

St Paul's Catholic School Palette



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A time to give...a time to receive.

In Japan, the custom when receiving another person's business card is to take it in both hands and bow to the person giving. It is almost a religious act. There is a lesson here for us in how to receive the gifts we shall receive in the coming weeks. We put plenty of thought, energy, expense and even time in getting and sending our gifts. How much effort do we put into receiving them? Gifts are symbols of our relationship.

Gifts received graciously are gifts given more than twice over. And sometimes it takes some effort and ingenuity to receive well. It is possible the gift we receive is not something we want. It is possible that we have doubts about the person's motive. But that doesn't mean we don't have the opportunity to make something rich and precious out of the situation. This takes thoughtfulness, sensitivity and a buoyancy of spirit on our part.



And so it is with God. God is giving to us all the time. If we feel God is remote from our lives, perhaps it is because we haven't been truly receiving the gifts we are being given. Oh, we get them alright but we have to receive them into our lives into our hearts. If we just turn to God when we are in 'need', our relationship with God will be pretty unsatisfactory, as are all relationships just based on need. Actively receiving and being grateful for what we receive both from God and from family and friends can enrich and deepen our relationships and our lives. May this Christmas be glorious for you in giving and receiving and may the presents you give and receive be signs of deep and bonding love.

Loving God, may we find joy giving and receiving gifts this Christmas. As we celebrate the gift of your Son, Jesus, may we become present to each other as we give and receive. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb

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Dear Parents and guardians,

This week we were lucky enough to have our amazing St Patrick's College students and staff at St Paul's for the entire week. This program is part of their Year 11 Accent program and the relationship has been built up over many years. Our students love having these older role models around the school and the support they give us is amazing. This year we have had a group running activities at the pool for us while another group has stayed at St Paul's and worked with all our students to tidy up the yard and gardens, empty the creek bed of sand, remove any broken loose part from our cubby area take year 6 on an excursion, and played lots of games outside. We would like to thank St Pat's for their amazing work. We love having them join us.

The busy term continues so please keep your eye on your Compass app and our school calendar. We will be having our step up day for students on Wednesday 15th December followed by a family lunch and fun afternoon. Details will be sent out for family lunch orders via Compass.

Yesterday, a number of staff members and myself met with 2PM services to design and plan our strategic plan for the next three years. This process used the information from our surveys that we asked you all to respond to earlier in the year. We look forward to sharing our strategic plan with you all in the future.

Our 'Learn to Swim' program is in full flight this week. We are so committed to supporting you in ensuring that your children are safe in the water and improving their skills in the water. We budget a substantial amount of funds for this important skill. Thank you for your support and for washing, drying and supplying their gear each day. I know the staff, students and yourselves will be tired by the end of the week.

It is with sadness but joy that we congratulate Mrs Annie Baker on her position as Acting Principal at Sacred Heart School, Geeveston. Annie will be acting in the position for 12 months and we wish her every success in her new position. Annie will be sadly missed and we thank her for her invaluable support and leadership at St Paul's over the last two years.

During this season of Advent as we prepare for the coming of Jesus, please take time to pray, reflect, give and be kind.

With every blessing,

Jo Clark
Principal

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Being E-Safe

Summer holidays are just around the corner and our children are going to want to stay in contact with their friends. Using a device is a great way to stay connected to both friends and family, but we need to do it in a safe way.

E Safety Commissioner website has some great information for both parents and children.

If you have a concern about your child's safety online, please follow this link to frequently asked questions - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/i-want-help-with>.

Being a parent in this digital age can be very complicated and sometimes we just do not know where to begin on educating ourselves and holding difficult conversations with our children. The E Safety Commissioner has a specific area for parents with all the information you will need. There are even webinars you can join to gather more information. So, if you are unsure about where to begin in keeping your child safe online, please follow this link - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>.

E Safety Commissioner home page - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Principal Awards

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

Levi Muir, Mitchell Richardson, Jacob Senior, Charlie Wylie, Harry Whitney, Belle Smith & Gemma Gallagher.



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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, 40, 50, 75 and 100. I know a number of students are eagerly awaiting morning tea in the staff room when they reach 50.



Congratulations to all our recipients!

Prep

75 Mercy Merits

Evie Conyers, Mia McCarthy, Nate Wilson

Grade 1

50 Mercy Merits

Darcy Fleming, Hope Paul-Zimic, Sharni-Lee Turner

Grade 2

20 Mercy Merits

Carma-Lee Bateman, Lucy Johnson

40 Mercy Merits

Charlie Wylie, Lyam Pettit, Judd Kaye, Jackson Fleming.

50 Mercy Merits

Cooper Kennedy, Rocco Kaye, Isabelle Pires, Cameron Robertson

75 Mercy Merits

Phoebe Williams, Elijah Connolly, Darcey Harper

100 Mercy Merits

Abbie Pearson

Grade 3

50 Mercy Merits

Isaac Sward, Blaze Johnson

75 Mercy Merits

Avery Mahoney

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Grade 4

40 Mercy Merits

Jaxon Jones, Mitch Irwin

50 Mercy Merits

Lily Parremore, Lucas McCord

Grade 5

We were very lucky in Grade 5 to have a lot of students reaching new milestones:

30 Mercy Merits

Cruze Shier, Samuel Lucas

40 Mercy Merits

Tyler Wordsworth, Taj Flakemore, Breanna Hickman, Connor Curtain, Connor Griffin, Amanda Griffiths

50 Mercy Merits

Haylee Hoskinson, Tyson Flakemore-Percey, Caleb Haremza, Jaxon Kaye

75 Mercy Merits

Eleanor Robertson, Ella Cripps

Grade 6

50 Mercy Merits

Harry Bird

75 Mercy Merits

Bella Kamaric, Kiara Murtagh

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Grade 1 & 2 Pantomime and Playhouse Theatre

On Thursday the 25th of November, Grade 1 and 2 went to the Pantomime play *The Grouch* at the Playhouse Theatre. The students loved the play which was based on the story-line *The Grinch*. The play was very interactive and allowed our students to be involved. If you are interested to take you own family they are having public performances, click this link if you would like to go -

<https://playhouse.org.au/shows/grouch-2021/>

Once we finished at the play we all went up to the Train park in West Hobart. The children loved exploring another area and the yellow slide was a big hit! It was a great day all round.



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Uncle Hank - Aboriginal Cultural visit to St Paul's

This week the staff and students of St Paul's have been lucky to have spent the day with Uncle Hank, an Aboriginal Cultural Speaker from Deloraine. Students from Prep to Year 6 spent time with Uncle Hank learning about Aboriginal history and culture. Uncle Hank shared his personal experiences and knowledge of how hunting of animals allowed Aboriginal people to source food, clothing, tools and materials for a number of things including making fire sticks. The students learned about the traditional roles held by men and women when hunting. Uncle Hank talked to the students about some of the tools involved in hunting and how they were sourced and made. Students were able to touch and look closely at animal skins, waddies and throwing sticks. Uncle Hank also talked to the students about Aboriginal storytelling through music and dance using clap sticks. Some of the younger students participated in kangaroo and emu dances, while others played clap sticks while Uncle Hank played the Didgeridoo. Uncle Hank also explained to students that the Didgeridoo is not a traditional instrument in Tasmanian Aboriginal culture, however he was fortunate to learn from Aboriginal communities in Northern Australia and given permission to share his knowledge with others. The children were surprised to learn that boomerangs are also not associated with Tasmanian Aboriginals. Everyone who participated is to be congratulated for their participation and enthusiasm in the sessions, especially the wonderfully thoughtful questions that they asked. Uncle Hank was extremely proud that so many of the students told him they are Aboriginal and were proud of their Aboriginal heritage. He was also extremely impressed when some of our classes spoke with him using Palawa Kani, the agreed-upon Tasmanian Aboriginal language, as he said that he has never experienced that in any other school he has visited. We would like to thank Uncle Hank for **spending time with our students today, and we are all looking forward to learning from him again soon.**



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Grade 2 ZooDoo Excursion

On Tuesday the 23rd of November, Grade 2 went to ZooDoo to learn about all of the animals there. When we got to the Zoo, Andre, one of the tour guides, met us and was kind enough to show us around some of the different enclosures. The first place we stopped was the Meerkats and the students seemed to really enjoy trying to spot the females in their hiding places. As this exhibit was the closest to the resting area where we were eating, a few students opted to sit down near the enclosure and some of the Meerkats sat down on the other side of the glass mirroring the position of the students.

Some of our favourite enclosures were the monkeys, goats and reptiles.

Phoebe: "My favourite part was watching the lions being fed".

Carma-Lee: "I like playing near the hay bales and with the goats!"

Kaleb: "I liked the snakes and lizards!"

One of the pictures shows an enclosure for one of the smallest types of monkeys in the world. This enclosure smelled funny, so you can see some students holding their noses!



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Free Dress



As part of the Advent Season, St Paul's is supporting the mission of CatholicCare Tasmania by having a Free Dress Day!

On Tuesday the 7th of December, wear your free dress and bring in donation for Christmas Giving 2021. Each class has been assigned a different category to bring. These items will help local people in need of support, and those experiencing homelessness, family violence, financial hardship and other life challenges.

For food donations please donate non-perishable or long-life items.

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Please see the following list for each class category:

Kinder	small clothing items (socks, underwear, etc)
Prep (Weds 8 th)	toiletries (toothbrushes, soap, etc)
Grade 1	pasta (bags or boxes)
Grade 2	cereal or other breakfast foods
Grade 3	canned foods
Grade 4	biscuits or cookies
Grade 5	pet food or treats
Grade 6	books (used in good condition okay)

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Learn to Swim

This week students from Prep to 6 have been participating in the Learn to Swim program at the New Norfolk Swimming Pool. The program is designed to guide our students along the aquatic pathway from water familiarisation to water confidence. Focusing on the core aquatic skills and developing an understanding of safety in and around the water. We are currently half way through the program, the weather has been incredible and most importantly our students are having a wonderful time. Well done to everyone on their participation, resilience and encouragement of one another. It's a pleasure to see!



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everyone's family

Dear Families,

Our school and The Smith Family are involved in this initiative and you may be eligible to receive \$500 with Saver Plus!

Saver Plus is a matched savings and financial education program that supports you to save for education costs for either yourself or your children.

At the end of the program your savings are matched, \$1 for \$1 up to \$500.

Saver Plus is an Australian community program and has been running since 2003, helping more than 50 000 participants to save more than \$23million!

Eligible savings items include school uniforms and books, laptops, iPads and tablets, school trips, sports, music and extracurricular costs, TAFE and Uni costs and lots more.

For more information and to enquire online go to www.saverplus.org.au, or call 1300 610 355

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How to reach your **SAVINGS GOALS** with Saver Plus



Set a savings goal for an education cost



Make regular savings deposits for 10 months



Complete online financial education workshops



Receive up to \$500 in matched savings from ANZ

Key eligibility criteria to join Saver Plus:

- Have a current health care card OR pensioner concession card
- Be studying yourself OR have a child in school
- Have regular income from work, yourself OR your partner

For full eligibility requirements, speak to a Saver Plus Coordinator.

Learn more

-  saverplus.org.au
-  1300 610 355
-  saverplus@bsl.org.au
-  @SaverPlusAU

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



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What is Saver Plus?

 A free ten-month savings program providing financial education, budgeting and savings tips.

 Participants receive up to \$500 from ANZ in matched savings for education costs for themselves or their children.

 Delivered by Brotherhood of St Laurence, Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community organisations.

 Offered in communities across Australia in every state and territory.

A Saver Plus Participant's Journey


Goal
Talks to a Saver Plus Coordinator from a community organisation and, if eligible for the program, sets a goal to save a regular amount of money over 10 months


Saving
Opens an ANZ Progress Saver account and makes regular deposits


Education
Completes the MoneyMinded financial education program with support from a Saver Plus Coordinator


Matching
Reaches savings goal and receives matched funds, up to \$500, for their own or their children's education costs

Who can join?

Participants must meet all of the below criteria:

- Be 18 years or over
- Have a child at school or attend vocational education themselves
- Have regular income from paid employment (themselves or their partner)
- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*

Benefits for participants¹

 **87%** continue to save the same amount or more 3 to 7 years after completing the program

 **78%** were better equipped for unexpected expenses

 **88%** reported increased self-esteem

 **80%** had more control over their finances

How did it start?

Saver Plus began in 2003 as a Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ pilot program with 268 participants in three sites across Victoria and New South Wales.

Since then, the program has expanded to all Australian states and territories, reaching more than 40,000 people, making it the largest and longest-running program of its kind in the world.

Since 2003¹:

 **40,000+** participants

 **\$23m+** - total amount saved by participants

 **\$18m+** - matched funds paid by ANZ

Find out more

 1300 610 355
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* many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

¹ RMIT University, 2018. A number of Saver Plus program evaluations have been carried out since 2003. For more information see anz.com/saverplus

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Above & Beyond

2022 Book Packs

You can order and pay for your child/children's book packs online from Office National and they will be delivered to your door.

To order please click the following link:

<https://booklist.officebrands.com.au/hobart/st-paul-s-catholic-school/>

Access code SPCS2022

It is a requirement that student's books are purchased through this process, in order to ensure that each child has exactly what has been specified by the class teacher.

Orders can be placed from the Wednesday 8th of December 2021 until Friday 21st of January 2022 via Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or ZipPay.

Please note: Orders can take up **15** working days for delivery. We are unable to deliver to P.O Boxes or Post Offices.

Book Pack Pricing

Kindergarten - no book packs

Prep - \$95.29

Grade 4 - \$74.71

Grade 1 - \$87.03

Grade 5 - \$78.62

Grade 2 - \$87.26

Grade 6 - \$73.14

Grade 3 - \$94.66



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Upcoming events

29th Nov - 3rd December	Swimming @ NN pool St Paul's Buddies @ St Paul's
Tuesday 7th December	Free Dress and Giving day (Catholic Care) Prep excursion to Playhouse & Botanical Gardens
Wednesday 8th December	Kinder Excursion to Bellerive Beach
Thursday, 9th December	Year 6 Liturgy and Awards Night (6pm)
Friday 10th December	Assembly lead by Year 2 (9am) Primary All School Triathlon (selected students) End of Year Mass 12 noon Year 6 Leavers' Dinner 5 -8pm
Monday 13th December	Year 3/4 surfing Year 5 excursion Year 6 Big Day Out
Tuesday 14th December	Year 5/ 6 surfing Year 3 Excursion: Swisher Basketball Academy
Wednesday 15th December	Step-Up to new classes (am) Family lunch & fun afternoon
Thursday 16th December	End of Term Assembly Last Day of school for everyone(12.30 finish)

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