



John Paul II
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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A top to turn heads

Last week, our Grade 6 students received their leaver's shirts.

Students had a lot of input into the striking design. This commences their journey to the end of Grade 6. A letter will be sent out to parents soon, in regards to end of year events.

We think they look wonderful!



Principal's Message

Thanks to Mrs O'Rourke and all staff who filled in the gaps my recent absence created. I crashed my mountain bike in a rather nasty fashion. I appreciated the card from students, which also contained a lot of bike riding advice! The term has started well.

In relation to building works, our first priority this term is moving Mr Hallsworth's shed. This will allow us to commence construction on our mighty new hall!

Brendan Gill | Principal



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PRAYER FOR PROMOTING PEACE AND RECONCILLATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



Let us pray that in accordance with God's will [that] the [Olympic Games] will be a true experience of brotherhood among the earth's peoples.

I pray that, in the spirit of the Olympic Truce, the good will generated by this international sporting event may bear fruit,
promoting peace and reconciliation throughout the world.

Amen

Pope Benedict XVI

Inspired by Author

Our Early Years students enjoyed a recent visit from award winning children's book author Aleesah Darlinson. Her stories promote courage, understanding, anti-bullying, self-belief, friendship, teamwork and environmental themes. It was wonderful to gather together to hear Aleesah read, and to share the story of her writing career.

Aleesah read for us a book from her Endangered Animal Series 'Coco, the fish with hands'. The following is from the blurb of the book (ask your child, it's the information on the back cover!) ...

***Coco is a sweet, tiny fish . . . with hands!
Come on a journey with Coco the spotted hand fish as
she searches for a mate and looks for a safe place to hatch
her eggs. Go, Coco!***

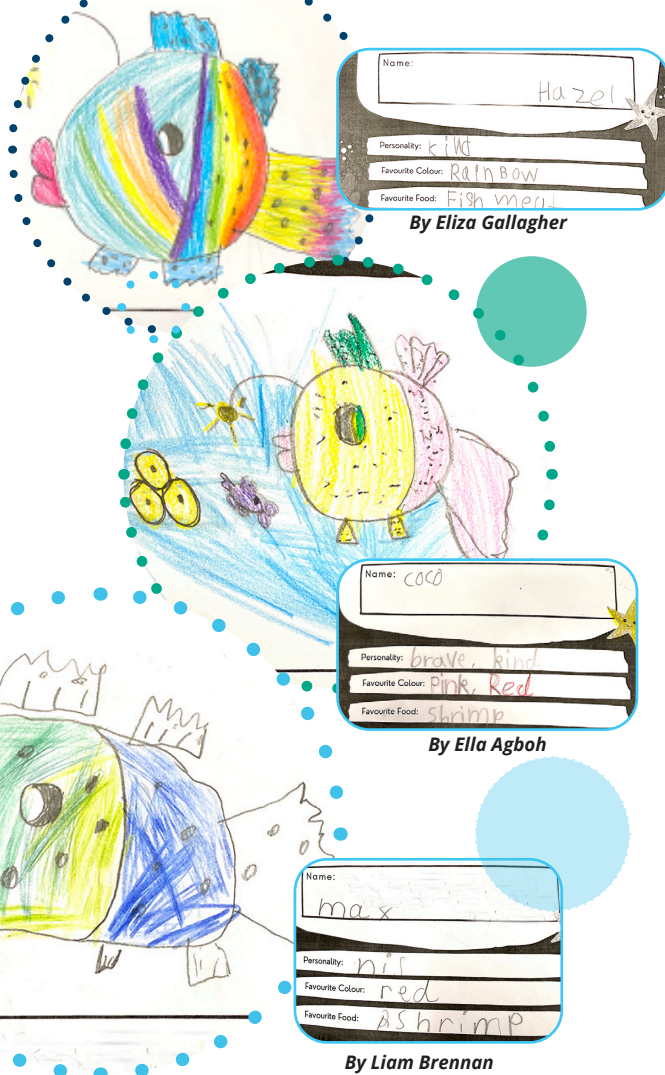
The children were very engaged in the reading which prompted many questions and much discussion about the animal, it's habitat and status as an endangered animal.

After the reading Aleesah lead us through some guided drawing. Everyone produced their very own Coco character following the step by step process and the results were great! The author also left a scaffold from which we used to respond to the text back in the classroom. In the Leatherwood classroom we re-counted the story as group and brainstormed ideas to help us with the writing task and explored vocabulary. The word 'endemic' was of particular interest to the students in leatherwood, we discussed the definition ...native to a single defined geographic location and connected to the special nature of this fish to us living in Tasmania, particularly here on the Derwent River.

Some of our fantastic work is seen here!

Mrs Singleton | Grade 1 Teacher

Create Your Own Handfish Character



Performance Unforgettable



Last week our students were treated by Terrapin Theatre Puppets to one of their first live performances of their new production called 'Scaredy Cat' which will be toured around Tasmanian schools in the coming months.

Although there were no words spoken, the puppets came to life by the talented pupeteers and told the intriguing story of Scaredy being lead on a journey she'll never forget.

Adnan from Grade 3 summed up the experience brilliantly..... "Scaredy Cat was amazing. It was my favourite play yet. It had a wonderful story. I don't know how they made it all in one week. They must have worked on it as best they could. We all loved it so much! "

Former Olympian Visit

Our school has been fortunate enough to have a former track and field Olympian, Susan Andrews, doing some relief teaching at our school.

Susan spoke to Grades 2, 5 and 6 students about her experiences in preparing and training for the Olympics and brought with her lots of memorabilia including her Olympic Athlete credentials, running spikes, medals, photos and Australian team clothing.



By Mrs Collinson



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.



**Setup for Success - Discover, Create, Share, Play
and have FUN together!**

MOVE WELL EAT WELL

With a new term comes new and exciting opportunities for our students at JP2. During Physical Education classes, in weeks 4 to 6, we will be learning a new sport. Our students will get the chance to learn from an experienced coach and player from Tennis Tasmania. Tennis will provide a great foundation for our students to develop valuable ball tracking and hand-eye skills, continuing on from what we have learned from our previous sporting clinics.

Beyond our school, the Olympics have well and truly taken the world by storm. Every four years we are provided with an incredible opportunity to witness the pinnacle of sporting achievement, the highs and lows of individual and team success, bravery, sportsmanship and national pride. We are also able to watch a variety of events and sports that aren't often as easy to access. Who knows, one of these sporting spectacles may just click and be 'the one' for your child.

Matt Desmarchelier
PE Teacher



Term 3 Captains, Vice Captains and Aussie Sports Leaders Commissioned

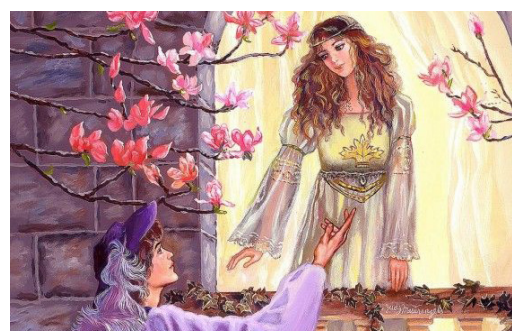
Congratulations to our new Term 3 Leaders and Aussie Sports Leaders who were commissioned on Monday. Our School Captains (as pictured below) are Jack Reilly (L) and Lily Rossiter (R) and our Vice Captain is Logan Oates (C).

Our Aussie Sports Leaders are Ava Spratt, Jack Reilly, Seth Benbow, Charli Fitzgerald, Madaline Ede, Charlie Burnett, Hunter Auksorius, Benjamin Buck, Aidan Mead, Bisandu Perera, Lily Rossiter and Ollie Holmes.



New appreciation of old love story

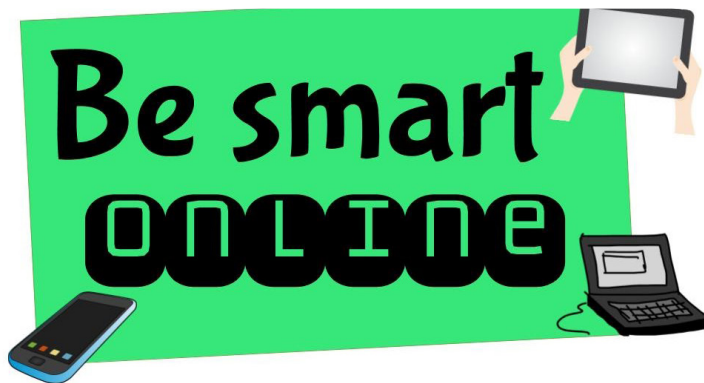
On Friday July 2, Grade 5/6 students were fortunate enough to have a visit from Bell Shakespeare Theatre Company giving us a comical insight into the world of Shakespeare. The performers did this by performing for us a play titled 'Just Romeo and Juliet'.



The performance went for around an hour and we had some time at the end to ask questions of the performers. The story started when Andy mistakenly auditions for a school production of Romeo and Juliet, getting more than he bargained for as the greatest love story of all time unfolds in a comical and engaging way.

We really enjoyed the performance, the fact that it was funny made us want to watch it and learn more about a story that we used to think was pretty old fashioned and boring.

Mrs Belbin, Huon and Sassafras



Last week Grade 4, 5 and 6 were visited by Stuart Davey from Tasmania Legal Aid. He spoke to the students about the importance of being Cyber Safe.

Did you know.....

- You must be 13 years of age to set up a social media account (eg: Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat and Tiktok).
 - You can block and report people who cyberbully - you can report cyberbullying at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/report>
- Future employers will check your social media accounts.
 - You can be charged for cyberbullying as young as 10 years old.

Wow - everyone needs to be smart online!

By Mrs Collinson | Sassafras and Huon



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2023 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

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'

Located in Rokeby, Tasmania. Enquiries: Brendan Gill | Principal
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GETTING TO KNOW ALISON



Name Alison Whightman

Position My role at JP II is the Student Support Coordinator. The focus of my role is to support student learning.

How long have you worked at JP II?

I am in my sixth year at JP II.

Favourite part of working in your position at JP II?

One of the best parts of my job is that I am involved in helping children to grow, learn and become independent. I love celebrating the learning successes of all students and hope to make a positive impact on their lives.

Best moment at JP (so far!)

My best moment was when I became a permanent staff member at JP II. I get to spend each day with our amazing students and other people who love helping children learn.

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

I'd like to think that I'm dependable.

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

Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen.



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11 Aug - 10 Sep

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MACKILLOP PATHWAY



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CATHOLIC COLLEGE



2023 MacKillop Year 7 Enrolments

A reminder that all Year 7 enrolments for 2023 are due to the College Friday, September 10, 2021.

If you know of anyone who has a Grade 5 student this year and is thinking of enrolling at MacKillop Catholic College for secondary education, please pass this information on to them.

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

Fire Safety Education

A firefighter from the Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) visited our school this week to present a Home Fire Safety Program to our students from Prep to Grade 6. The age appropriate program is designed to raise fire awareness in children. It includes fun in-class activities videos, activity books, giveaways and a new kid's website. Kindergarten students, whilst not receiving a structured lesson, had a visit from the firefighter who left them with some free and fun activities to complete.

Sporting School Grant received for Tennis

This term our students from Prep to Grade 6 are learning how to play Tennis. We were lucky enough to receive a Sporting Schools Grant which has enabled us to give our students the experience of a sport with which they are less familiar. Our students will participate in four sessions of Tennis over the course of the term.

Cricket Clinic

This term we have been invited to be part of the Hydro Tasmania Community Blitz Cricket program. This will involve players from the Hobart Hurricanes and the Tassie Tigers doing some ball skill activities with some of our students, followed by a Q&A session.

Inter-school Netball

Every Friday in Term 3, Grades 5 and 6 students will be taking part in inter-school netball where we play against other Catholic schools. We have two Grade 5 teams and two Grade 6 teams. We had our first games last Friday and everyone played really well.

Check in When You Come In

Please remember to 'Check In' when you come into the school building at our school office regardless of how long or short your visit. Thank you to everyone who have been so diligent doing this since it's introduction in Term 3. If you don't have the app or a smart phone we have an ipad available at the office to use.

