



St Paul's Catholic School Palette



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Mary MacKillop's Courage

I often wonder how courage works. Because I so often feel like a coward, I marvel at people who can take physical risks or travel through dangerous countries alone. Too many "what if" scenarios would paralyse me. Yet when I look at the life of Mary MacKillop, I see a different courage in which all of us can share. In fact, many people we know live that type of courage on a daily basis.



All of us have dreams and ideals but life has a way of knocking off not only the shine off our dreams but even of dragging them through the dirt. Then we are tempted to give up. Courage is not just keeping our dreams but also adapting them to the new circumstances. Mary had that courage. Through rejection by her Church, problems within her own community, tragedy in her family, illness in her life, she carried on with her belief that simple, good education into the love of God and basic skills could transform the life of the poor. By the time she died, she and her sisters had become a force for transformation across two countries.

Most peoples' dreams revolve around love and making life better for the people they love. Yet the circumstances of daily life seem to work against our ability to love. Illness, unemployment or too much work, the stresses of caring for different people or troublesome neighbours can undermine the buoyancy of our hearts. It is then we need the courage of a Mary MacKillop which faces these cares squarely and continues the dream of love.

Ever-loving God, your Holy Spirit inspires the dreams deep in my heart, especially the ones to love deeply my family. May Mary MacKillop's example inspire me us into the ways of faithful love, especially when life gets tough. We ask this in Jesus' name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb



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Dear Parents and Carers,

The busyness of school life continues in Term 3 with many events for families to join us at school. These events are mentioned in this newsletter and on the website calendar. This is a live google calendar so please check it regularly www.stpauls.tas.edu.au.

We hope you can join us. I am still eager to meet every family and I apologise that this has taken me longer than I first anticipated. If you have anything urgent that you are waiting to touch base with me about please book an appointment at the office, otherwise I will be in touch shortly.

Last week our Early Years classes celebrated 100 days of school. The staff and children really enjoyed the day with the children wearing some amazing outfits and getting totally involved in the activities with "100" theme. Thank you to everyone for your amazing effort with costumes.





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Choices for Term 3 will commence next week. Mr Morgan has asked for volunteers who may have a skill to share with our children. If you can help please see Mr Morgan ASAP. We thank those parents who have already kindly donated their time and skills.

FAST (Families and Schools Together) has made a successful start to the eight week program with parents commenting to me that it is such a great opportunity to get to know other families and to share time and skills as a family. Thank you to Sr Carmel, Kieren Shanahan and Erikka for organising this valuable community experience.

This Friday will be Mrs Louise Florence's last day at St Paul's Catholic School before she and her husband take time to prepare for their very important next step of welcoming their first child into their family. We wish them well.

We welcome back Reuben Oates, an Aboriginal Artist, who will work with children to design an artwork including the individual story stones that the children completed with Reuben at the end of last term. Reuben will also be participating in our Choices program with a small group of children.

We also welcome Miss Emma Williams to our school. Emma will be the support teacher in the Early Years and will work in Year One when Miss Woodhouse is taking PE. We welcome Emma to our St Paul's family. Please drop in and say hello and make her welcome.

Another good news story is that we **congratulate Miss Jasmine and her husband, Ahren.** Jasmine and Ahren are expecting their first child later in the year. We wish them all the best as they prepare for this important next step in their family life.



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Congratulations to Grace Phillips and the other children from St Paul's Catholic Church Community who were confirmed by Archbishop Julian Porteous on Sunday, 28th July 2019. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and inspire you.



Congratulations to our Rice McAuley award winner last fortnight - Owen Smith - for care and support of younger students to ensure they are safe and happy in the playground. Each fortnight a child from each class receives an award. Congratulations Owen, you should be proud of your achievement.





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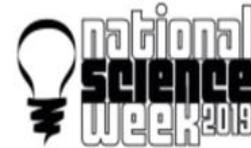


Grade 7 Enrolments 2021

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. This week, Miss McCristal will be sending out a form to all Year 5 students to gain information about high school choices so we can prepare for transition next year.

National Science Week – 10 -18th August 2019

There are a number of events that families can get involved in. This Friday, Year 3 & 4 are going to the Festival of Bright Ideas at Princes Wharf One. This event is open to the public over the weekend and is a must see for any budding Scientists or anyone with an inquiring mind. Next week at school we will have a **Science Fair on Tuesday, 13th August**. Each class will set up a stall for other children to visit and engage in. Classes will visit the exhibition during the day and it will be open for families on Tuesday afternoon from 3 – 4 pm. ALL WELCOME!



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!





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Book Week and Book Fair – 19th – 23rd August 2019

“Reading is my secret power”

As well as celebrating reading during book week, we are also offering an opportunity for families to buy books and the profits will go towards buying books for our school. So please come and support our school.

Monday 19th – All classes to visit library and do wish lists

Tues – Friday – Book Fair open for sales **8.30 – 8.50am**
2.45 – 3.30pm

Tuesday 20th – Dress up day

Dress up as your favourite book character
(bring a copy of the book with you)

9.00 am parade and prizes

Wednesday 21st – Family Reading afternoon – 2pm – 3pm

Meet in Hall (children with books)

Teacher storytime then children and family members will continue storytime around the school.





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Term Three Upcoming events:

Each Friday	Yr 5/6 afternoon footy & netball continues
Friday 9 th August	Festival of Bright Ideas excursion Yr 3/4
Tuesday 13 th August	Assembly – Year 3 to lead
Tuesday 13 th August	Science Fair @ St Paul's 3-4pm
Thursday 15 th August	Choices starts
Mon 19 th – Fri 23 rd August	Book Week – Reading is my secret power
Tues – Fri 8.30 – 8.50am 2.45 – 3.30pm	Book Fair in Library
Tuesday 20 th August	Dress Up day Parade in Hall @ 9am
Wednesday 21 st August	Family reading afternoon



APPLE FOR THE TEACHER

Your local radio station 101.7 7HOFM is once more on the hunt for Southern Tasmania's favourite Primary School Teacher! The winning teacher will win an *Apple MacBook Air* for themselves and every student in the class wins an *iPad*.

This August we are asking primary school students to vote for their favourite teacher. Students will be asked to nominate their teacher at 7hofm.com.au and then encouraged to vote!

At the end of the voting period the teacher with the most votes will win the *Apple MacBook Air* for themselves and every student in the class wins an *iPad*.

Nomination Period: Monday July 22 (8:30am) – Thursday August 1 (5pm) 2019

Voting Period: Monday August 5 (8:30am) – Thursday August 29 (5pm) 2019

The winning teacher and school will be announced shortly after!

Imagine celebrating a teacher at our school being crowned the *Best Primary School Teacher in Southern Tasmania* as well as receiving some amazing prizes to match the accolades.

We are looking forward to promoting our hard-working teachers!

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