



St Paul's Catholic School Palette



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Prayer and Pentecost

At this time in the Church's year, we celebrate the Feasts of Ascension and Pentecost. In the Ascension we celebrated the departure of Jesus from his disciples, at Pentecost we celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit who radically transformed that group of frightened, confused people. They had put all their hope in Jesus and he left them, just up and left. So, there they were, huddled in Jerusalem, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and they prayed. Their life had changed, they felt threatened, they were confused, they had lost control. And in that weakness, they prayed.

The important thing about prayer is that just by doing it we open ourselves to positive change. We shake off our reluctance to change and crack open our shell of self-sufficiency. We admit we need help. We also start to dream of the change we would like to make in our lives. And that is even before we start addressing God with those fears and hopes. God's Spirit wants to come into our lives and make as just a radical change as he did to those huddled disciples. We, most likely, will not be called to preach in the public square but we can live with *hope*: hope that change can come in this frightened, difficult situation, hope that makes us a force for good in our family and amongst our friends and neighbours, hope that teaches our children to look and work for the positive when things feel very negative. Yes, we can be people of Spirit that are the change we want to see.



Loving God, we join with Mary, the mother of Jesus, in our prayer for our families, and communities and our world. In the midst of change, give us your Spirit that we may have hope and offer it to others. We ask this in Jesus' name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to face to face learning. I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for your persistence, time and patience during the Learning @ Home phase. While many of the children were eager to return to see friends and be together, some children will take a while to settle back into the routine and expectations of school. 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.

The staff are so happy to have all the children back at school and eager to continue their learning journey.

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. 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 as this is making our procedures run faultlessly. 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.

Next week, commencing Tuesday 9th June, all classes except Kinder will finish at 2.50pm. Kinder will finish at 2.40pm so if you have a Kinder child only please turn up early otherwise please DO NOT turn up at school until 2.50pm. Kinder staff will keep all other children in Kinder until 2.50pm.

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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Congratulations

Congratulations to our award recipients from last week. These children received their award for their amazing work in the Learning @Home online platform.





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Correct Uniform

We have noticed a few unacceptable items being worn to school that are not part of the school uniform. At St Paul's we take pride in wearing our uniform with respect and so we ask for your assistance in making sure children are dressed in the correct uniform. 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.
- 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.



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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.

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.

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.



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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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

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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