



John Paul II
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Principal's Message

Parents and community members are now welcome to use our new Early Learning Centre entry. We are just putting the finishing touches to what is a magnificent space for our children. Thank you to those families who attended our first Setup for Success for 2021. It was great to welcome some new families to our community.

This week we especially think of Australia's First People. Students are engaged in Reconciliation Week activities. The Grade 5/6 Camp in Week Nine has a strong Aboriginal focus. Over 30 years ago, on a visit to Australia, Saint John Paul II spoke in Alice Springs:

'If you stay closely united, you are like a tree standing in the middle of a bushfire sweeping through the timber. The leaves are scorched and the tough bark is scarred and burned; but inside the tree the sap is still flowing, and under the ground the roots are still strong. Like that tree you have endured the flames, and you still have the power to be reborn. The time for this rebirth is now!' – John Paul II 1986.

Brendan Gill | Principal

A Successful Start



A big thank you and welcome to all the families who joined us last week at our first Set up for Success morning in our brand new Early Learning Centre! It was so great to see new families from South Arm through to Howrah and our wonderful regulars returning to experience the new space and program.

Friday was all about the sense of touch and using our hands to play! Children engaged in a range of activities to assist in developing fine motor skills, hand strength and early language development.

Please join us for our next session this Friday for all things musical! We will explore instruments, role play and tuning in to listening - an essential skill for early literacy development.

The sessions are from 9:00-10:30am Friday mornings during school term in the Early Learning Centre. The program is free with no bookings needed! Please bring a piece of fruit and a friend or two! We can't wait to see you!

Laura Lange and Kylie Quilliam | Setup for Success



RECONCILIATION PRAYER

Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for our Nation.

Teach us to respect all cultures.

Teach us to care for our land and waters.

Help us to share justly the resources of this land.

Help us to bring about spiritual and social change

to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities, especially the disadvantaged.

Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit.

Student Name Tom Scott | **Age** 11 | **Grade** 5

Suburb you live in: Sandford

What grade were you in when you started at this school?

Kindergarten

What are your favourite subjects?

Science and Physical Education

What is your unknown hidden talent?

I feel like I have a hidden talent as a netball player, I guess I will get to prove this in the Term 3 netball roster.

What is your favourite thing about JP11?

How much we learn and the amount of work we get done each day.

Student Voice

Three favourite things you like about this school

1. The nice staff members
2. The fact that there are not too many students here.
3. I love having the bike track and being allowed to ride bikes.



Favourite staff member and why?

Mr McGuinness
(Teacher Assistant) because
he is funny.

Tell us about the new school uniform.....

I like the colours and the new logo. I think it makes us stand out from other schools.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

An Essendon football player or an Australian cricketer.

If you could change or add one thing about our school to make it better what would it be?

I would not change anything about our school. I think it is perfect the way it is.

Any other thoughts you would like to share as a student at JP11?

I would highly recommend going to John Paul II School. I love it!

Cross Country

Our annual school Cross Country Carnival was held on Wednesday 26 May in our spacious school grounds fit for the perfect Cross Country course!

Despite the inclement weather it was a fantastic morning with students giving it their best, cheering and demonstrating great sportsmanship, supporting one another and truly embodying the spirit of the event.

Thank you to the parents who attended and cheered on all students, MacKillop College students, and to Mr Gill who surprised us all with a complimentary hot drink voucher from The Coffee Guy!

Whilst not all students can place first, second or third, we believe that all students who participated both for themselves and for their House were winners.



Our little Ludo daycare children couldn't resist the chance to have a little run supported by staff and students



Prep Boys



Prep Girls



On your Marks.... Get Set..Go... .Grade 2 boys!



Grade 3 Class enjoying the day



Grade 1 Boys



Grade 1 Girls



Grade 2 Boys



Grade 2 Girls



Grade 3 Boys



Grade 3 Girls



Grade 4 Boys



Grade 4 Girls



Grade 5 Boys



Grade 5 Girls



Grade 6 Boys



Grade 6 Girls

Mid Term 2

STUDENT AWARDS



Grade 2 Awards
Top: Nash
Middle: Tilly
Bottom: Lily

Prep

We are Learning | Xavier Hodgkinson

We are Respectful | Jade Kelly

We are Safe | Brooklyn Jones



Prep Awards
Top: Xavier
Middle: Jade
Bottom: Brooklyn

Grade 1

We are Learning | Nina Rourke

We are Respectful | Kirby Hobden

We are Safe | Max Illie

Grade 2

We are Learning | Nash Upton

We are Respectful | Tilly McNamara

We are Safe | Lily Hall

Grade 3

We are Learning | Keenan Cantrell-Hunt

We are Respectful | Ava Jones-Coates

We are Safe | Layla Wickham

Grade 4

We are Learning | Rory Holmes

We are Respectful | Ember Skye Conolon

We are Safe | Nicholas Grainger

Grade 5/6 Huon

We are Learning | Hunter Auksorius

We are Respectful | Ollie Holmes

We are Safe | Bisandu Perera

Grade 5/6 Sassafras

We are Learning
Ava Spratt

We are Respectful
Hamish Smith

We are Safe
Nyla Syeda



Grade 1 Awards
Top: Nina
Middle: Max
Bottom: Kirby



Grade 3 Awards
Top: Keenan
Middle: Ava
Bottom: Layla

Fruits of the Spirit

In his letters to the Galatians, Saint Paul taught Christ's disciples about the Holy Spirit. He told them that God's Spirit had given them life and they should allow it to guide them in order for them to grow as a person. At John Paul II, students have been learning about the fruits of the Spirit. Students who will soon receive the Sacrament of Confirmation have learnt that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are Wisdom, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence, Understanding, Right Judgement and Wonder and Awe in God's presence. We have all learnt that from these gifts comes the fruits of the Spirit which are Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control. These fruits are the outward signs of the Spirit of Jesus being alive and at work in each other. When we see these things in others, we see Christ in each other.



GETTING TO KNOW *JOEL*



Name Joel Quilliam

Position Teacher's Assistant

How long have you worked at JP II? All up around 1 1/2 years with a couple of years break in between.

Favourite part of working in your position at JP II?

Being part of the wonderful school community at JP II.

During my time at JP II, the one thing that I believe separates us from other schools is the amazing culture of the school. The welcoming nature of the school staff and of the students makes me excited to step through the doors for work every school morning.

Best moment at JP (so far!)

My favourite moment at JP II was at the start of the year as I returned to the school after some time away. From the moment I stepped back in the doors I had students running up to me and telling me how happy they were to see me back. Seeing the growth in the students who I had worked with previously was amazing and was a testament to the education they had been provided at the school since I had left and the impact that I had personally had while I was here.

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

I believe I am a valued part of the JP II team because of my versatility. I work half my week in Prep and the other half in Grade 5/6 so I am constantly altering the way I work with our students on a daily basis. However I love the challenge of preparing our older students for the next stage of their education and developing the foundational knowledge of our younger students.

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

My last words are that I am extremely excited for the rest of the year and to head off on camp with the Grade 5/6 students in a few weeks!



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2022 Enrolments are Now Open
Limited Vacancies

We look forward to welcoming your child and family to our school. At JP II all students are supported to feel a sense of belonging and given the opportunity to shine.

'the future starts today'

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MACKILLOP PATHWAY



MacKillop
CATHOLIC COLLEGE



Cross Country Support

Thank you to a wonderful group of motivated students from MacKillop College who attended our recent Cross Country Carnival. The students were fantastic in encouraging our students during their races and as place markers along the course. MacKillop student Tom ran every race as the pacesetter... we are still amazed how he actually did that!

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

National Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation Australia's theme for 2021, More than a word: Reconciliation takes action, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians - as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. 2021 marks twenty years of Reconciliation Australia and almost three decades of Australia's formal reconciliation process. John Paul II Catholic School is engaged in National Reconciliation Week. This week our Aboriginal students from Grade 3-6 have an opportunity to participate in the TMAG Black Box Experience. Later in the week our students from Grade 5/6 will work with Uncle Hank on some Aboriginal Art.

Confirmation

We have a number of students receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation this week. They have worked hard in preparation for this most special occasion. Our thoughts and prayers are with the following students this week: Mackenzie Giffard, Robbiel Reyes, Lilly Upton, Nyasia Kean and Lily Rossiter.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club continues to be a hit with students. Students are able to collect freshly cooked toast during morning fitness time.

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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