



St Paul's Catholic School Palette



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True Importance



“For the most important person in the world – you!” Whenever I see an ad with a line like that in it, I feel like turning off the TV or ripping out the page. What a terrible attitude to expose children to. Anyone living by that philosophy is condemning themselves to an unhappy, selfish life.

We are important...but as children of God. Made in God's image, we are made to love and love is expressed as care. Imagine a community where everyone aimed at doing what was best for each other. Now you have some idea of the dance of love that goes on within God between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Many of you would have experienced a taste of that passion when your new born baby was first placed in your arms. The surge of care and responsibility towards this infant is a taste of true love.

The challenge as parents is to continue that love and care, day in and day out when you often don't feel like it. But there is a greater challenge: to teach your child/ren to love and care in the simple daily tasks of family, school and community life. Rather than looking after 'number one' they need to learn to be like God and look after each other. Fostering habits of helpfulness will lay the foundation for true happiness. Small acts of daily service help them to grow into large-hearted people – true sons and daughters of God.

Loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you call us to join in your dance of love. Give us the wisdom to show our children how to truly love you and to care for each other. We ask this in Jesus' name confident that you will hear us.



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As term three comes to a close, it is a good time to reflect on the positives and how much your children have grown, developed and learned since the beginning of the year. It is inspiring to listen to the conversations and learnings in the classrooms as I try and spend time in classes.

I would like to thank Monique Hall, facilitator of the 'Circle of Life' program, and the teachers, for supporting this very important and valuable part of the curriculum. The children were very mature and interested and asked some thought provoking questions. I hope you were able to take the opportunity to begin conversations with your children. Thank you to those parents, who let me know how they found this opportunity an important starting point for discussion.

Please don't think that I have forgotten about the meetings with our early years' families. Laura will call you early in term 4 so I can continue with these important conversations.

Families and Schools Together (FAST) initiative winds up this week. Thank you to all the community, parent and school partners who have worked tirelessly each Wednesday night for the last eight weeks. It is a true celebration of togetherness and trust and I know the families who have participated have thoroughly enjoyed it.

Over the holidays, we are getting some maintenance done around the school including the painting of the year 3,4,5 & 6 classrooms. I know the year 5 & 6s are eagerly awaiting their return in term 4 as they have been designing their classrooms into learning spaces that they want to be in. We are all awaiting the outcome with new colour design and furniture.



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Next week will be the last week of term and we have a very full week:

Tuesday – St Pat's Music Tour will perform for the whole school

Wednesday – Prep will lead us in our End of Term Assembly

Thursday – 9am End of Term Mass in celebration of Our Lady of Mercy (ALL WELCOME)

Friday - Footy Colours Day and lunch (please see below)

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all children and family members lucky enough to have holidays a safe and restful break. Take time to rejuvenate and charge the batteries ready for the very busy last term.

DATE REMINDERS

Friday 27th September is last day of Term 3

Monday 14th October is first day of Term 4

With every blessing,

Jo Clark

Principal



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Congratulations

Congratulations to our Rice McAuley award winner – Holly Parkinson. Holly won her award for the determination she showed during rock climbing and her continued “have a go” attitude as well as her care and support towards others. Well done Holly! These are qualities that we want to see in all our students.

Also, congratulations to our class award winners – Lucy Rolls, Finn Brissenden, Imala Lester, Leah Hindley, Aiera Denholm, Makira Hickman, Ariana Bannister, Shyla Wilson.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Amy Triffet (Year 5) and Rose Smith (Year 5) for their medals in Judo competitions at the weekend. Amy won two gold medals and Rose two silver medal. Well done girls!



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Congratulations

Congratulations to Shavonne Kemp, Lucy Rolls, Riley Browne and Richard Lang, who have been selected to participate in the Southern Catholic Schools representative sides in netball and football in the annual Clark vs Franklin competition. These games will be played at Dominic College today (Wednesday 18th September). Good luck!

Recycling



Please continue to collect your lids and pop them in the box in the office as this is a great initiative and something to which we can all contribute. These lids will be converted into things like prosthetics for kids. If you have any questions please see Mrs Terri Smith.

Footy Colours Day & Hot Dog Lunch

With Miss Shanny and my team not even in the top eight at the end of the season, I hope your team has been more successful. Footy Colours Day is a great time to show your support and get on board with a winning team. We will be having some footy activities over lunch.

Mr Morgan has placed a form on Facebook to fill in if you are attending our lunch. Please fill it in as it helps with catering. Here is the link if you missed it.

<https://forms.gle/5YqXVhvlQm9RpkL8>



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B5 Program (Every Friday 9 – 10.30am)



Our B5 program Set Up for Success program continues in our Kinder room. Parents, carers and children from birth to 5 years old are welcome to attend.

They engage in developmentally appropriate learning activities supported by Mrs Karla Annear 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. Come along and then join our closed Facebook page for updates and fun, developmentally appropriate learning experiences you can do at home. We look forward to seeing you this week.



All welcome!

Upcoming Events

Thursday 19 th September	Prep excursion to Molesworth
Thursday 19 th September	NO CHOICE TODAY
Friday 20 th September	Last week - Yr 5/6 afternoon footy & netball
Tuesday 24 th Sept	St Pat's South Music Tour
Wednesday 25 th Sept	Assembly – Prep to lead
Thursday 26 th September	Whole school Mass (Our Lady of Mercy)
Thursday 26 th September	Last Choices today
Friday 27 th September	Footy Colour Day
Friday 27 th September	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 14 th October	First Day of Term 4
Wednesday 16 th October	RED DAY



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Kinder excursion to Simmons Park

On Wednesday 4th September we went on an excursion to Lindisfarne to meet our pen pals from St. Cuthbert's Catholic School. We had written some letters back and forth to our new friends, and this was our first time meeting them. We had a lovely time playing in the playground and then we shared morning tea.

I liked playing with my friend - **Ollie**

I liked playing with the rocks - **Jack Q**

I liked to go on the big slide and I climbed up on my own. I liked to play with my friend - **Darcy**

I liked the big slide and the green trampoline – **Kobi**

Going on the big slide, it was amazing! - **Jack W**





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St Paul's Annual Red Day.

Save the date,
Wednesday 16th November 2019.

9:30-11:30am

Families and Carers are welcome to walk.

Monies raised go towards Eleanor Oakley a 3 year old who has Neuroblastoma.

More information and donation forms will come home next week.

Little Learners FREE Big Fun Day!

Face Painting!



Brighton Civic Centre

Thursday 19th September 2019

9:30am-11:30am

yummy morning tea!

Heaps of fun FREE activities for children aged 0-5 and their families!!

A performance and workshop by Small Stories!



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