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Principal's Message

The suburbs around our school are changing dramatically. Houses are popping up everywhere and new people are flooding into the neighbourhood. The Glebe Hill Village construction is underway, which will make the area even more appealing. Many families are discovering our school, which now finds itself in the middle of this 'growth corridor' of Clarence.

I wonder if Archbishop Guilford Young predicted such growth when he chose to bring Catholic Education to Clarence Plains. Whilst the façade may change, we remain committed to the original purpose; to encourage students to develop their gifts as individuals and to live lives of purpose.

The school has a proud history serving the local community, and through understanding the dynamism in our current context, an exciting vision for the future.

Brendan Gill | Principal



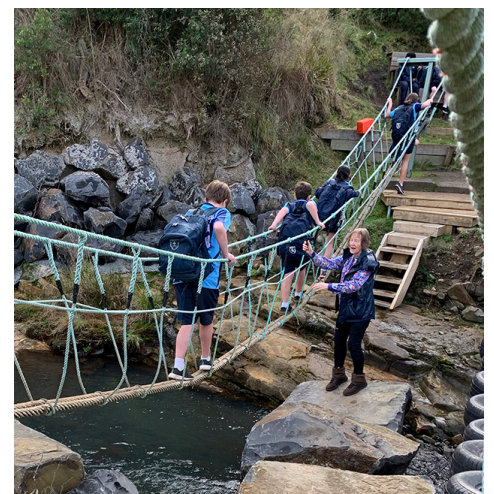
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Building future leaders

Molesworth Education Centre Excursion

On Monday 9 August, students from Grade 5/6 Huon and Sassafras took part in a team building and leadership day at Molesworth Education Centre.

We had a fantastic day using our brains and our bodies to solve problems as part of a team. All students participated with enthusiasm displaying respect, cooperation and resilience.



"My favourite activity was George of the Jungle where you had to swing on a rope and land on a giant tyre to see how many kids we could fit on without falling off. The record was 19, our record was eleven"

Ben Buck, Grade 6



"My favourite team building activity was Save Tas where you had to work with your team to walk in sync along a rope plank to reach and save Tas. My team travelled the furthest"

Lily Rossiter Grade 6

PRAYER



"I join in the unanimous worry about the situation in Afghanistan.

I ask you to pray along with me to the God of peace so that the clamor of weapons ends and that solutions can be found around a table of dialogue,"

Pope Francis – August 15

Sharing Stories with Aboriginal Elder and Author

On Tuesday 3 August, a group of John Paul II Grade 1 and Grade 2 students were invited to celebrate National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day, with children from two other schools

During the special event at the Catholic Education Office, they listened to, and interacted with highly regarded Elder, author, researcher and cultural historian, Auntie Patsy Cameron as she read her recently published book *Sea Country*. Students curiosity was sparked as they heard of stories and traditions from Auntie Patsy's family seasonal life on Flinders Island. They enjoyed looking at and handling items discussed and illustrated in the text, such as seeds, plants, flowers, fruits and shells, including a shell necklace, and found out when and how they are collected.

The group also enthusiastically participated as Education Officer, Sarah-Jane Moore read her newly published children's book *River Business*.

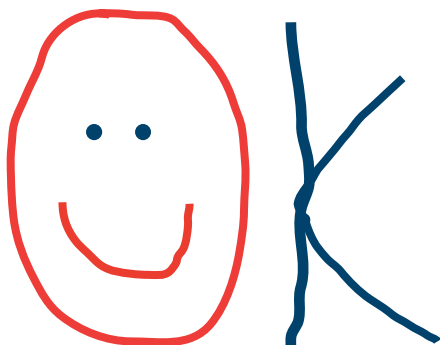
Students agreed that *Sea Country* and *River Business* are special stories with beautiful illustrations, and that they really enjoyed gaining more understanding of their culture.

By Mrs Beresford



Make Jesus Real

Recently I worked with the Grade 3 and Grade 6 students with the 'Make Jesus Real Program' at your child's wonderful school at John Paul II.



with a smile!

The children were very enthusiastic and in this session we focused on looking at habits and finding ways to reflect on what they do in a positive manner as well as stopping the bad habit of back chatting at home.

For example when students were asked to do the following things at home.

-When asked to do to bed and/or get up in the morning Say 'Ok'
-When asked to do chores such as do the dishes, take care of the pets etc...Say 'Ok.'
-When asked to keep their bedrooms tidy or clean. Say 'Ok'

Saying 'OK, is a very simple activity to reinforce but it can bring great happiness in the home. Why don't you remind your children to say 'Ok' the next time they are quick to say 'No' and see what a difference it may bring.

By Marty Ogle

How much is enough **sleep**?

By Whitney and Trine | JPPI School Counsellors

Recently, Legal Aid Tasmania visited the Grade 4, 5 and 6 classes to talk about cyber safety and what it means to be safe online. All classes engaged positively and respectfully throughout the sessions which was pleasing to see. An important function that can be impacted by our use of technology is sleep.

- Sleep is important for growth, immunity, learning and memory.
- Babies, children and teenagers need different amounts of sleep.
- Sleep patterns change as babies and children get older.

Our school counsellors are available throughout the school year to assist you and your family by contacting the office.

Recommendations for amount of sleep required by children

- **Newborns** sleep on and off for 14-17 hours every 24 hours.
- **Babies (3-6 mths)** usually sleep for 12-15 hours every 24 hours.
- **Toddlers** need 11-14 hours of sleep every 24 hours.
- **Children aged 3-5 years** need 10-13 hours of sleep a night.
- **Children aged 5-11 years** need 9-11 hours of sleep a night.
- **Teenagers** generally need about 8-10 hours of sleep a night

For more information visit: www.raisingchildren.net.au



SETUP FOR SUCCESS | TERM 3 for BIRTH TO 5 YEARS (with parent/carer)

Friday mornings during school term

9am-10:30am | FREE

Join our Kindergarten teacher and team and **discover** our Australian and bush and it's inhabitants.

delve deep Under the Sea,

and **launch** far into 'Outer Space'... what will we find!

Become an archaeologist and dig for dinosaur bones and fossils

warm up with a winter's creative snow day

and **come with us** on an excursion.....

No bookings required, just turn up!

We look forward to welcoming you.



Student Name Addison | **Age** 9 | **Grade** 3

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

What are your favourite subjects?
Maths, Religion and Art

What is your unknown hidden talent?
Cooking for my family

Favourite hobbies or interest?
Drawing, gymnastics and playing on my ipad

What is your favourite thing about JP11?
I learn lots of new things and my teachers are nice.

Student Voice

Three favourite things you like about this school

1. My friends are kind
2. My teachers are respectful and helpful with my learning
3. The playground equipment is really fun!



Favourite staff member and why?

Mr Gill our Principal because he is always friendly and says goodbye after school really loudly in the car park, which is embarrassing and funny.

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

I like it better than the old one. I like the logo because it looks like a bird.

Most funniest/memorable experience at school?

In Kinder, my friends Layla H, Layla W, Estelle and I pretended to make pizzas out of playdough.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Vet.

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

I would like a different colour carpet in our classroom.

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

I like our school.

WE ARE A MOVE WELL EAT WELL SCHOOL TENNIS TASTER

by Matthew Desmarchelier - P.E. Teacher

Last week we had the first of our four Tennis sessions in Physical Education, with each of our classes warmly welcoming Alyssa from Tennis Tasmania to lead us through the lessons. All classes were kind, respectful and attentive when during the sessions, from Prep all the way to Grade 6. Our older students began to learn about the scoring systems used within tennis, whilst developing the skills fundamental to participating in the sport. Our younger grades also eagerly participated, following Alyssa's lead.

Over the next two weeks, the lessons will begin to develop the fundamental skills and knowledge necessary to play the sport of tennis. Alyssa will then re-join our classes during the fourth week to cap off our learning. Tennis is a great sport for our students to be involved with for many reasons, and as always, it was great to see the faces lighting up when the racquets came out of the bag!



2023 KINDER ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

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

'the future starts today'

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GETTING TO KNOW *JENNI*



Name Jenni Singleton

Position: Grade 1 Classroom Teacher

Your ideal way to spend a day off?

A walk on the dog beach, a good coffee and something fun with the family.

How long have you worked at JPII?

I started at JPII in 2018 and have enjoyed many roles including Teaching and Teacher Assistant.

Favourite part of working in your position at JPII?

Sharing in and celebrating the growth and development of our students. All the great news stories I get to take home each day.

Best moment at JP (so far!)

Too many for just one, although this year's would have to be the Prep and Grade 1 Marine Discovery Centre Excursion.

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

A question better asked to the team! I would like to think it would include my love of working as part of a team with the other teachers and class groups on projects.

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

Be kind. Be busy. Be a learner for life.



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MACKILLOP PATHWAY



MacKillop
CATHOLIC COLLEGE



Taking the lead

Congratulations to Mr Stephen Hill, who was recently appointed Principal of MacKillop College, after acting in the position for a year. Mr Hill will lead MacKillop through a time of great change, as the College embarks on provision of Year 11 and 12 education. We look forward to working closely with Mr Hill.

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**

**Parents can purchase uniforms online via this website:
johnpaul.permapleat.com.au/shop**

What's New

Car Park Reminder

Just a reminder to be extra vigilant about safety in our school car park. In particular, parents/guardians using the drop off/pick up zone must remain with their vehicles.

MacKillop Tours

MacKillop Catholic College invites families to their Open Morning Saturday 21 August. If you have a child commencing Grade 7 in 2023 or a parent who is interested to find out more about the school these tours would be ideal. Advance bookings are required at www.trybooking.com/795738

New Reduce, Reuse, Recycling Program Commences

This week we launched a whole school recycling program. The aim of the program is to improve and manage our rubbish systems including food waste, soft plastics, paper and cardboard. Students are actively involved in the new process and are learning about the benefits of recycling which ultimately attributes to a cleaner, healthier school and planet.

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 friendly 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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