



Principal's Message

It has been interesting to see a discussion recently in the Australian media about sports uniforms and traditional uniforms in primary schools. A recent article in the Guardian pointed out the following:

- Traditional uniforms are expensive
- Teachers, students and parents prefer sports uniforms
- Sports uniforms support physical activity
- Traditional uniforms are uncomfortable

We have certainly found the above reasons to be true since we moved to our 'Smart Play' uniform. Our students are happy to wear our uniform, which is comfortable and designed for active play. Interestingly in the research, only one-third of school principals support the idea of wearing sports uniform every day. Perhaps it is because of the idea that formal uniforms improve student behaviour. I am happy to point out that overall, our behaviour is excellent, and our students are very engaged in their learning.

Link to article: <https://bit.ly/3518V7I>

Link to the research:

<https://bit.ly/3zqOnrH>

Brendan Gill | Principal

You're Welcome

Recently, we engaged with Play Street to design a new entry to the school. We are hopeful that this work will coincide with the construction of the new school hall. The aim is to soften our entry and make it really welcoming for our community. It is another exciting step towards completing our school masterplan.



PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS, REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS



God, no one is stranger to you
 And no one is ever far from your loving care.
 In your kindness watch over migrants, refugees and
 asylum seekers,
 Those separated from their loved ones,
 Those who are lost
 And those who have been exiled from their homes.
 Bring them safely to the place where they long to be,
 And help us always to show your kindness to strangers
 And those in need.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord,
 Who too was a refugee and migrant
 Who travelled to another land
 Searching for a home.

Amen

Strength and Shine

Strength and Shine are personal development programs, designed to help young people understand their own personal worth, strength and purpose and realise the great potential within themselves. The programs are based upon the premise that every life counts and has intrinsic value. Our aim through this program is to foster these beliefs and understandings in each and every young person, and to equip them to become all that they are destined to be!

The sessions are run each Friday afternoon during Term 2, with activities, games, discussions and loads of fun. Our Strength and Shine volunteers have been in schools around Hobart for many years now and have absolutely loved being at JP11 for the last couple of years.

Pictured (top) you'll see the girls in discussions about emotions and feelings, and how we can learn to better understand and navigate them in healthy ways for each of us. The boys (pictured below) you'll see enjoying some extreme rock, paper scissors before breaking up into discussion groups where topics include building healthy friendships while growing into resilient and respectful young men.

Hannah Edwards | School Chaplain



Representing JP11

On Wednesday 2 June, a number of students made the short trip over to the Rokeby Police Academy to compete in the Southern Tasmanian Catholic Schools Cross Country Carnival.

Across the grade levels, there were several notable individual performances, including some top ten finishes! I was incredibly proud of the way that our school performed on the running track, and how we behaved and looked out for one another. Overall, it was a hugely successful day and each student that attended the event should be super proud of their efforts.

Well done JP2!

Matt Desmarchelier | PE Teacher





Set Up for Success has been off to a fantastic and inspiring start so far this year. Each week we are excited to welcome new and existing families to experience our special week's theme.

This term we have been focusing on our senses. So far we have look at the senses of touch, sight and hearing. We have explored musical instruments, shadows, coloured lights, finger painting, playdough and much, much more. Our favourite part of the sessions is when our Grade 6 helpers come for a play, especially when they take us outside for a run!

We have 3 more sessions this term.

18 June - Smell: We will be using our sense of smell to explore role play in a lemonade stand, making potions using vinegar and bicarb soda and using our fingers to mould peppermint and vanilla-scented playdough.

25 June - Taste: Together we will cook healthy banana muffins and cut up some fruit salad.

2nd July - Our last session for Term 2! We will revisit some of our favourite activities from this term with a slight twist.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday.



Term 2 Setup for Success Program at JPII
*** Friday mornings 9am-10:30am | FREE ***

Birth to 5 years with parent/carer.
Set your child up for success at school - with us.

MOVE WELL EAT WELL

Moving and eating well are two components that remain important throughout all stages of life.

During childhood, it is recommended that our students participate in at least 1 hour of physical activity each day. Growth and development of social and physical skills are just some of the markers that are improved when these guidelines are met.

At John Paul II we work to provide adequate time for our students to enjoy participating in a variety of physical activities throughout the day. Morning Fitness and break times make up a large proportion of time spent moving for students during the day, however, it is critical that we encourage our kids to enjoy more time outside of school hours wherever possible.

To find out more, head over to www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au/families for information on many of the topics that are discussed in this section.

Matt Desmarchelier
PE Teacher



Family Time



Family: Ryan, Renee, Nate & Belle Oswin

Lives in : Oakdowns

Number of students attending JPPII and their Grade?

Nate (Grade 2) and Belle (Prep)

What made JPPII your school of choice for your children and family?

JPPII had many positives for us, it was a small, local school that had a great reputation.

What is your child's favourite thing about JPPII?

Both the kids love morning fitness! It's a great way to start the morning. Dodgeball is a favourite.

Lastly, would you recommend JPPII to other families and why?

Yes, definitely. We have received a tremendous amount of support from the school. The flexibility they allow us for Nate and his additional needs, makes us feel well supported and this is shown in how happy, safe and comfortable he feels when he is there. All the teachers and support staff are approachable and willing to take time to talk through the kids progress and learning.



Have your
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Catholic Education Transportation Survey

Catholic Education Tasmania want to know how to improve student transport.

Please take five minutes to let us know what you think about how students get to and from school by completing a survey. Copy the relevant link below into your browser to begin.

The review will also be looking at the attitudes families and students have towards bus transportation and reasons why they may or may not use bus transportation.

The survey closes Friday 2 July 2021.

STUDENT SURVEY

<https://bit.ly/3pVwnSa>

PARENT SURVEY

<https://bit.ly/2S1wvD6>

GETTING TO KNOW *WHITNEY*



Name Whitney Mackay

Position I work here as the School Counsellor. My role is to help support students to reach their full potential here at school and ensure students, families and carers feel happy, safe and connected within the John Paul II school community as well as outside of school. A pivotal part of my role is building a rapport with all students and families within the school community. I provide one-on-one support to students, facilitate groups, support parents, teachers and the staff here at John Paul II.

How long have you worked at JP II? I started at JP II back in 2018, so this will be my fourth year here.

Favourite part of working in your position at JP II?

The JP II school community is one of a kind and I feel so privileged being able to work here. The staff here all work so incredibly hard to support our students, families and each other. The care, compassion, kindness and understanding that I feel working here is what makes it so special.

Best moment at JP (so far!)

There are too many to name! For me, there is something special about seeing our Grade 6 students transition to high school and then bumping into them within the community and hearing about all the amazing things that they've achieved!

What is your unique experience/skill that you bring to the JP II team?

I like to think that I am an outgoing, open, caring and approachable member of the team here. I'm always happy to help in any way that I can and enjoy every aspect of my role here at school. You'll often find me chatting in the staff room, by the printer or in the corridors with staff to find ways that I may be able to help and you'll always have a listening ear and a smile in my presence.

Any last word before the school bell goes.....?

Is the coffee van at school today, it must be coffee time!

MacKillop Catholic College Presents

History
Maths
Arts and
Crafts
Creative
Thinking

Fine Art
Music
Dance
Drama
Food

Ember

A Festival of Light
2021



Thursday June 24
MacKillop Catholic
College
5pm-7pm

Poster by Elise Rogers (Yr10)

All families should register to attend Ember
via: <https://www.trybooking.com/BRXSM>

MACKILLOP PATHWAY



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CATHOLIC COLLEGE



Vacancies

The MacKillop Catholic College School Board is now seeking expressions of interest from the MacKillop Catholic College Community and beyond for additional members with excellent communication skills, commitment to the College and its mission and substantial experience in strategic areas. For further information please contact Tania Burgess, Principal's Executive Assistant by emailing tburgess@mackilloop.tas.edu.au Applications close 9am Friday 25 June.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Our new uniform shop is located next to MacKillop College in Mornington.

Monday: 8am - 1pm

Tuesday: 11am - 5:30pm

Thursday: 12pm - 6pm

Saturday: 9am - 12pm

What's New

Grade 5/6 Camp

Next week our students in Grade 5/6 will be heading up to Camp Clayton for their school camp. The students will depart JP II on Monday and return on Thursday. During their time in the north of the state, the students will participate in many outdoor activities and other interesting learning experiences. We look forward to hearing all about their camp when they return.

Chinese Speaking Contest

On 25 June, eight students from Grades 2, 3, 5 and 6 are going to The Hutchins School, to participate in the Chinese Speech Competition organised by the Chinese Language Teachers Association Tasmania. They will be competing with students from schools across Tasmania, that provide Chinese language program. We wish them well for the upcoming competition.

Author Visit

On 25 June our students from Prep to Grade 2 will get to meet author Aleesah Darlison when she visits John Paul II. Aleesah is an award-winning author who has published over fifty books for children and young adults. Aleesah visits schools all across Australia and internationally, sharing her books and love of literacy and teaching writing skills to primary and secondary students. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students.

School Bus service

Our private school bus can pick up and drop your children to your home before and after school. Bus tickets range from \$1 or \$1.50 one way and can be purchased at the school office. When you purchase 20 tickets you receive 10 for free. Enquire at the office for more information.

Covid-19

A timely reminder for us all to stay home if unwell and get tested if you have Covid like symptoms. Practise social distancing and continue to hand sanitise to help keep our community safe.



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