

Dear parents and guardians,

There is only one more week before holidays and nice sleep-ins for our students, families and teachers to become reinvigorated. Reports will be available through Compass this afternoon and parent/teacher conversations are already open for you to select times to meet with teachers. Please try and be on time as the time slots are allocated and scheduled to fit as many parents/guardians in as possible. If you require a longer time you may wish to book with teachers on a different day.

Thanks to Mrs Wolff (our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Key teacher) we now proudly fly our Australian flag, our Aboriginal flag and our Torres Strait Islander flag at the front of our school. We have waited a long time to get these in place.

SAFETY of our students is of utmost importance so we ask all parents and anyone collecting children to please use the underpasses to cross busy roads especially in Paice Street. At 2.50pm there are many buses, cars and people in Paice Street. We also ask people who park in the car park to please use the crossings outside our Early Learning Centre or outside the Church to cross into the middle of the car park. We thank you for your attention to this as it's about our students' safety.



Safety online is also important so last week we had Frank Brinken from Legal Aid present to our years 3 - 6 students. The eSafety Commissioner has also just published research called Mind the Gap. I would recommend everyone having a read of this. Please click on the link: Mind the Gap | eSafety Commissioner

The school day runs from 8.50am until 2.50pm - we ask ALL parents and guardians to please arrive and collect students outside of these times as important learning opportunities occur at both ends of the day. Your child's education can become compromised if they miss important learning.

TOYS - We ask that toys from home are not brought to school. They can be a distraction to your child as well as other children and can be the cause of tension and arguments. St Paul's will not be responsible for any toys that are broken or lost at school. Huggy Wuggy toys are inappropriate for school aged children and will be removed and kept in the office for your collection.

It is with sadness that I inform our community of the passing of two former staff members - Sr Aileen Coughlan worked at St Paul's in 1987-1989 and Mrs Joy Matar who was Acting principal in 2013. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

I wish everyone a happy, safe, restful and enjoyable holiday.

With every blessing,

Mrs Jo Clark Principal



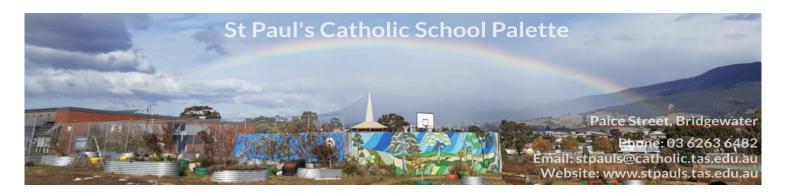
Last weekend, the Universal Church celebrated World Day of Families, and we unite with Pope Francis in reflecting on the call to holiness for families of every size and shape. Pope Francis reminds us that 1) families are centres of learning, where we learn values such as a sense of self-worth and caring for others; 2) families shape society, as we understand what it means to belong and that a person's value is not in what they do but who they are; and 3) that families have a mission to develop reverence for God, one another and all of creation and to live in accordance with those values.

As parents and grandparents, children and grandchildren, sisters and brothers, uncles, aunts and cousins, along with steps, halves and blends: we thank God for the gift of our families. Although far from perfect, they are the place where we learn forgiveness and experience the giving and receiving of love. May god bless all our families! Pope Francis calls us to show respect for every member of our family by using 'Please', 'Thank you' and 'Sorry' in every relationship.

Fr Richard Ross



This week we also celebrated the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, St Paul. This is a time when we as a school family celebrate together. St Paul converted to Christianity and then spent the rest of his days telling people about Jesus and about God's love for each and every one of us.



St Paul

Oftentimes students ask the staff why our school is called St Paul's? Who was he? Was he a real person? St Paul was a real person, and one of the most important people in the history of the Christiant faith and the Catholic Church. In his early life, he persecuted Christians for going against traditions and breaking Jewish laws.

While traveling to Damascus, he was struck by a great light that revealed to him the true power of God and Jesus Christ. From then on, he began to travel and teach others about the message of Faith, Hope and Love. He wrote letters to his friends and spoke of the love that Jesus had for his followers and the messages were so powerful that they are still remembered today.

St Paul is the patron saint of missionaries, writers and public workers. His dedication to spreading the word of Jesus makes him an excellent namesake for a small school in southern Tasmania that is also dedicated to spreading the message of Faith, Hope and Love.





St Paul's Feast Day

On Wednesday the 29th of June we celebrated the Feast of St Paul. This was a great opportunity to reflect on the teachings of St Paul and take some time to step back and have a well earned day of fun activities. There were team building activities, block building, drawing and having roasted marshmallows around the fire. We also celebrated the day with a barbecue lunch. It was also great to see Father Leo come and play some basketball at lunch time. It was a great day and it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying the day.















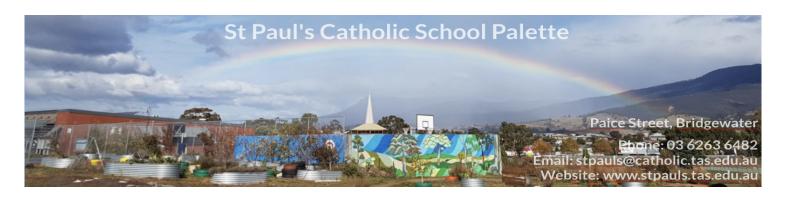












Principal Awards

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

Prep: Claire Gallahar

Year 1: Mia McCarthy

Year 2: Jack Woolley

Year 3/4R: Lyam Pettit

Year 3/4B: Khloe Collidge

Year 5: Xavier Jones

Year 6: Haylee Hoskinson



Rice McAuley Award

This award is given to a student who goes above and beyond in some way at school. They follow the charism of the Sisters of Mercy and Christian Brothers in their words and actions.

This week the award recipient was **Shyla Wilson** for always watching out for and caring for other students who may need her help and support.



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.











Pyjama Day - Wednesday 6th July



On Wednesday the 6th of July, St Paul's is supporting the St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal by having a Pyjama Day!

Wear your PJs and bring in a gold coin donation to help support this wonderful cause that helps those in most need during these cold months.



Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Program

Students at St paul's will have the opportunity to experience Bravehearts' personal safety education program *Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show*on Monday 4th July.

The Ditto show is a live, interactive 40 minute performance starring Bravehearts' mascot 'Ditto'. It includes song, dance, and easy-to-remember messages about personal safety.

The program is highly effective and great fun too!

What students will learn: The show is underpinned by the following six principles of personal safety.

- Differentiating 'yes' and 'no' feelings
- Recognising the bodies 'warning signs'
- Identifying 'private parts' and 'privacy'
- Helping children identify language and feelings associated with secrets.
- Reinforcing that is no secret that children cannot tell someone.
- What to do if you feel unsafe or unsure





Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country Championships

Last Tuesday the St Paul's Cross Country Team took the school bus up to Symmons Plains for the Annual Tasmanian Primary All Schools Cross Country Championships. With over 200 students in each race the competition was extremely challenging. Our team did a fantastic job and we are extremely proud of them.

Congratulations to Khloe Collidge on receiving a 3^d place medal in the Grade 3 Girls event, and Arden

Petersen on receiving a 1st place medal in the Grade 6 Boys event.

Congratulations to all our competitors on a wonderful effort.

Khloe Collidge 3rd 96th Judd Kaye Bryce Wylie 140th Danikah Flakmore-Percey 204th Isabella Whitney 208th 170th Ollie Pearson Jaxon Kaye 69th Mitchell Richardson 166th Arden Petersen 1st









Brighton Council Visit

As part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability we have been working closely with the Brighton Council to collect food scraps for the FOGO bins. These food scraps are used in compost to make soil for local farmers. This cycle means less waste going into landfills, resulting in a healthier community.

Recently, St Paul's was lucky enough to have a visit from one of the trucks that collects the food scraps around the local area. Some students were able to see the truck up close and learn more about the process of composting. It was a great learning experience for everyone involved and another opportunity to continue our growing relationship with the local council.

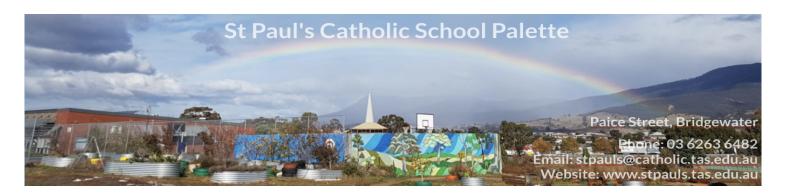
Here are a few images of the students and the truck.











GRADE 2

EXCURSION TO COAL RIVER FARM AND BRIDGEWATER PARK







A couple of weeks ago Grade 2 went on an excursion to Coal River farm to celebrate our hard work during the term on our unit on mixtures. While we were there we were shown where the cheese was made and stored. We also got to see where they made their delicious chocolate and spoke to a chocolatier who explained the different machines and the chocolate-making process. Best of all we were given a sample of one of their chocolates and given a special hot chocolate drink. It was extremely yummy. As an additional treat we even got to meet and feed the farm goat.





BRIDGEWATER PARK

After our visit to Coal River Farm, we went to Bridgewater park for lunch and a play on the awesome equipment there.

We had a great time playing in the barrel and on the flying fox. There was a spinning machine which with the help of some of the adults we could either sit or hold on while we were spun off the ground. There were some great swings and cool slides and a great, challenging rope climbing course for us to scramble along. The weather stayed kind and everyone had a great day.



Contact the Back Bone team at kutalayna.collective@tacinc.com.au or call 6234 0756 for more information

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Lunch provided
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Colouring competition
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Story telling

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School Uniform Policy

It is a requirement of our school that students wear the correct uniform at all times in a neat and tidy manner. Wearing the correct uniform reflects the spirit and unity of the school community. Parents must contact or write to the Principal for exemptions from any part of the school uniform. The school uniform will be monitored by school staff going forward. This information can also be found in our Parent Handbook on the website.



Expectations:

- The school jackets (either fleece or soft shell) are expected to be worn, weather permitting.
 Any other jackets/jumpers are unacceptable and students will be asked to go to the office to borrow a school jacket for the day. This also applies to the polo tops. (Fleece jackets WILL NOT be part of our uniform in 2023)
- During cold weather, students are permitted to wear warm coats to and from school and while outside at recess and lunchtime but a school jacket must be worn under this outer coat.
- Hair needs to be clean and neat at all times. Boysand girls with shoulder length or longer
 hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons. Ribbons, clips, bands and scrunchies
 are to be of school colours (maroon or blue). Colouring or extreme hairstyles (e.g. tips or
 shaved inserts) are unacceptable and this includes extreme colour, and or totally changing
 the colour and shape of hair.
- Students are not to wear makeup, coloured nail polish or acrylic nails.
- Unacceptable jewellery (e.g oversized headband, oversized bows, chokers, large necklaces) will be asked to be removed and sent home. Acceptable forms of jewellery may include one or more of the following:
 - A set of earrings; these being plain studs worn in the lower ear lobes, this applies to both boys and girls.
 - A watch.
 - A Christian symbol worn around the neck e.g. a cross or medal.













St Paul's Catholic School

Fridays 9-10.30am (during school terms)

In the Early Learning Centre

Open to all families in the community with a child aged birth to five years.





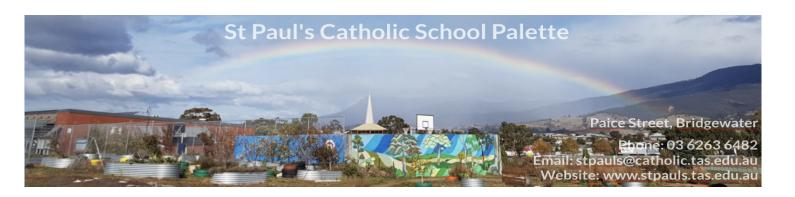




What to bring:

gold coin donation appreciated - healthy snacks for your child clothing suitable for outside play - a hat and drink bottle

For more information please find our Facebook group "Setup for Success @ St. Paul's Catholic School"



Ludo



Early Learning for 3 to 5 year olds



Ludo is a CatholicCare service delivered in partnership with Catholic Education Tasmania at Catholic primary schools.

Ludo offers:

- A play-based education program.
- Ludo is open 7am to 6pm,
 50 weeks a year, including school terms and holidays.
- Children can be enrolled for short days or full days.*
- Indoor and outdoor learning spaces.
- Before and After Kinder care.
- Opportunity to access CatholicCare Tasmania's broad spectrum of social and support services, including counselling, family support and parenting programs.
- Ludo welcomes all children and families, regardless of the primary school your child will attend.

*Short days: 8.30am - 3pm. Full days: 7am - 6pm.

To enrol your child in Ludo, call 1300 119 455, visit ludo.org.au, or email ludo@aohtas.org.au



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Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Monday 4th July	Ditto - Bravehearts' Keep Safe Adventure Program STCPSSA Cross Country
Monday 4th July - Friday 8th July	NAIDOC Week
Tuesday 5th July	Year 5 excursion - Fern Tree to Waterworks
Wednesday 6th July	Pyjama Day - Gold Coin Donation
Thursday 7th July	3/4 Red & 3/4 Blue excursion - TMAG & Hobart Waterfront
Friday 8th July	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 25th July	First Day of Term 3
Tuesday 26th July	Grandparents Day

Tentative Term Dates 2023

(Please note these dates will be confirmed later in the year)

Term One: Thursday 2 February 2023 - Thursday 6 April 2023 Term Two: Wednesday 26 April 2023 - Friday 7 July 2023 Term Three: Monday 24 July 2023 - Friday 29 September 2023 Term Four: Monday 16 October 2023 - Friday 15 December 2023