



St Paul's Catholic School Palette



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The Instinct of Love

Recently I attended the memorial service of a wonderful man. During the service, it was said that he wasn't a religious man, implying that he didn't know what came after death. His loving grandchildren did. Five of the seven wrote poems in which they expressed their love and their belief that his love would continue to be with them and guide them through their lives. How could it not? He had loved them so much, so deeply. Their instinct was right – they had known him in love and his love would go on. It was the greatest reality that they knew about him.

This Saturday, 15th August, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. The feast concerns another death, that of Mary, but also of the belief that after her death she was taken to heaven, body, soul and spirit to be with her son Jesus, to whom she had been so close here on earth. There is no direct Scriptural basis for this belief – but it has been an instinct of believers in the Church since its earliest times. Our belief holds that she, who was mother to Jesus, who shared his joys and sorrows so closely in his life, now shares his glory. She is a sign of the hope to us who hope to enter into the fullness of love and life with God. Do we really understand what this means? No, but like the grandchildren of the friend who died, we have an instinct that tells us that the love we have known will go on...and that God intends to cover us in glory, as he did Mary.



Loving Father, you have given us Mary as a sign of hope to us when we are fearful about what happens after death. In her, we see the fullness of life and love that you wish for all of us. Help us to trust in the glory that is to come. We ask this in Jesus' name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our busy term continues. It is so lovely to have so many parents and carers bringing their children into the school and saying hello. On the other side, it is great to see so many of our children who have a new found independence and are happy to wave goodbye to mum and dad or nan and pop in the carpark and carry their own belongings into school. Myself and the rest of our leadership team thoroughly enjoy greeting children in the car park in the morning and we hope those who are allowed to stay in their cars are enjoying the warmth, especially on these icy mornings.

We are grateful for your consideration and adherence to our necessary Covid Safety Plan. Remember if you need to see your teacher or enter the school you can do this through the office as long as you sign in and the teacher is expecting you. Also, please remember to continue to talk with your children about covid and about their feelings and concerns as restrictions continue to lessen. They may be anxious or concerned so please keep the conversation open and if you need any further support from us please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have taken time to come to our parent/teacher conversations. As a school we believe that the communication between home and school is one of the keys to your children achieving to their fullest potential. Thank you also to teachers for preparing and enabling these conversations especially working late to accommodate everyone. If, for any reason, you have missed out this week please feel free to contact your child's teacher and arrange another time.

Choices began today and the children were so excited and engaged. We have really missed it. Choices will continue to run on Thursday afternoons (1.40 - 2.40pm) for the next five weeks. Children will be expected to stay with their chosen activity for the entire 5 weeks and will not be able to change. We would like to thank our staff and our parent/grandparent helpers.

Our pick up times in the car park continues to be a source of some frustrations so please **DO NOT PARK** for any reason or **AT ANY TIME** on the left hand side of the road between the school car park entry and the round-a-about. This needs to be left as a thoroughfare to allow people to enter the carpark and pick up area. **YEAR SIX NETBALLERS WILL NOT BE BACK AT SCHOOL UNTIL 3 pm SO PLEASE** come later to pick them up or we will ask you to move on. We will always stay with your child until they are collected.

We are now sending out all accounts and would appreciate your immediate attention to ensure that fees are up to date. 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 ASAP.

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

With every blessing,

Jo Clark (Principal)

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School Wide Positive Behaviour

Please continue to reinforce our school goals - **RESPECT, LEARN and SAFE**. The children are continuing to earn their Mercy Merit awards and gain recognition for doing so. Last week we were able to recognise many children for achieving rewards and many of them would have received their rewards postcard in the mail. Next week we will recognise our first child to achieve 75 Mercy Merits. Kiara (year 5) selected her reward which was to spend lunchtime in the staff room with staff and her friends. They had pizza and chatted the whole time. I have never heard such laughter and noise coming from the staffroom. I think this might become "a thing" really quickly. Keep earning those rewards everyone and Well done Kiara!





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Congratulations

Congratulations to Brock Lynch for receiving our first Rice McAuley award for this term. Brock received this award for his outstanding leadership qualities and determined improvement to always do his best in all his actions. He displays a mature attitude and positive leadership both inside and outside the classroom. Brock should be extremely proud of this achievement. Well Done Brock!

Congratulations also to all our award recipients from last fortnight. These children received their awards at assembly last week. These awards are given to a child in each class from Prep - Year 6 for many reasons both academic and social. We are having in-house assemblies on Wednesday morning each fortnight but unfortunately we are still unable to have any additional adults at these events. Congratulations to Nick, Bella K, Max, Amanda, Naveah, Adelaide, Abbie and Taylon.



Congratulations Amarni Sharman on her Baptism on the 9th of August 2020. With this step, Amarni has been welcomed into the Catholic Church. We are all proud of her and we look forward to supporting her and watching her spiritual growth. The staff and students will acknowledge this achievement during next week's assembly. If you would like to learn more about the sacrament of Baptism, please contact your student's classroom teacher or the St Paul's Catholic School Religious Education Coordinator, Mr Casey Moore.





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Correct Uniform

Due to changes in our specialist timetables and the start of Friday sport for year 5 & 6s and choices for P-6 children, we have had to make some changes to the days particular uniforms are worn.

Most weeks children will wear:

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

Kinder children will wear sport uniforms all week.

Thank you to everyone for ensuring that children are dressed in their correct uniform. The correct wearing of uniform instills respect and connectivity to our community. 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. Children should be in FULL WINTER UNIFORM now as days are cold.

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.

Subway - Cancelled until further notice.

School Banking - Has now commenced and will continue each Thursday. Please send your books in and Jess will process the payments for you

Sustainability -

Thank you to all the parents/carers and families who are helping us be more sustainable by keeping our plastics to a minimum. Children are bringing amazing lunchboxes with food in reusable containers. Children are using the bins well and placing their rubbish in the correct bin. We do have our own compost pile now and we are introducing our "Golden Bin Award" to the class with the least amount of landfill rubbish. Our amazing year 6 students do an outstanding job emptying and sorting into the correct bins so we can ensure we recycle where possible.





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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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SetUp for Success - 0-5 years

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. 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. Everyone will need to sign in at the door, sanitize as they enter the school and adults will need to remain 1.5m from other adults.



We look forward to seeing you this week.

Pre Kinder Sessions

Pre Kinder sessions are for children starting Kindergarten at St Paul's in 2021.

Pre Kinder sessions will run on Fridays from 11 – 1pm in the Kinder room so as not to interrupt the B5 sessions. Parents are asked to come and stay with their children during these sessions.

Friday 23rd October

Friday 30th October

Friday 6th November

Friday 13th November

On the last Friday, parents will join other parents and school leadership personnel to discuss school procedures and prepare your child for Kinder as well as having time to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you there.



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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 and Compass

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.

Term 3 Covid Safe Plan

Parents/Carers are able to enter the school **in the morning** to deliver their child/children to the classroom. All adults **MUST** socially distance (1.5m) from other adults and may not remain in any area, including classrooms, for longer than 5 minutes so please drop your child and leave immediately.

All people entering the school **MUST** use hand sanitizer before entering.

No adults will be allowed to go to the breakfast club until further notice. Breakfast will continue to be served on individual plates.

In the afternoon, adults will be unable to enter the school to collect children. Children will be delivered to you at the top gate (for those who park and pick up) and in the carpark as you drive in and collect. St Paul's staff will deliver your child/children to your car as happens now.

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.

If parents/carers would like to see a teacher please make an appointment and enter through the office. Seesaw still remains the best way to contact teachers.

Children and staff will continue to wash hands before eating and whenever they re-enter the classroom after playtime.

Hard surfaces will continue to be cleaned daily and there will be thorough daily cleaning of all rooms.



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There will be no assemblies where adults are invited until further notice.

Parents may volunteer to work in classrooms but numbers will be limited and times will need to be authorised by the classroom teacher.

There will be no camps in Term 3 but excursions to some locations may commence and we will let you know when these are occurring and whether parent help is permitted.

There will be no school soccer this year but families are encouraged to join local community clubs.

There will be Friday football and netball for Years 5 & 6 (all children are expected to participate in some way). Students play games against other Catholic schools during term 3.

If anyone has any questions about any items in our plan please do not hesitate to contact me.

Brighton-Bridgewater Catholic Parish

Welcome to EVANGELIUM CONFERENCE initiated by His Grace. Please register at www.evenbrite.com.au/sat.29august'20



Cool Science at Home

Monday 17 – Friday 21 August 2020

Get involved with Science Week at home.

Families with children ages 4 to 12 will learn about the science of our oceans with a FREE take home pack.

Packs are limited so grab your pack from Monday 17 August at the Bridgewater Library.

Go in the draw to win a fantastic prize by sharing your experiment on facebook.com/BridgewaterLibraryTasmania

Bridgewater Library
23 Green Point Road, Bridgewater
bridgewater.library@education.tas.gov.au



15-23 AUGUST 2020

www.scienceweek.net.au

Principal's Tours
Austins Ferry Campus

An opportunity to meet Principal Damian Messer and learn about our exciting Year 7-10 programmes and plans for Year 11&12 from 2023, as part of an interactive tour of the senior school

Friday August 7, 9am - 10:30am
Friday September 4, 9am - 10:30am

To book please email enrolments@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

2022 Grade 7 Enrolments close on Friday September 11 2020

All enrolment information at: www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au



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