



## Sharing Compassion

One of the greatest joys in life is sharing passion with another – think about it. Now when you thought about it, you thought about people very close to you - spouse, partner, children, very best friend. But when you consider the words we use in English for sharing passion – ‘compassion’ (Latin background), ‘empathy’ (Greek background), we see that the relationships in which we show these feelings reach a far wider group of people – even people we have never met. Compassion and empathy stretch our minds and hearts and school us into making friends with many people in a variety of ways.

During Lent, Australian Catholics support ‘Project Compassion’. This is the fund-raising drive of *Caritas*, the international relief, development and social service agency. Throughout Lent your children will hear about the people helped by the projects of *Caritas*. As they hear they will be invited to help these people, not only through fundraising but also through prayer and interest.

For you, as parents and carers, it is an opportunity to widen the horizons of their hearts and minds, to teach them to care for people beyond their own circle.

Next week St Paul’s will be having a fundraising event on Wednesday the 6th April to support Caritas and we thank you, in advance, for your contribution.



*Loving God, we are each and all your children. Give us the wide deep love of your holy Spirit that we may recognise all people as brothers and sisters in Jesus. May we share in his compassionate heart. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us.*

Sr Kym Harris osb



Dear parents and guardians,

As we limp towards the end of term, I am very thankful. I am thankful for your understanding, care and compassion as we continue to ride the COVID-19 wave of absentees and disruptions whether that be your child unable to attend school, their friends being away for days or weeks, their teacher or support person being away. I now know first hand how this virus can stop you in your tracks and leave you feeling washed out and "foggy". I personally thank Mrs Turner and all the staff for going above and beyond while I was away from school. We will continue to have disruptions as we move towards the end of the term and look forward to a more settled Term Two.

Easter is a special time in our Catholic liturgical calendar and so we will be having a number of prayerful preparation events as we move toward the end of the term. We will be discussing the three days of Easter beginning with Palm Sunday next Sunday, on the 10th of April followed by the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, Jesus' death on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

During school holidays, we also celebrate ANZAC Day. St Paul's Catholic School will be participating in the service at Remembrance Park in Brighton commencing at 11am. Any families who would like to join our School Captains as they lay a wreath on behalf of the school community are asked to wear their formal school uniform and meet us there. We hope you can make it.

This week is the first week of our school soccer season. Thank you to all the parents who have allowed their children to play. We understand the commitment to take your children to the early Saturday games every week especially as the weather gets colder. Team sports are great for children to learn empathy, teamwork and skills. "The Strikers" started several years ago and are still going strong. Special thanks to Mrs Terri for all her work behind the scenes and thanks to Dave Jones as delegate allowing Terri to begin to take a step out. Special thanks also to our coaches & helpers - Renee Hardy, Jaryd Collidge, Jye Baldock-Burns, Nikki Devine, Dave Jones and Kelli-Ann Baker-Bannister because without you we would be able to play.

With every blessing

Mrs Jo Clark  
Principal



### School Captains Commissioning Mass

On Wednesday the 23rd of March we held a Commissioning Mass for the new school leaders for 2022. It was great to see how proud each of the new leaders were to receive their badges and be recognised for their leadership experience and potential. We congratulate each and every one of them and look forward to working with them to improve our school. All leaders will be part of our School Representative Council.

**Each leader recited the leadership pledge:**

*We, the leaders of St Paul's Catholic Primary School, promise to lead to the best of our ability.  
We will set a good example for others in the playground and classroom and out in the community.  
We will be honest, caring and generous towards our peers.*

### St Paul's 2022 Leaders are:

School Captains: Anabel Wood and Arden Petersen

Grade 6 Class Captain: Eleanor Robertson

Grade 5 Class Captains: Ollie Pearson and Alieria Denholm

Grade 3/4 Crawford Class Captain: Darcy Wilson

Grade 3/4 Ryan Class Captain: Darcey Harper

Sheedy House Captains: Haylee Hoskinson and Mitchell Richardson

Rice House Captains: Amanda Griffiths and Caleb Maremza

McAuley House Captains: Connor Curtain and Breanna Hickman







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# St Paul's Catholic School

# KINDERGARTEN

# 2023

Applications close  
Friday 6th May  
2022



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## Principal Awards

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

Prep: Lucy White

Year 1: Samuel Gibbs

Year 2: Shyla Wilson

Year 3/4R: Leyland Arnold

Year 3/4B: Kaleb Hodges

Year 5: Noah Bedford

Year 6: Zara Wise



## 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.







### **Jason Smith - Aboriginal Cultural Educator visit Year 1**

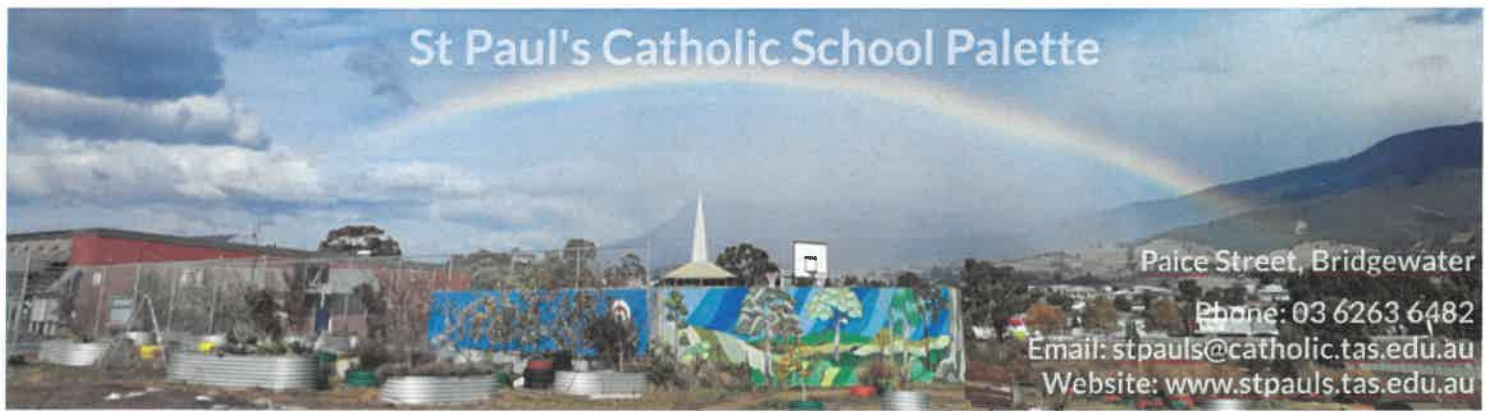
St Paul's has recently welcomed Aboriginal Cultural Educator Jason Smith into our school community. Jason spent the morning with year 1 recently where he spoke with the children about his role as a Tasmanian Aboriginal in the maintenance and care of country. He spoke about cool burning and how this form of land management is best for maintenance of our land and keeps country in balance as plant and animal life are given the opportunity to thrive and regenerate. Jason also talked about the benefits of this form of 'burning' as a method of preventing the devastation of bushfires for people, property and country.

Jason shared many stories with the children and there was a lot of thoughtful conversation with children sharing their own stories and experiences. Jason was given a brief tour of our school as we looked at one of our bush food plants 'pig face'. Jason explained to the children how the plant can be used for medicine, particularly healing cuts, scratches and burns on the skin. He also explained that the flower of the plant can be eaten as food and described how the fruit tasted. Jason encouraged the children to become involved in caring for this, and other bush food plants, and we are hopeful that when the second stage of our bush food garden gets underway in Term 2 students will be able to help ensure that the plants not only survive but flourish.

Jason was kind enough to donate a book and some artefacts to the Year 1 class and the children were grateful to receive his thoughtful gift. In return, some of the students drew pictures of one of Jason's stories and presented them to him as they thanked him for the day. Year 1 are to be congratulated for the way they welcomed Jason into our school and participated attentively to everything Jason had to share with them.

We are excited to share with you that Jason will be visiting St Paul's regularly throughout the year, and we look forward to working and learning with him.





### HPE - Hockey Program

Over the past fortnight students from prep to year 6 have been participating in field hockey during their PE sessions. The program is run by Hockey Tasmania and provides students with an introduction into field hockey, performing skills such as dribbling, tackling, trapping, appropriate and safe use of equipment, and participation in small sided games.







### **STCPSSA Swimming**

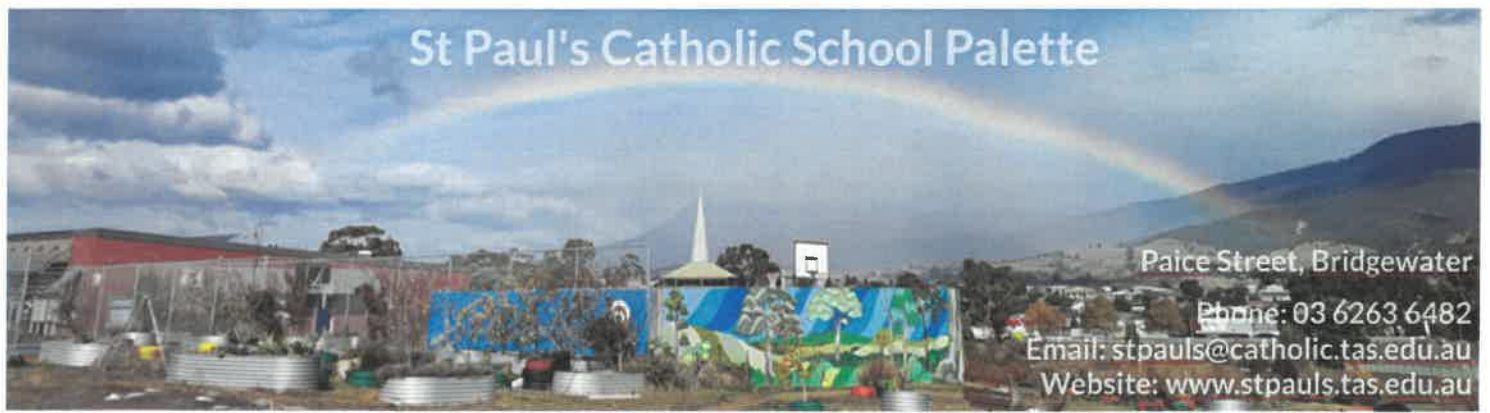
Last week 15 of our St Paul's students represented our school in the Southern Tasmanian Catholic Primary Schools Swimming Championships. It was an incredible day of swimming, with so many individual and team performances, and some excellent displays of sportsmanship and encouragement of one another.

Congratulations to the following students:

Judd Kaye, Darcy Wilson, Maxi Wells, Noah Wells, Darcey Harper, Savannah Wylie, Chelsea Gallahar, Ollie Pearson, Lucas McCord, Zoe Finn, Caleb Harezma, Arden Peterson, Jaxon Kaye, Harry Lang, Eleanor Robertson.







### **National Representatives**

Congratulations to our very own Arden Peterson who qualified to represent Tasmania in the Australian Track and Field Championships to be held from the 26<sup>th</sup> of March to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre. Arden will be competing in the under 14 boy's 800m and 1500m events. We'd like to wish Arden all the best, and once again congratulate him on his outstanding achievement in qualifying for these events.

We would also like to congratulate our Sports Trainee Anneka Schrader, who has been selected to represent Tasmania in the Australian Rowing Championships in Victoria this week. Anneka has spent her mornings before school out on the water working extremely hard, whilst most of us are still in bed sleeping. A wonderful example of hard work paying off.

Best of luck to both our amazing athletes.





### Prep Excursion – Marine Discovery Centre

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of March Prep went on an excursion to the Marine Discovery Centre. We had a great time exploring different habitats and we even got to create our own! There was a lot of hands-on learning, and we were all nearly asleep on the drive back to school.

Since returning we collaboratively contributed to a recount about our excursion, please come into our class and see it!

Ryder Berry-Jones – “I got to see crabs!”

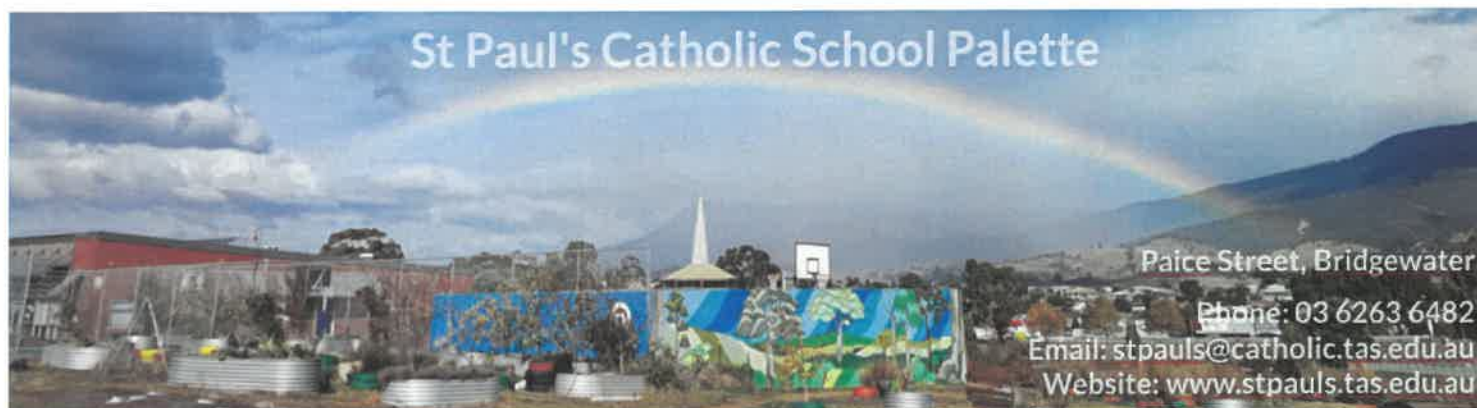
Emily Gallahar – “I put the shark back into the tank”

Amarli Parsell – “I saw a star fish”

Lincoln Smith – “I patted a sting ray”







### 2023 Kindergarten Enrolments

Enrolment Applications for Kinder 2023 are now open. You can find information on our website or come into the School Office to pick up an enrolment pack. Applications close on Friday 6th May 2022. If you have any questions, please contact the School Office on 6263 6482.

### Ludo Early Learning

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. Long day care, short day care and after Kinder care are available. Ludo and Kindergarten staff work together to deliver developmentally appropriate, play based programs. Bookings can be made directly through

<https://catholiccaretas.org.au/programs/ludo>



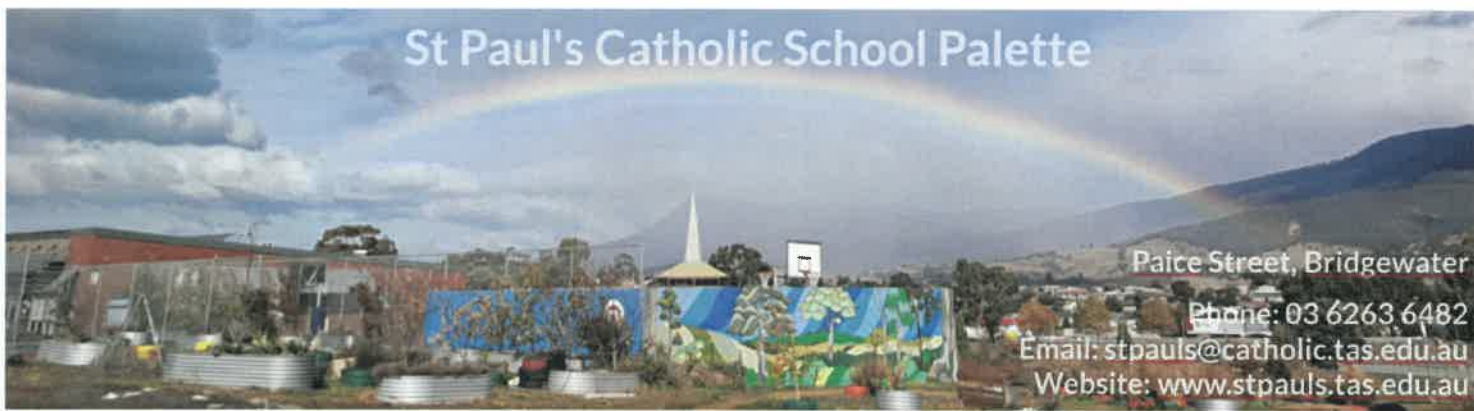
### Outside School Hours Care

We welcome Kelli-Ann Baker-Bannister as our new OSHC leader at St Paul's. Kelli-Ann has worked with Catholic Care at a number of their services and most recently at St John's Catholic School. We look forward to working with Kelli- Ann to continue OSHC for all students at our school. Catholic Care Tasmania provides after school care at St Paul's Catholic School each day. Care is available each school afternoon (Mon-Thurs) until 6.00pm. Please contact Catholic Care directly at <https://catholiccaretas.org.au/programs/st-pauls>

### 'Adopt-a-cop'

Our new "adopt-a-cop", Constable Ali Blackwell, visited our school to be introduced to students and staff this week. We look forward to seeing more of Constable Ali throughout 2022.





### **St Pauls hits another sustainability milestone!**

Every day students in our classrooms are helping our environment. Along with our other recycling initiatives, St Pauls have joined forces with Brighton Council and started collecting any food scraps or garden waste and putting them into FOGO\*. The council has given every classroom a caddy for unwanted food such as banana skins and apple cores, which then goes into St Pauls's FOGO bin. Our Grounds staff also love the new FOGO bin, because it takes garden waste.

Our students are learning why FOGO is so important – because food waste and garden waste, when it goes to landfill, breaks down and makes greenhouse gases, especially a very powerful one called methane. Methane is 24 times more potent at trapping the sun's heat than carbon dioxide, and globally, food waste creates more greenhouse gas emissions than every country in the world except China and the USA.\*\* Schools, councils, cities and even countries all around the world are creating laws and systems to stop FOGO waste from going into landfill and put it into a FOGO bin instead, where it gets turned into healthy compost for farmers who grow healthy food for us all. Now that's sustainable!

\*FOGO = Food Organic Garden Organic

\*\* Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

<https://www.fao.org/food-loss-and-food-waste/flw-data>

Kobi Porthouse (Grade 6) and Chase Mundy (Prep) emptying food scrap buckets into the new FOGO bin.







### Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Saturday 2nd April	School Soccer starts
Wednesday 6th April	Caritas Fundraiser
Friday 8th April	ATSI Excursion - Year 1 to Chauncy Wildlife Conversation
Thursday 14th April	Last day of Term 1
Friday 15th April	Good Friday
Monday 18th April	Easter Monday
Tuesday 19th April	Easter Tuesday
Monday 25th April	Anzac Day
Monday 2nd May	First Day Term 2



### **Year 6 St Patrick's College Buddies**

Year 6 recently travelled to Camp Woodfield at Dysart to meet our St Patrick's College buddies for 2022.

We played a few games to get to know each other and to help us to relax a little around our new friends. One of the popular games was 'speed dating' where each student had a packet of Smarties and had to ask their St Pat's partner a question based on the colour of the Smartie chosen. Pairs rotated and we are not sure if it was the Smarties or the interesting conversation, but everyone seemed to enjoy the activity.

The students were divided into three groups and met with the St Pat's members of each colour group. Each group came up with a group name and made bandanas before participating in activities for the rest of the day.

Recess and lunch were also a hit as students were given plenty of fruit, hedgehog slice, fish and chips and icy poles.

We would like to thank St Pat's College for once again being involved in this valuable learning program. We are looking forward to meeting up with our buddies again when St Pat's visit St Paul's on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June.





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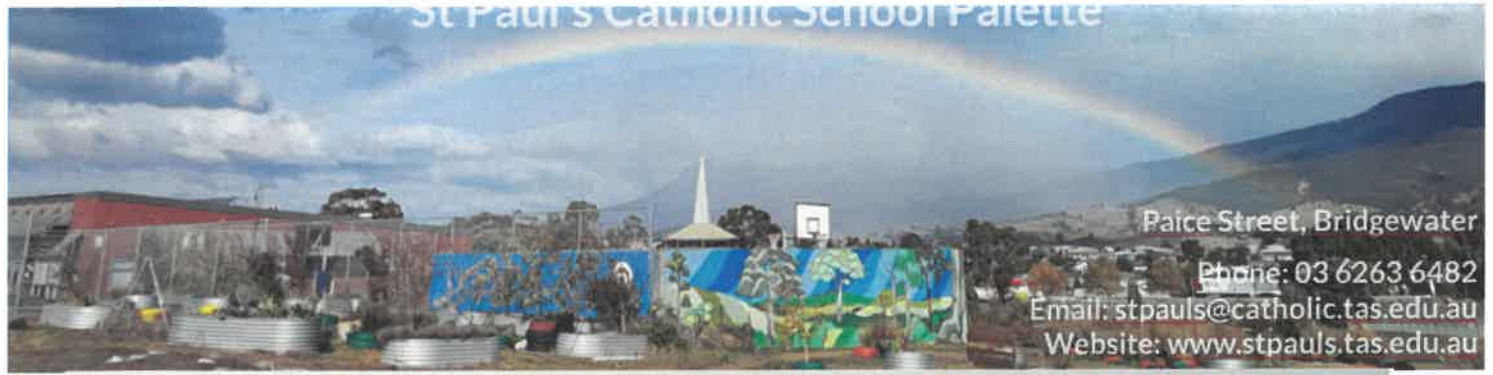
Senior School, Austins Ferry  
Tuesday May 17  
9.00 am - 4.30 pm

Junior School, Hobart  
Tuesday May 24  
9.00 am - 12.00 pm

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# **YOUTH WEEK BMX & BBQ**



**April 5, 3.30pm - 5.30pm  
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**Colour run  
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Prizes  
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**Saturday 2 April 2022  
2.30 - 4.30**

**The Esplanade  
New Norfolk**

**ALL WELCOME!**



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