than usual. For example, in next Sunday's Gospel Jesus 'confronts' Peter about his three betrayals during his Passion. Peter's denials were tragic. In a teen movie terms: 'BFF denies knowing you to people who aren't important, not once but three times! The friendship was DEAD'. In Jewish terms, three times met the decision was irrevocable.



But this is the Christian story. Jesus returns risen, feeds the disciples on the beach with a cooked breakfast on the beach. All is forgiven, yes...but not forgotten. Peter isn't let off that easy. Jesus confronts him but not in the way we would. He doesn't go back over the details of the betrayal but cuts right to the heart. He asks Peter three times, three times, if he loves him. Peter can barely get the words out saying that he does. Why? Because he knows that his actions have said exactly the opposite. Each question cuts deeper into Peter, uncovering the mess and, dare we say, meanness of his heart. By the time Jesus asks the last question, 'Do you really love me?' Peter is laid bare, 'Lord, you know all things, you know I love you.' Peter cannot trust himself but throws himself on Jesus' knowledge of himself. He can't reverse his actions – but Jesus can.

I think the saying, 'Forgive and forget' is silly. 'Forgive, learn and move on' is much better. Too often, in the process of forgiveness, we go over the 'offending actions' and only open the wounds even deeper. What we need is the wisdom that Jesus showed: a sifting of the heart to find the roots of the wrongdoing and to discover that love, true love, is even deeper. Betrayal and hurt then becomes stages of growth in our love for each other.



Loving Father, you know how we hurt each other, sometimes very badly. Give us the wisdom of your Spirit that we make sift through the hurt and pain, and find underneath it all real love. Let Jesus' forgiveness of each of us guide us through the mess. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope all families had a wonderful Easter and an enjoyable school holiday break. Term Two promises to be an exciting one with many new and returning initiatives and programs commencing, including the implementation of our Choices Program. Every Thursday afternoon will see the students and staff participating in a range of activities/clubs.

Mr Morgan and Year 6 are currently developing the model that we will follow this year.

As the weather gets colder, students should transition into their winter uniform. We believe that children need fresh air and exercise every day so we would like to see children dressed appropriately for outside play. All children will need a St Paul's school jumper and polar fleece so please check uniform shop times if you do not have one. Other coats or jackets may be worn to and from school only. Thank you for your understanding about this matter.

## UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

TUESDAY 8.30am - 9.00am

WEDNESDAY 2.30pm - 3.00pm

### **Certificate of Validation**

At our final Term One assembly, Mr Sean Gill, Deputy Executive Officer of CET presented Mr Morgan and our school leaders with a certificate of Validation which identifies that St Paul's is meeting all the requirements of a Catholic school. Thank you to everyone who participated in the process of attaining this certificate. Our school leaders showed Mr Gill around our school.





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## ANZAC DAY

Thank you to the many children, families and staff who represented our school community at the Brighton ANZAC Day Service last Tuesday. Special thanks to Mrs Wolff and our Year 6 leaders – Brayden Cripps, who read beautifully; Riley Browne and Owen Smith who respectfully laid a wreath on behalf of the school.



## Congratulations

Congratulations to our Rice McAuley recipients from the end of last term. Rice McAuley awards are given to two children each fortnight who have shown that they are following our school goals and going above and beyond in their actions.

Congratulations to Lucy Rolls (Grade 6) and Kiara Murtagh (Grade 4)

**Congratulations to our End of Term One Award winners:**

**Kinder - Heidi Petersen, Thomas Parremore, Jack Woolley**

**Prep - Jacqueline Harriss-Evans, Darcy Wilson, Nemdini Palihana Walauwe**

**Year 1 - Avery Mahoney, Hunter Rolls, Liam Phillips**







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Arnold, Zoe Finn, Marley Eaves



**Year 3 - Eleanor Robertson, Harry Lang, Amanda Griffiths**

**Year 4 - Indiana Curtain, Matthew Kalbfell-Bailey, Heath Rose**

**Year 5 - Holly Parkinson, Thomas Lang, Zac Cassidy**

**Year 6 - Riley Browne, Shavonne Kemp, Nadeen Matloob**

## **Swim and Survive**

We are very excited that St Paul's has been successful in receiving funding through Royal Life Saving for our children from Prep – Year 6 to participate in Swim and Survive at the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre later this term. Details and times are still being finalised so we will let you know details in the next few weeks.



Swim and Survive is a comprehensive swimming and water safety initiative of Royal Life Saving that seeks to increase the swimming and water safety skills of all Australian children in order to prevent drowning and increase participation in safe aquatic activity. Learn to swim, swimming lessons and infant aquatics are all terms commonly used across the aquatic industry for programs that seek to build swimming skills. Swim and Survive is all of these, but most importantly it ensures that the essential components of personal survival and water safety are provided, in addition to a process of developing strong and effective swimming technique.

## **St Paul's Soccer Club**

This week we see the first roster game of our St Paul's Strikers Soccer Club. We wish all players the best for their games and for some of them their first game ever. The importance of playing together as a team is about teamwork, support, encouragement for each other and most importantly fun and enjoyment. Remember shin pads and soccer boots are required to play. All the best to everyone. GO STRIKERS.



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## National Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Now in its 20th year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

### The objectives of WSTSD are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of Public Transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion

All children who walk safely to school on this day with an adult will get a sticker – Please see our school leaders – Brayden or Riley in the courtyard or breakfast club to claim your sticker.

### Cross Country Carnival (Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May)

Our school cross country carnival is on next Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May from 12pm. Children will be running different lengths of courses depending on their year level. Children will start from the footy goals and will include at least one lap of the oval. Spectators are asked to watch from the Paice Street footy goals as all children will run past you in this spot. Children have been practising their course during their PE lessons this week.



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## **“Circle of Life” Parent Meeting (Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May @ 6pm)**

All parents and carers are invited to attend an information evening and conversation on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 6pm in our school hall. “Circle of Life” is a values-rich approach to Relationships and Sexuality Education for Catholic Schools.

With parents/carers as the first educators of their children in the area of sex and sexuality, ‘Circle of Life’ aides to stimulate further positive discussion. The program is geared to accommodate the school aged child, facing the personal challenges of growing, changing and making choices in today’s world with an emphasis on such family values as loving, caring, helping, sharing and belonging.

The program enhances the person emerging from the family background, towards the understanding of his/her unique human sexuality. This evening is for parents and carers only and will be followed up throughout the year in the classroom. This program aligns with the Australian Curriculum HPE learning area, Good News For Living RE Curriculum and the Archdiocese of Hobart guidelines *Growing Towards Wholeness*. ALL WELCOME!

## **Kinder Enrolments 2020**

We have begun interviews for Kindergarten enrolments for 2020. We are hoping that all our current families who have a child for Kinder next year can complete the paperwork as soon as possible. Also if you know of anyone wishing to enrol a child for St Paul’s Kinder 2020 to contact the school office immediately. To be eligible for Kinder your child must turn 5 in 2020.

## **B5 Program (Every Friday 9 – 10.30am)**

Our B5 program has received endorsement from the Catholic Education Office as a Set Up for Success program every Friday from 9 – 10.30am in our Kinder room. Parents, carers and children are engaged in developmentally appropriate learning activities supported by Mrs Jade Johnston and Mrs Cindy Askey- Doran. The aim of our program is to work with families to build a community who support children to become engaged with their learning for life. Please encourage families and friends with children from birth – 5 year to attend. We look forward to seeing you again this week.

*With every blessing,*

**Jo Clark (Principal)**

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