



All Saints Day

Saints are an important part of Catholic life. Throughout the year, we remember and celebrate various men and women who have lived heroically good lives. They are placed before us as models and are to inspire us to believe that, with God on our side, we can be and do so much more than we can believe of ourselves. The problem many of us have with this is that these saints can appear too good to be true...and, therefore, remote from our lives.

Then along comes the Feast of All Saints, which we celebrated last Monday, 1st November. Sometimes it is said that it is for the unknown saints: the ones who didn't make the official roll call. Yes, but there is more. I



I like to think it is also for the people I have known to be good and loving and generous in my life and who have inspired me with their heroism. High on the list is my grandparents but they are not alone. Departed friends, workmates, even people I have only known in passing and whose goodness is inspiring are 'saints' to me. They are still close, wanting to help, working for my good. The conversations I have with them are a form of prayer.

As we recall the 'saints' we have known and recognise how they are still with us, we are given the sense of belonging to a community of love who are wending their way towards the goal of life in God. These 'saints' want to help us. Let us name and rejoice in the goodness we have been given through them.

Loving God, I thank you for the good and loving people who have touched my life and who are now with you. Let me sense their presence and be inspired by their love. I ask this in Jesus' name confident that you will hear me.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Monday 8th November 2021



Dear parents and carers,

It is so good to be back among the beautiful smiling faces of our St Paul's students. I really did miss them during my leave. And what an interesting start to the term you have all had! But one thing is obvious, it is very, very busy as we head towards the end of the year.

I would like to personally thank Mrs Baker and Mrs Duigan for their excellent leadership during my absence. I was able to enjoy my Long Service Leave knowing the school was in good hands. Thank you!

We welcome our new kindergarten children and families for 2022. Mrs Annear and Gel have had two pre-kinder sessions already for the students and families to get to know them and the space. Talking about space, I hope all of you have taken the time to step inside our amazing Early Learning Centre. We are very proud of the results. Mrs Annear will welcome anyone who would like to pop in so please feel free to do so. Next year our Kinder children will be sharing the space with Ludo children (3-5 year olds) in care with Catholic Care. Expression of Interest is now open for Ludo so please see our Office staff for an information pack. Ludo will operate 7am - 6pm Monday to Friday. Children aged 3 - 5 years can attend on an hourly basis with both short and long sessions offered. Theresa Blizzard from Catholic Care will be joining me at our information session for 2022 Kinder parents on Friday 19th November.

Last Friday, myself and a number of staff joined with facilitators to begin to analyse and prepare our strategic plan for the next three years. This is being designed from the responses from staff, families and community to our recent survey questions so thank you to everyone who took the time to input. Your contribution is highly valued and we look forward to sharing our plan soon.

Over the next few weeks we will be having short musical concerts - Thursday 18th Nov @ 2.00pm (Early years & choir) and Thursday, 25th November @ 2.00pm (Primary classes & choir). Mrs Volkmann and the students are very excited to showcase their musical talent.

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We have been so lucky to be able to take the primary students on camp this year. They thoroughly enjoyed them. We thank the teachers and teacher assistants who give freely of their time to give this opportunity to our students.

Thanks also goes to Mr Hutchins and Olivia for their work firstly, at our own Athletics carnival and secondly at the STCPSSA representative carnival on Friday. Congratulations to all our students who participated and tried their best on both of these days. Special thanks and congratulations to the 48 students who represented and competed with pride and good sportsmanship. We were lucky enough to come away with some ribbons. Details are at the end of this newsletter.

It is a government requirement that everyone who enters our school, even for a short period of time, MUST check in using the "Check In Tas" app. Some schools have had spot checks to ensure that everyone is using the app. I thank you in advance for continuing to do this.

I will be away part of Wednesday and Thursday this week at a Principal's meeting in Geeveston and Mrs Baker will be away on Friday.

Please check the end of this newsletter for upcoming events.

With every blessing

Jo Clark
Principal

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Mercy Merits

Congratulations to our Mercy Merit Recipients. Students receive Mercy Merits from a staff member at any time of the day when they are caught abiding by our three expectations –SAFE, RESPECT, LEARN. The teachers keep a check on the totals received and rewards are given at 10, 20, 30, 50, 75 and 100. I know a number of students are eagerly awaiting morning tea in the staff room next week.

Congratulations to all our recipients!



Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received the Principal's award:

Lincoln Stebbeings
Samuel Gibbs
Finlay Webb
Samuel Lucas
Liam Philips

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Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery

On Friday the 29th of October Grade 1 went to the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, it was the perfect day to explore while it was raining outside. The students were making lots of discoveries and were amazed at exhibits. The Mayapi Lumi – Around Here exhibit was particularly a favourite amongst the students due to the interactive play area and the Creation Story projected on the ceiling, told by Truganini. Overall, we had a fantastic time together discovering new things!

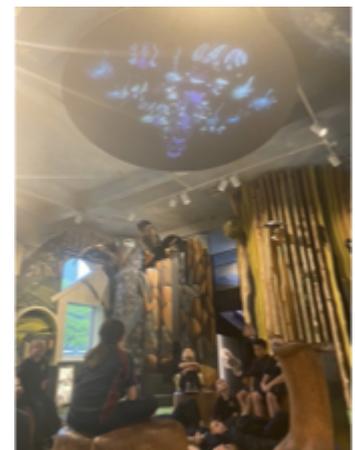
Harley – “I liked the slide, Sharks and the Fish”

Kobi – “The puppet and the play area because you got to go down the slide and press buttons on the phone”

Harry – “I liked the money room”

Zara – “The slide was my favourite”

Paisley – “The tunnel that took you to the couches in the play area”



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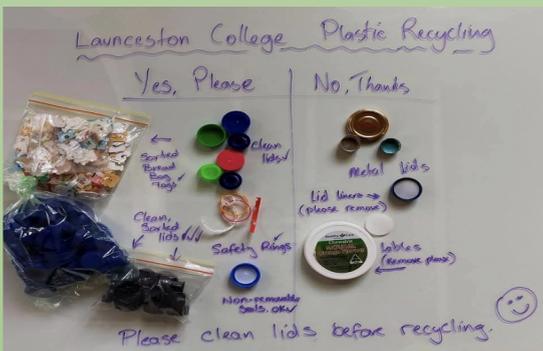
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Please collect lids for
Tops for Pots
the Launceston College
recycling program.



The students turn these lids...



...into these pots!



Donations of washed and clean lids can be taken
straight to the college or to
The Jesse Tree in South Hobart.
(Mrs Annear will collect them for school and deliver them)

Tops for Pots

Launceston College is running a plastic recycling program, shaving down bottle tops and bread tags to create new pots.

This time it is any plastic lid, they do not have to be numbered like Lids for Kids asked

There is a collection box at the school office - please bring in all of your washed and clean plastic lids and bread tags and Mrs Annear will sort them and take them into the collection point.

Thanks for your help, every small thing you do truly makes a difference.

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St Paul's Athletics Carnival

Last week we held our annual Athletics Carnival. The day was a great success with some fantastic individual and team performances across all year levels. It was wonderful to see so many examples of great sportsmanship and encouragement of one another throughout the day.

Thank you to all the students who participated. Thank you to the families that came along to support everyone and thank you to the staff for all their help.



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STCPSSA Athletics

On Friday the 5th of November we took a team of 48 students to represent our school in the Southern Tasmanian Catholic Primary Schools Sports Association Athletics Carnival. Our students did an amazing job and should be commended on their participation and excellent behaviour throughout the day.

Congratulations to Arden who took home 4 1st place ribbons and a 3rd in the open high jump.

"I had a great time. I enjoyed the friendly rivalry with the other schools and I'm really proud of my results especially the high jump and 800m" - ARDEN



Both Grade 4 relay teams earned themselves a ribbon in the 46 x 100m shuttle relay.

"It was a really fun day and I surprised myself in getting a 1st and a 2nd place ribbon" - Danikah



Our Grade 2's were given an opportunity to participate in the carnival this year and they exceeded expectations competing against grade 3 students.

"I loved running and I didn't expect to get a ribbon so I am really happy" - Talysha Devine
"I had fun and I'm really proud of getting 3rd in the 100m" - Darcy Wilson



Congratulations to Bella, who received 1st place in the Grade 6 Girls Vortex.
"I'm really happy with my 1st place in the vortex. It was a good day" - Bella K



Congratulations to Indiana, who received 2nd place in the Open Girls High Jump. Indiana tried high jump for the first time only 3 days before the event. What an awesome effort!

"I'm really proud of myself and the other girls for trying their best. It was a really fun day" - Indiana



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STCPSSA Continued

Congratulations to the follow athletes

Grade 6

Declan McCarthy
Coby Woolley
Levi Muir
Blair Blyth
Hamish McCord
Bella Daly
Charli Gill
Grace Pearson
Bella Kamaric
Indiana Curtain
Kiara Murtagh
Heath Rose

Grade 5

Harry Lang
Mitchell Richardson
Nicholas Wylie
Tyson Flakemore-Percey
Arden Peterson
Ella Cripps
Hayley Hoskinson
Jaxon Kaye
Anabel Wood
Amanda Griffiths

Grade 4

Lucas McCord
Cooper Mayer
Max Graham
Ethan Allen
Ollie Pearson
James Stanley
Rubi Triffett
Milli Daly
Danikah Flakemore-Percey
Taylor Collins
Isabella Whitney
Alicia Denholm
Natalia Matloob
Parker Matthews

Grade 3

Adelayde Gill
Avery Mahoney
Bonnie Green
Bryce Wylie
Liam Phillips
Jacob Senior

Grade 2

Khloe Collidge
Darcey Harper
Talysha Devine
Judd Kaye
Rocco Kaye
Darcy Wilson

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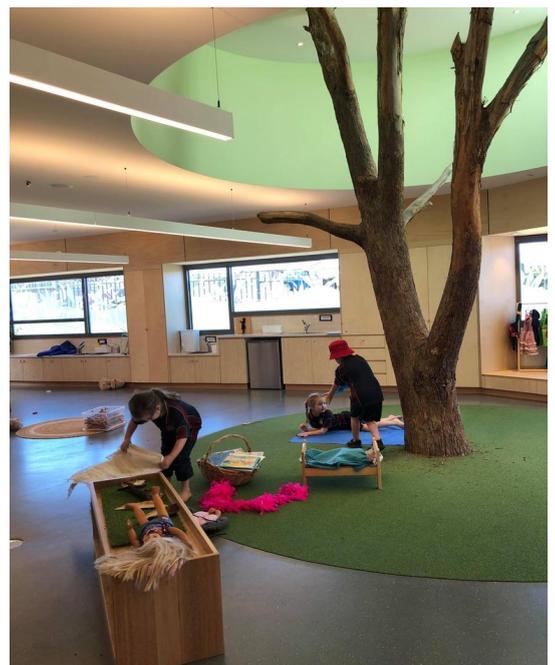
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St Paul's Early Learning Centre (Kindergarten and Ludo)

We are in! After many months of planning and construction, we are so grateful to be in our beautiful learning space. The kinders have only been in for 5 days and they have already made it feel like home - exploring, investigating, and of course doing a lot of smiling.



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If you are dropping your child or children off in the morning, feel free to come in for a look, our doors are open for everyone until the bell goes to start the day.

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Crazy Sock Day!

October was Catholic Mission Month. St Paul's celebrated with a small group of Grade 2 students attending Mass at St Therese's in Moonah and with a Crazy Sock Day fundraiser. With such a busy schedule we had to combine our Athletics Carnival and Crazy Sock Day. It was great seeing all the fun socks on the oval! We had fun and raised money for the ongoing mission of the Catholic Church to support those that are less fortunate than we are, in Australia and around the world.



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Grade 6 Camp

This year Grade 6 travelled to Hagley School Farm for their camp. While on camp we participated in a number of farm-based learning activities including exploring the Olde Class Room which was built in 1865 and participating in a role play activity which was a lot of fun. The children took a tour around the farm on a trailer being towed by a tractor and saw a number of farm animals including pigs, goats, cows, horses, sheep, alpacas, ducks, and chickens. They were able to feed some of the animals and participate in the Egg Enterprise activity where they collected eggs from the free range chickens, before they cleaned, weighed and packaged them ready for sale. They explored the old Agricultural museums where they were able to explore and use a variety of equipment from the past. Students used an old butter churn to make butter before tasting their final product.

On day two of camp we spent the day with our St Patrick's College buddies. We spent a couple of hours with them at Riverbend Park which was amazing. We then travelled to Hollybank Adventures where we had lunch and many of the children participated in a ropes course where they wore safety harnesses and helmets and navigated their way through a variety of obstacle courses. Many of the children overcame some of their fears through these activities and were extremely proud of their efforts and their new found confidence.

The weather for the first two days of camp was amazing, so when the weather changed on Friday and impacted some of the activities planned for the day we were still grateful that we had been able to enjoy all of the activities we had completed in the first two days. The students all had a wonderful time. They are all to be congratulated for their willingness to try new things and for the way they conducted themselves while on camp as their behaviour was excellent.

We are extremely grateful to the buddies for ensuring that our camp was a great experience.



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Grade 4 & 5 Camp 2021 - Spring Bay Youth Camp

Grade 4 and 5 had an amazing camp experience! We departed Monday 1st November and made it to the Spring Bay Youth Camp...eventually! After having some early bus issues on the way to Orford, we arrived at the camp site and unpacked. We waited and waited...and waited some more for Grade 5 to arrive...Mr Ryan decided he would take the scenic route and go via Oatlands to Orford!

We packed a lot into Day 1 at camp including Archery, Low Ropes, Commando Course, Team Initiatives, basketball, beach volleyball, fire pit with music and spotlight.

The day started at 6:30am Tuesday as everyone was told they had 15 minutes to get changed and ready for a walk around the campsite. Following breakfast, we packed our bags, loaded onto the bus and headed to Coles Bay. Driving towards the Hazards in Coles Bay there was a mixture of "oohs and aahs" and "Are we really walking to the top of those huge mountains!" from the back of the bus. We slowly made our way to the Wineglass Bay lookout and all felt a sense of accomplishment having conquered the big walk. Needless to say, the drive back to Orford was quiet!

On Wednesday we woke, packed our bags, cleaned our rooms and had breakfast. Before we loaded the trailer and bus, we thanked Ian and Wayne who looked after us at camp and most importantly, kept all our bellies full. We headed to the Orford park and had a play and walked to the beach before attempting lawn bowls. Lawn bowls require a great deal of patience...something that most of us did not have on the last day of camp. We still had fun learning a new sport and enjoyed a nice cold drink and morning tea in the club rooms. We finished our camp experience at Triabunna and had some delicious fish and chips for lunch.

We are all grateful in Grade 4 and 5 for the amazing weather and experiences shared on camp this year.

"The best part of camp was the Archery" - Noah

"My favourite part of camp was the low ropes course" - Zoe

"The commando course was awesome!" - Alieria

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Pre- Kinder Orientation Visits

All Kinder 2022 students should have received the dates for our orientation. These will be in our new centre (hopefully!) Students and mum and/or dad are invited to join Karla and Gel to explore and get to know the processes and our amazing new facilities. Dates and times are:

Friday 12/11/2021 11.00am - 1.00pm (going to Play Box, please bring hats and change of clothes)
Friday 19/11/2021 11.00am - 1.00pm (parents to meet with Principal)

Setup for Success

Friday from 9.00am – 10.30am in our Kindergarten room. Parents and children will be engaged in developmentally appropriate learning activities supported by Mrs Karla Annear (our Kinder teacher). 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. We encourage families and friends with children from birth – 5 years to attend. We look forward to seeing you again this week!



Ludo

Ludo will operate in 2022 in our Early Years Learning Centre. Ludo is a play-based education and development program for children aged 3-5 years old. This is a CatholicCare service delivered in partnership with Catholic Education Tasmania. Ludo is open from 7am - 6pm, 50 weeks of the year including school term holidays. Ludo and Kindergarten staff work together to deliver developmentally appropriate, play based programs. Booking can be made directly through <https://catholiccaretas.org.au/programs/ludo>



Outside School Hours Care

Catholic Care Tasmania provides after school care at St Paul's Catholic School each day. Please see 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.

Drop Off/ Pick up

Just a friendly reminder that when you are using the drop off or pick up zone you are to remain with your vehicle. Thank you for your understanding.



Uniform Shop

Uniform shop orders will only be filled Monday - Thursday. If you would like to order and pay over the phone please call the Office on 6263 6482. Price lists and paper order forms are also available from the Office.

Check in Tas App

All adults who enter our school are asked to check in via the Check in Tas App so please bring your phone with you as this is a Tasmanian Government requirement.

School Banking update from Commonwealth Bank

For 90 years, our School Banking program has helped children learn about money, reinforced the importance of regular savings and provided structure for parents to support their children to save.

Though the program continues to have strong support from schools, parents and teachers, recent decisions by some state and territory governments because of a review by the corporate regulator mean we are unable to continue providing programs in schools, and we have had to make a difficult decision to close our School Banking program for all government and non-government schools across the country.

Our School Banking program was established in 1931 at a time when having a bank account was not commonplace, and since then we have helped more than 15 million Australians take their first financial steps. This would not have been possible without the wonderful support we have received from schools like yours, including all the parents and volunteers, and for this we are deeply grateful. Thank you.

Even though this is a sad time, School Banking has taught so many young Australians, past and present, the value of money and we believe this should be celebrated. We have created a place for you to share your stories, fondest memories and lessons learnt through the program. To share your story and access our financial education resources, please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Even though the CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to your school after this year, you can continue to make deposits into your child's Youthsaver account through online transfers or at any CommBank branch. If you need further information please phone 132 221 or visit your local CommBank branch.

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Tues 9th November	First Aid in schools for students Yrs 3-6
Thursday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Friday 12th November	Assembly 9am - Year 4 to lead Third Pre - Kinder sessions 11-1pm
Monday 15th November	Surfing - Year 3 & 4
Wednesday 17th November	Brighton Council Sustainability - Yr 2 & 6
Thursday 18th November	Early Years Music concert 2pm
Friday 19th November	Surfing - year 5 & 6 Forth Pre-Kinder session (parent information)