



St Paul's Catholic School Palette



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Expectations

Covid-19 isolation has had me thinking about many things but especially about my expectations in life. I know I am not alone in this. Society, family, friends place expectations on us and imply that if we fulfill them, we will be happy. This time of isolation has given us the chance to test those expectations and ask if they are really valid.

Buzzing in my head has been one of the early questions/answers from the old Penny Catechism, (ask your grandparents what that is) 'Why did God make me?' 'To know, love and serve him and to be happy with him forever.' I have looked at various expectations made on me and asked 'Does this help me know, love or serve God?' but especially I have asked of many things in my life, does this make me happy? We can end up taking on a lot in our lives that has nothing to do with happiness.

God wants me to be happy in heaven and the place to start is now. If I can't be happy here, God is going to have trouble trying to make me happy there. As a child, my mother sent me to learn the piano. It was not a happy experience. My teacher was a nasty woman. She broke Bic bios over my fingers and asked why I was crying. When practicing, Mum used to yell at me to count, which didn't help. In spite of all that, after 53 years away I took up the piano again last year...and it has been a revelation. I have discovered it is called *playing* the piano. There was no play in my childhood learning the piano but there is now and it brings me happiness. Of course, there are scales and repetitious practice and all the boring stuff but it is worth it because I am enjoying what I am playing.

So now I am asking of the various aspects of my life: 'Does this help me to know, love or serve God or others or does this increase my happiness?' And if it does not, out it goes. Life is too short for stuff that doesn't help us to live and love. We are made to grow into the fullness of God.

Loving God, help me to look at the expectations that I take on. Give me your wise Spirit so that I may question and find what is life-giving and love-enhancing. And let me drop what is negative. I ask this in Jesus' name confident that you will hear me.

Sr Kym Harris osb



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe it is now week 8 and school holidays start in two weeks? We have noticed some children have taken a while to settle back into school and expectations around schooling. Please ensure your child has a regular bedtime now and is getting enough sleep. Please continue to talk with your child about how they are feeling about being back at school and about Coronavirus. Some children may be anxious and have concerns as the restrictions begin to be lifted. By talking with them you will help to alleviate any concerns. If you need any help or support please do not hesitate to contact us.

We still have a while to go until we can open all our gates and get back to having everyone in our school so once again thank you for your patience and understanding. At school, as in the community, the main messages are to wash your hands and socially distance, especially adults. We have an extra lunch time clean of all touch-points in the school as well as our daily cleaning of all rooms and, of course, the children and staff wash hands regularly throughout the day and sanitise when they enter the school in the morning.

We will continue to do contactless drop off and pick up for the remainder of this term and we will keep you informed as the term ends if there are any changes to this. Thank you for your understanding and adherence to our new rules. I personally love greeting children every morning and having an opportunity to catch up with most parents. I am also remembering lots of names now.

There will be no assemblies or gatherings until further notice. Awards, Mercy Merit awards and birthdays stickers are still given out via zoom to help celebrate individual achievements.

If anyone has any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

With every blessing,

Jo Clark

Principal





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Contactless pick up and drop up

We ask for your patience and understanding at the end of the day. Please DO NOT park on the left hand side of Paice Street between the roundabout and the entry to the school as this leads to congestion all the way to the roundabout and beyond. Kinder parents with no siblings in the school pick up at 2.40pm. All other families cannot enter the school driveway until after 2.50pm. Please DO NOT park in the pick up zone as you will be asked to move on.

PLEASE HELP US WITH SORTING THIS OUT - for all of us we just want to collect our children quickly and safely. If we all work together it will work out.

Mercy Merits

Congratulations to all the children who received their next Mercy Merit award and postcard - Keep an eye out in the post. Congratulations to Bonnie Green (Year 2) as her drawing has been selected for our "30 Mercy Merits" award.





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Congratulations

Congratulations to our award recipients from last week. These children received their award for their amazing work over the last few week back at school





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Correct Uniform

Congratulations to everyone who is ensuring that children are dressed in their correct uniform. Some children do not want to wear their formal uniform while others won't wear their sports uniform - we understand this but we are unable to make any changes until we have full community consultation so we hope to be doing this over the coming weeks.

Most weeks children will wear:

Monday & Tuesday	Sports uniform
Wednesday & Thursday	Formal uniform
Friday	Choice of either uniform

The Correct Uniform is:

Boys Winter - school grey trousers, Pale blue skivvy or blue shirt. Maroon jumper with two pale blue strips in 'V' neckline and cuffs and school emblem, grey socks and black shoes.

Girls Winter - Tartan skirt or navy trousers. Pale blue shirt. Maroon jumper with two pale blue strips in 'V' neckline and cuffs and school emblem Navy blue stockings or pale blue socks. Black leather shoes.

Sports Uniform - Navy blue track pants with SPCS logo. Navy blue sports shorts with SPCS logo. Pale blue, maroon and gold polo top with SPCS logo, Maroon fleece jacket with school logo and white socks.

Children's Hair - Hair is to be clean, neat and tidy at all times.

Any hair of shoulder length or longer is to be worn tied back as a health and safety measure. Ribbons, clips, bands and 'scrunchies' are to be of school colours either maroon or blue. Colouring or hairstyles (e.g. tips) are unacceptable and discouraged and this includes extreme colour, and or totally changing the colour and shape of hair.

Jewellery Guidelines - Acceptable forms of jewellery may include one or more of the following:

- One set of earrings; these being plain studs worn in the lower ear lobes, this applies to both boys and girls.
- A plain bangle or bracelet.
- A watch.



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- A Christian symbol worn around the neck e.g. a cross or medal.

All jewellery is to be removed by students before playing in school sports teams and before participating in competitive physical educational activities.

The following miscellaneous items are unacceptable: nail polish, makeup, anklets and friendship bands.

The school uniform is to be worn to school. Kinder children only wear sports uniform.

When it's cold, we still want children to go outside and run around so please ensure they have a coat to put on over their school uniform that is warm. We have a school coat and beanie you can purchase. Children can also wear a beanie and if you want to bring gumboots you are most welcome. However these can't be worn to school. Scarves are not safe to wear in the playground.



Uniform Shop

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

School Photos

School photos will take place on Wednesday 29th July. Photos are to be ordered online or by cash with your unique ID (provided on the envelope). Envelopes are due to the office no later than 10.00am on Monday 27th July. **Children will be wearing their full winter formal uniform for photos.**

Term Two Reports

There will be no reports sent out in term two. Catholic Education Tasmania is currently planning a Midyear Statement of Progress of the key learning areas. This will be distributed in the middle of term three but will show progress of children's learning in terms one and two. There will also be an opportunity to meet with teachers (possibly online) to discuss your child's progress.



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School Fees

Over the last few months, we have sent out a number of letters and communications about school fees. While Catholic Education Tasmania has not given a blanket discount to all families, it has and continues to offer a number of fee assistance opportunities for those in need. It is expected that families continue to pay fees as per the current accounts and current arrangements. If you need to access any assistance or are having any difficulties please contact myself or the office.

Kinder 2021

Kinder 2021 enrolments are still open so if you know anyone interested with a child turning 4 years old before January 2021 please get them to call our office for an enrolment pack.

Grade 7 Enrolments 2022

A reminder to our Year 5 families that our Catholic Colleges have their 2022 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.

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



We are now accepting enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2021.

Children MUST be 4 years old by January 2021 to be eligible for enrolment.

Enrolment packages are now available from our school office.

St Paul's Catholic School Enrol Now! Kindergarten 2021



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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.

Subway - Cancelled until further notice.

School Banking - Cancelled until further notice.

B5 Program - SetUp for Success - Cancelled until further notice.

While our regular Set Up for Success (B5 program) is unable to operate, Mrs Annear continues to post amazing provocations for you to explore with the children at home. We also have a public facebook page to enable new families to join us online

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/690885408415033/>



Home Interaction Program for Parents & Youngsters

Is your child 4 or starting Kinder in 2020?

Want to give them a great head start at school?

HIPPY is an early learning program where YOU are the teacher & learning is everywhere. It's FREE & it's FUN!

If you live in

Brighton LGA with a 7030 postcode

you will have 10 minutes a day to spend with your child, your home tutor will visit, deliver all program materials & provide an hour's tutoring to you every week.

Taking Enrolments now

Contact Kellyanne at Brighton – 0409 477 524

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