



St Paul's Catholic School Palette



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Lent or Owned?

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Have you noticed how many people don't take care of other people's property as well as they do their own? Whether it is public property or that of a friend's, what is 'lent' is often not treated well.

Last week, we began the Church's season of Lent. Yes, this Lent has a different meaning but 'lending' and 'owning' can be a way into the challenge of Lent. We often lead our lives as though we don't really own them, as though they have been lent to us. We allow fashion, the prejudices of others, what everyone else is doing to dictate our lives rather than listen to the deepest needs

of our hearts. If we find ourselves indulging in excessive use of food, alcohol or gambling, in abuse of drugs, mindless TV or internet surfing, we need to seriously ask ourselves: what desires, what needs of the heart are we trying to dull? It is as though we are trashing our own lives, rather than living them to the full. This Lent, take time to reflect on who God has made you to be, so that you are no longer lent but rather come to own your own self, precious in the eyes of God.

Loving God, each year you invite us to reflect on the quality of our lives. Give us the wisdom of your Spirit that we may know and follow the way that leads to fullness of life. We ask this in Jesus' name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb



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Dear Parents

As we enter this Lenten season, let's all take the time to stop and say hello to everyone we meet. We have lots of new families and staff in our school so please continue to make them welcome. We all have a bit of sickness around so please if your child is feeling unwell keep them home until they are over all the symptoms.

Compass - Most parents/guardians should have received their individual login for our Compass online data portal. If you have not received your login or need support to sign up please see our office staff. This program will make notifications, attendance information, newsletter and receiving reports easier in the long run.

Eye Screening - This is an initiative by Lions Club Australia and has been operating in other states of Australia but we are lucky enough to be the first school in Tasmania to undergo this program. You should have received permission forms to sign and return if you would like your child's eyes screening. Screening will occur next Thursday (and Friday if needed) and the form **MUST** be in by this Friday morning.

Fee Assistance- If you have a current Health Care Card you are eligible for fee assistance at our school, so could you please take your card to the office for us to copy. In some cases this will replace the need for you to fill in a fee assistance form but in other cases it won't. If you are unsure please speak with Leanne or Jess in the office.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our class award recipients for this fortnight. Each fortnight one child from each class is chosen to receive an award for their work within their classroom and their attitude to our school expectations. This award can be for doing their best in a particular learning area; being a classroom friend and supporting their friends; for making Jesus real by their actions etc.





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School wide Positive Behaviour - We now have our flags up at the front of the school to remind us and to encourage discussion about, our THREE school expectations - RESPECT, SAFE, LEARN. Last week all the children participated in a "walk around" in the hall, the toilets and the outside area and bike track to learn how to be respectful, safe and to be a learner in these areas.

Children have also been receiving Mercy Merits when staff members 'catch' them showing these qualities. Congratulations to the children who have reached 10 Mercy Merits and earned themselves an icy pole and postcard home. I am looking forward to presenting more rewards next week at assembly.



Congratulations to Avery Mahoney, whose artwork was chosen as our postcard for children receiving 10 Mercy Merits. During art classes, all children draw their representation of our three school expectations and one drawing was chosen for each award.



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Swimming - Next week you will be sent home information about our upcoming "Learn to Swim" program from children Prep- Year 6. This is happening from Monday 16th - Friday 20th March at the New Norfolk pool. Details about what children will need to bring to school and what time they will be "in the water" will be sent home next week. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us as it was a great opportunity for children to get in practise before our interschool carnival in early April.

Sustainability - Thankyou to all the parents/carers and families who are helping us be more sustainable be keeping our plastics to a minimum. Children are bringing amazing lunchboxes with food in reusable containers.

Buses (Including PCYC bus) - If your child travels on any bus after school could you please contact the office as we must ensure that we have accurate lists to mark off at the end of the day. This includes the PCYC bus. When our lists are established, if your child regularly travels on a bus but is absent for any reason you must contact us. Thank you.

With every blessing,

Jo Clark

Principal



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Molesworth



On Tuesday the 18th of February, Grade 1 went on an excursion to Molesworth Environment Centre. The students began the day by meeting Peter who was going to lead us for the day and the students got to see the taxidermy animals that Peter has collected over the years. The students then participated in a range of team building activities where they learnt it is better to work as a team and not just an individual. Being able to observe the students during these activities was invaluable,

because they all came to the same conclusions by themselves and did not have to be told. Students played games such as Diving Ducks, Emergency Tent, Pirates Treasure, Sinking Ship, Up and Over and Kiss and Cuddle Tas. The students worked so well together and it was a fabulous day out and about. We have carried the 'Team Building' theme into the classroom where we have made a display about what Team Building looks like, so please come in and have a look and discuss with your child the importance of working together. Everyone that attended thoroughly enjoyed the excursion and got to end the day by walking over the famous tyre and rope bridges they have at Molesworth.





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TMAG Excursion

On Thursday, 27th February, some students from St Paul's travelled to the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery to participate in the Aboriginal Cultural Program. The focus for this visit was the current exhibition "West: Out on the Edge" which 'shows how people have



shaped the west and, in turn, been shaped by it.' Students had the

opportunity to learn about the west of Tasmania, but particularly 'the connection to country experienced by the Tasmanian Aboriginal people'. We were once again hosted by the amazing Teangi Brown, Nicole Smith and Sarah Lackey and we thank them for a wonderfully engaging experience.

Our children were taken through a PowerPoint presentation of the exhibition where Teangi and Nicole explained the different aspects of the West Coast of Tasmania to them from a Tasmanian Aboriginal perspective. The children were able to touch a number of resources from the West of Tasmania and gain an understanding of their significance to the Aboriginal people of the time. We were then fortunate to have been involved in a role-playing activity where children were allocated regions of Tasmania as their community and experienced trading and negotiations between the regions to achieve a community goal. The students were all amazing and some interesting and thoughtful negotiations followed. We were then escorted through the exhibition in the Museum by Teangi and Nicole where they gave more detailed explanations of the various parts of the exhibition. The children received high praise for their participation and behaviour on the day being told that they were the best group to ever participate in the program. Well done children!





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Make Jesus Real (M.J.R.) - Term One 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I had the pleasure of visiting the Year 6 classroom recently and taking them to The National Park. I introduced an older term, 'The VIBE' and how a positive vibe can impact on the lives of people at home (family and friends) and at school (classmates, staff and school community). We looked at

- Seeing Goodness in Others
- Set your Goals – To create a positive Vibe
- My Future Lies in my hands
- Taking good with the bad
- Attitudes are contagious
- How 'OK with a smile' can change lives - I gave them a wrist band to remind them to say 'Okay' when you ask them to do something at home.



It was super to see and hear how the students loved being in the bush. They took such great care of each other plus really appreciated the opportunity to work with myself and Ms Wolfe. They interacted so positively with visitors to the park and thoroughly enjoyed the tour given by Rachel who shared her amazing knowledge of nature.

I showed a very old Youtube called 'Teenage Influenza' where a young person complains about everything in their lives and then this is subtly compared to those in other countries who have very little. You can take a look at this Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFZz6ICzpjI&t=19s> (or just type in 'Teenage Influenza is spreading fast'.)

I was very impressed with the class's attitude and participation and especially the hard work their teachers and helpers put in to help your child achieve her/his potentials. The 'Spirit of Jesus' is alive and well in your child's class and school and I look forward to working with them during this important time of their schooling.

All the best - if you would like to comment on what they thought of the day or if you find other meaningful Youtube clips, articles etc that you feel could be shown in class please send them to marty.ogle@catholic.tas.edu.au

Live Jesus in your Hearts FOREVER

Marty Ogle



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Project Compassion and Lent

This is an important time in the Church calendar as we enter Lent and prepare for HolyWeek and Easter. Lent is a time to reflect on our lives and to make small changes that can help others.

Last week, each family was given a small donation box for Project Compassion by Caritas Australia. Project Compassion provides education and training for some of the world's most vulnerable communities, helping to end poverty, promote justice and restore dignity. Any contributions that can be made are greatly appreciated. Students can return these boxes to school in Week 10.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's classroom teacher for more information.

Regards

Mr Casey Moore

Religious Education Coordinator



Sun safe

A part of our Sunsafe Policy, during Term One, all students MUST wear a school hat to be allowed to play outside. These can be purchased from the uniform shop.

Outside School Hours Care

Catholic Care Tasmania provides after school care at St Paul's Catholic School each day. Please see their Facebook page to register for Friday as an additional day. Care is available each school afternoon until 6.00pm. Please contact Catholic Care Tasmania to register, details are as follows.

CatholicCare Tasmania Phone: 1300 119 455 www.catholiccaretas.org.au



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School Facebook page

Please use the 'St Paul's Catholic School Community' Facebook page to keep up to date with what's happening at our school. Please follow and like our page. Please keep an eye out on the school calendar which is located on our school webpage and on Compass.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open on a Tuesday 8.30am - 9.00am or Wednesday 2.30pm - 3.00pm. If you need to make an alternative time, please contact Jess.

Subway

Subway orders will be delivered every second Friday. Orders are due to the Office no later than 10.00am on Thursday. The second order will arrive on Friday 6th March 2020.

Please note Subway will be increasing by 50 cents however they will honor any old envelopes we have. Currently it is \$6.00 for a sandwich and drink only and \$6.50 for a sandwich, drink and cookie.

B5 Program - SetUp for Success (Every Friday 9 – 10.30am)

ALL WELCOME!



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. Come and 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.



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Sacred Heart College



Open Day Thursday 12 March

We welcome you to take a closer look at our College, take a tour, visit classrooms and see all that Sacred Heart has to offer

Enrolments for students wishing to commence Year 7 in 2022 are due by **Friday 11 September 2020**



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Mount Carmel College Open Day

Sunday 15th March 2020

Commencing at 11.00am, the day includes a welcome from our Principal, Mrs Fiona Nolan, as well as the opportunity to explore our facilities, meet our staff, enjoy performances, view academic and co-curricular displays and join a student-led tour. The day concludes at 1.00pm.



FLIPPING FRIDAY

\$5 COME AND TRY DAY
4-5PM | 6 MARCH

Hobart Gymnastics

“Flipping Friday, \$5.00 Come and Try Day” Session, this Friday the 6th of March commencing at 4.00pm – 5.00pm. The sessions included in this offer are the Acro Tumblers and the FreeG classes. This offer is open to 4 – 12 year age groups and bookings are essential.



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Quilters' Easter Showcase

Saturday 4th April from 9.30am - 3.00pm at the Brighton Community Centre. A huge range of fabrics and threads, demonstrations and much more. BYO mug, lunch and small contribution to morning tea. Entry \$5.00

Upcoming Events

Monday 9th March	Public Holiday
Tuesday 10th March	Grade 5 Assembly
Thursday 12th March	Lions Vision Screening
Friday 13th March	Year 6 to Woodfield with St Patrick's College
Monday 16th - Friday 20th March	Swimming Program - New Norfolk Pool
Sunday 22nd - Saturday 28th March	Catholic Education Week
Tuesday 24th March	Grade 4 Assembly
Thursday 26th March	Catholic Education Week Mass
Sunday 5th - Saturday 11th April 2020	Holy Week
Thursday 9th April	Last day of Term 1

