

# St Paul's Catholic School Palette



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## St Mary of the Cross

This week the Commonwealth Games ended. Yes, Australia did well but we have also seen varying responses to success and misfortune. We know both happen in our lives and we are all on learning curves in relation to both. This week we celebrated the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and certainly this woman can be a model to us regarding success and failure. One of the things I love best about this saint is the way she related to her family. Hers was dysfunctional yet she lived, loved and flourished within that family. She knew love from both her parents but she also knew the pain and confusion of parents who separated. She loved her father dearly and recognised the good he had given her even though, in his impracticality, he failed to provide for the family and she, at the age of 14, had to go to work to support them. She learnt early to be realistic and loving – she had a hard head and a soft heart.



If we look at situations too narrowly – “I must win the gold medal to be a success”; “my family should always get along,” we will be overwhelmed by failure. We need to widen our understanding so that we can learn from all that happens. An athlete learns so much from his or her training. We learn how to truly love in the midst of family tensions. Indeed, we learn how to be a success as a person by how we handle failure.

*Loving Jesus, your life here on earth looked like a failure – tortured to death, deserted by friends and followers - but God made it the way of salvation. Inspire our hearts when we feel overwhelmed by our weakness and failure and let us trust that you will work all for good. We ask this in your name, confident that you will hear us.*

Sr Kym Harris osb

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Dear parents and guardians,

Term Three is well and truly into its busy phase. This week we had the privilege of hosting Her Excellency, the Governor of Tasmania, Barbara Baker, and Professor Chalmers to see our literacy program in practice. Following staff analysis of our literacy data in 2020, St Paul's made a conscious decision to ensure our students, especially those in the early years, had every opportunity to become age appropriate literate so they could excel in their learning in all areas of the curriculum. All teachers were trained in the necessary phonological and phonemic awareness and we allocated time and money to speech and language programs, supported by Rosie Martin from Speech Pathology Tasmania. These programs began in 2021 and then Catholic Education Tasmania initiated a program called Intailit which is delivered to all students at their level of understanding. Students who need additional support receive this through intervention. In 2022 the entire program is targeted, streamlined and focussed for the individual needs of all students in the early years and we have incorporated intervention and language programs for our students in the primary classes.

Next week is both Catholic Education Week and Science Week. St Paul's will be participating in events and activities in both these areas. Catholic Education Week's theme is 'Proclaim with Joy.' This week provides an opportunity for us all to recognise our committed and gifted teachers and support staff for their work in encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity, and instilling compassion in our young people. We thank them for their continued dedication and support for our students.

Science Week's theme is GLASS- more than meets the eye and it is an opportunity for us to celebrate science and technology. All our classes are eagerly preparing for our "SCIENCE FAIR" on Tuesday 16th August for all students and from 1.30 - 3.30pm for families in the hall.

Book Week and Book Fair - please check out the invitation to be part of this important week where we celebrate all things about BOOKS! Book Fair will be open outside school hours from Tuesday to Friday and our Book Week Costume Parade will be on Wednesday 24th August so we look forward to your amazing costumes as usual.

I will be away from school at the Catholic College of Educational Leaders from Wednesday 24th August until Friday 26th August. If you have any questions or queries during this time please see Mrs Kate Turner (Deputy Principal).

With every blessing,

Mrs Jo Clark



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## Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received the Principal awards for their class:

Prep: Mason Ford

Year 1: Arella Anastasia

Year 2: Noah Bell

Year 3/4R: Noah Wells

Year 3/4B: Morgan Griffin

Year 5: Cooper Mayer

Year 6: Tyson Flakemore-Percey



## 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.





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## The Governor of Tasmania visiting St Paul's Catholic School

On Tuesday 8th August we were privileged to have Her Excellency, the Governor of Tasmania Barbara Baker and Professor Chalmers come and visit our school to see the ongoing work we are doing in our Literacy programs. Our school leaders, Arden Petersen and Anabel Wood were tour guides and did a fantastic job guiding Her Excellency around to see the Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 Literacy programs in practise. Our literacy programs at St Paul's includes our InitialLit program in the Early Years, the Orton-Gillingham approach to literacy in the upper years as well as a number of intervention programs to cater to the needs of our students. This includes the amazing work Louise Morgan does with our speech program. Finally, the visit ended with a tour of the new Kinder space with the students in awe that Her Excellency came to visit, some even suggesting they were meeting the "Queen!". A special thank you to Her Excellency and Professor Chalmers for taking the time to come and visit us, as well as Rosie Martin from Speech Pathology Tasmania for her continued time and support in this literacy space at St Paul's.





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## Kinder and Ludo visit to the Jordan River Service Inc Art Exhibition



On Thursday 28th July the children went to visit the art exhibition at the Gagebrook Community Centre.

They saw their own collaborative art piece 'Our Community' and admired the work of other people, both young and old.

It was a great opportunity to realise that artwork is more than just paint and pencils.



We asked some of the children to tell us which art work they liked the best.

"I like the whole city because my house is in the whole city" - Tyler

"This is my favourite because it's awesome and it has a boat" - Ryder

"1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. 6 planets" - Nethan





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## Year 5 Excursion - Molesworth

On Wednesday, August 9, Year 5 students went on an excursion to Molesworth Environment Centre. We were there to participate in a series of team building activities.

We went into the Environment Centre and learned about wildlife. We learned about feral cats and how they infect and kill other animals with toxoplasmosis. Then we ate our recess, and headed across a tyre bridge and towards a series of challenges. The challenges included Save Tas, Toxic Waste, JailBreak, the Walk of Death, the Pipe Run, and the Tyre Swing.

“We learned how to cooperate with other team members. We also learned that with every disappointment, there is a happy moment” - Moranu

“We learned that it’s not about winning with each other, it’s not about arguing with each other, it’s about gaining our strength with each other” - Kailee

“We learned how to take turns and we learned that everyone learns at different rates, so you have to control your anger because we are all different - even if you want something to be done now” - Chelsea

“We learned that practice makes perfect and sometimes it takes longer to do harder things” - Finlay

“I liked the teamwork that went on” - Nevaeh





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## Catholic Education Week 2022

This year from 14 August to 20 August St Paul's Catholic School will join with Catholic schools across Tasmania to celebrate Catholic Education Week (CEW). The theme for CEW 2022 is 'Proclaim with Joy.' Catholic Education Week provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the strengths and achievements of our 38 Catholic schools as well as the people who contribute to Catholic Education Tasmania's ongoing success.

Catholic Education has supported Tasmanian families for nearly 200 years. We are proud to be partners in Tasmania's future: partners with governments, families and Church communities in achieving shared educational goals for young Tasmanians.

This is an ideal opportunity to support our community of St Paul's and learn more about the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

Our school has a supportive and talented community of teachers, parents, carers, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to give students the best education possible.

This special week on the Catholic Schools' calendar provides an opportunity for the community to recognise our committed and gifted teachers and support staff for their work in encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity, and instilling compassion in our young people.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of St Paul's and look forward to celebrating Catholic Education Week.

**Mr Casey Moore**

**Religious Education Coordinator**

**St Paul's Catholic School**



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# BOOK WEEK

## Book Fair - Monday August 22nd

Students can come and look at books and fill out their wishlist to take home to show their parents or guardians. Books are able to be purchased throughout the week.



## Costume Parade - Wednesday August 24th

Students from Ludo & Kinder - Grade 6 come to school in a costume from their favourite book.

## Book Sales - Tuesday 23rd - Friday 26th

Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th

8:30am - 9:00am &

3:00pm - 3:30pm

Friday 26th - **ONLY** 8:30am - 9:00am



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## St Paul's Catholic School Science Fair 2022

Come along and celebrate Science Week with us at our Science Fair! Science is all around us and a very important learning area because it helps us understand the world, encourages creativity and analytical thinking, as well as helping us solve problems.



TUESDAY | 16th | AUG

1:30pm - 3:30pm in the hall.

All families and friends are welcome!





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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.

Lately we have noticed some students do not have the formal uniform especially when it is required to be worn on special occasions. We ask families to please check with their class teacher or school office what uniform is required on certain days.



### 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**. Boys and 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.

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## **COVID-19 Safety Plan for Families (Term 3 2022)** – summarised from CET Safety Plan Version 15 (dated 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022)

- If unwell please stay away from school.
- All school activities are permitted including assemblies and travel.
- Parents and carers can enter schools.
- Positive cases are still required to isolate for at least 7 days and let the school know.
- Close contacts are still required to follow close contact rules for 7 days including testing daily before entering school and wearing a mask (all persons 12 years and older) in indoor settings when outside their home. School will provide 5 Rapid Antigen Tests for school students to enable daily testing when a student is a close contact.
- Face masks are no longer required to be worn in schools, early childhood centres or on public transport unless the person is a close contact.
- Public Health strongly encourages people to wear a face mask indoors where they cannot physically distance themselves, where they work in a public-facing role, or if they are at a higher risk of respiratory illness like COVID-19 and influenza.
- Students and family members can choose to wear a face mask and will be supported.
- Schools are no longer required to notify families on a case-by-case basis. Classrooms are not considered close contact environments however, should we have an outbreak in a classroom or in the school, our response will be advised by public health.
- The reinfection exclusion period has been reduced from 12 weeks to 28 days. People who have symptoms of COVID-19 within 28 days following their release from isolation do not need to test and isolate for 7 days.

### **Colds and flu**

Students with cold or flu symptoms are required to stay home and test for two consecutive days.

If the person has twice tested negative on successive days for COVID-19 and their symptoms are mild (e.g. a runny nose) and they have indicated when asked that they feel well, then the person is permitted at school.

The wearing of a face mask by an adult with mild symptoms is encouraged.

If a child is symptomatic at school, they will be sent home and a Rapid Antigen Test supplied.

### **Transmission prevention**

Vaccination is recommended for staff and students over the age of 5 years.

Any person entering our school is encouraged to sanitise their hands and socially distance where possible.

School will promote personal hygiene and cough/sneeze etiquette.

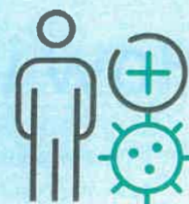
Where possible classrooms and workspaces will be well ventilated or air purifiers used.

School will undertake daily cleaning of surfaces touched at high frequency.

Toilets will be cleaned at least daily.



## COVID-19 cases and close contacts



### Do you have COVID-19?

Yes



Isolate in suitable premises for 7 days. The day you had your test is day 0.

Positive result received via **Rapid Antigen Test.**



Notify Public Health of your result via the coronavirus website.

Positive result received via **PCR test.**



Notify your close contacts and workplace/ education setting.



You can leave isolation 7 days after the date of your positive test if:

- Respiratory symptoms (cough, runny nose, sore throat, or shortness of breath) have gone, or are much better.

**AND**

- You have not had a fever (or signs of fever such as chills or night sweats for at least 24 hours).

The reinfection period for COVID-19 is 28 days. If you have previously had COVID-19 and develop symptoms more than 28 days after your release from isolation, get tested. You can also become a close contact again 28 days after previous infection and must follow close contact rules.

No

Have you been told you are a **close contact**?

Yes

No

If you have symptoms, stay home and take a test.



Take a test:

- as soon as you find out you are a close contact
- every day that you leave the house for 7 days
- if you don't leave home every day, test again on day 6
- if you develop any symptoms.



Notify your workplace. Close contacts are at higher risk of testing positive and passing the virus on.



Wear a face mask indoors when outside your home.



Do not attend high risk settings, such as hospitals and aged care unless accessing urgent care, or are there as part of your employment.



Monitor for symptoms and get tested if you develop symptoms.



If you test positive at any time, follow the rules for COVID-19 cases.





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## 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](http://ludo.org.au),  
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## Important Reminder - Year 7 2024 Enrolment Applications

Enrolment applications for year 7 2024 are due to colleges **Friday 9th September 2022**. There is strong demand in many of our Catholic schools and colleges so families are advised to complete and return their enrolment applications before the due date. We also highly recommend contacting your college of choice for other enrolment information such as orientation dates.

Sacred Heart  
College



## Twilight Tours

Thursday 25 August

3:15pm - 5:15pm

We welcome you to take a closer look at our College, take a tour, visit classrooms and see all that Sacred Heart has to offer

- Enrolments for students wishing to commence Year 7 in 2024 are due by **Friday 9 September 2022**



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## Enrol now for Year 7, 2024

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*A Parish that evangelises.*

*A School that prepares for life.*

*A Playground where friends meet and enjoy themselves.*

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## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Tuesday 16th August	Science Fair 1:30pm in the hall - all families welcome
Thursday 18th August	Year 6 excursion - GYC 2022 School Musical Beauty and the Beast
Friday 19th August	Year 5 and 6 excursion - Festival of Bright Ideas @ Princes Wharf
Monday 22nd August - Friday 26th August	Book Week (including book fair) (Parade is on Wednesday 24th August) See flyer for more details
Friday 9th September	Student free day
Thursday 22nd September	Footy Colours Day

## Tentative Term Dates 2023

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

Term One: Friday 3rd February - Thursday 6th April

Term Two: Wednesday 26th April - Friday 7th July

Term Three: Monday 24th July - Friday 29th September

Term Four: Monday 16th October - Thursday 14th December