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Principal's Message

Congratulations to Mrs Di O'Rourke for her 2022 Acting Principal appointment at St Brigid's, New Norfolk. Di is a valued member of the John Paul II staff, and we were excited to see her get the opportunity next year. The process for a replacement Deputy Principal is currently occurring and the school community will be notified in due course.

At the Board level, we are currently updating our Strategic Plan. It is satisfying to see many of our initial goals achieved. We will soon send out an updated plan to the community that will continue to guide us on our 2020-2023 Strategic journey.

Our Capital Project Application has been approved. We have approval for the construction of our new hall, bus drop off, entry and utility shed. I am just itching to see a shovel hit the soil. This new facility will be an absolute gamechanger!

Brendan Gill | Principal



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Exhibition in the Making



During Art this year, Prep to 6 classes have created artworks using a lot of different materials and techniques across a range of varying subjects. As well as doing little sketching exercises aimed at 'seeing' what is in front of us, we have looked closely at patterns in nature, created pictures from still life objects such as flowers in a vase, things at the beach and line & shape townscapes from arrangements of wooden blocks.

All classes have created an artwork as a response to a picture book they have read in Literature class.

Grade 4 to 6 students have been working hard on beautiful animal (bird, fish) collages using painted paper that all classes painted at the beginning of the year. In addition, they have also created digital artworks via an app from listening to music which they are transferring onto paper using ink and chalk pastels.

We look forward to welcoming you all to view some of our work on display at the end of term Art Exhibition.

Mrs Moynihan | Art Teacher

PRAYER

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

St Francis of Assisi

Literacy in Action

In Prep we start the school day with an Initialit session. We also do an additional Initialit handwriting and comprehension session. It has been the best literacy program that I have had the pleasure of utilising. It is explicit, multifaceted, and our data has shown it is effective. We cover letter sound knowledge, reading words and sentences, reading tricky words and writing sounds and words using the knowledge learnt from Initialit. We use decodable text, and are greatly resourced (thank you Mr Gill!).

We have seen excellent growth and it is a program of which I am proud of. If only more schools utilised it!

Mrs Rickards | Prep



FREE Setup for Success at JPII
Birth to 5 years with parent /carer

Come along Friday
mornings 9am-10:30am

Explore, Create, Discover,
Together

Setup for Success takes a break during the upcoming school holidays and returns in Term 3 on Friday 23 July. All Welcome.



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Ludo
CatholicCare Tasmania



Ludo is a new play-based learning and care environment for children and their families designed to support your child to transition to school.

Early Learning and Care for 3 to 5 year olds

Enrol in Ludo through CatholicCare Tasmania
Call 1300 119 455, email ludo@aohtas.org.au
or visit ludo.org.au

It's nearly **time for Kinder!**

With 2022 fast approaching, this week we are sending out our Pre-Kinder Orientation packs for our new families starting Kindergarten at JP II next year.

A Parent Information Handbook is included in the orientation pack which is a fantastic resource aimed at assisting your child and family prepare for their first year at school. The pack covers information on 'What to Expect' on your first day, and helpful tips on how to 'Prepare your Child for Kindergarten'. Information is also provided on the technologies we use to communicate as a whole school community as well as Ludo and other school services available.

Included in the pack is an invitation for our new families to attend Pre-Kinder Orientation Sessions being held in November. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity for both children and parents to familiarise themselves with their new classroom, their future class mates, teachers and staff, as well as address any other concerns or queries they may have before their first day.

The children will delight in a personalised gift we have included in the pack and all staff look forward to welcoming our new families at JP II.

To assist your child to further familiarise and build confidence at Kindergarten we welcome all families with pre-schoolers aged from birth to 5 years to our early years Setup for Success program. Setup for Success is held on a Friday morning during school terms, it is free and is coordinated by our wonderful Kindergarten teacher Mrs Lange and team.

Kindergarten enrolments are now open at JP II for 2023. Enrolment enquiries can be made by phoning our office on 03 62477104 or head to our website johnpaul.tas.edu.au and complete our online Expression of Interest Enform and we will contact you.



MOVE WELL EAT WELL

Fruits and vegetables are an important part of a balanced and healthy diet. It is also incredibly simple to include them in our kids' lunchboxes as a healthy snack option, win-win! Here are 5 tips on how to eat more vegetables each day, provided by the Department of Health.

1. Offer Veggies Raw – Celery, carrot and capsicum sticks, cherry tomatoes, cucumber, snow peas or beans.
2. Grate Veggies Into Meals – Pasta sauce, hamburger patties, casseroles or curries.
3. Serve Fruit with Yoghurt – Fresh or tinned fruit with yoghurt or custard for dessert.
4. Make Veggies Taste Good! – Cook them until just firm, not mushy and drizzle with a little oil or margarine.
5. Keep Fruit in the Fruit Bowl – Buy seasonal fruit to always have options ready for a quick snack. Cheaper and tastier also, bonus!

For more ideas visit: www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au/families

Matt Desmarchelier
PE Teacher



Representing JP11

On Wednesday the 15 September four of our Grade 6 students represented our school in the STCPSSA Franklin V Clark representative games.

Congratulations to Max O'Brien and Hunter Auksorius who were our football representatives and Charli Fitzgerald and Lily Rossiter our netballers. Prior to competing, students were required to commit to and complete a training session where they were able to show off their talents and meet the other members of their team. All four students played extremely well, doing themselves, their families and our school proud.

Mrs B



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2023 KINDER ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

We look forward to welcoming your child and family to our school. At JP11 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
03 62477104 | johnpaul.tas.edu.au

First Eucharist

Recently four of our students received Holy Eucharist at Mass for the first time.

We congratulate Lilly Upton, Lily Rossiter, Robbiel Reyes and Makenzie Giffard on this special occasion.



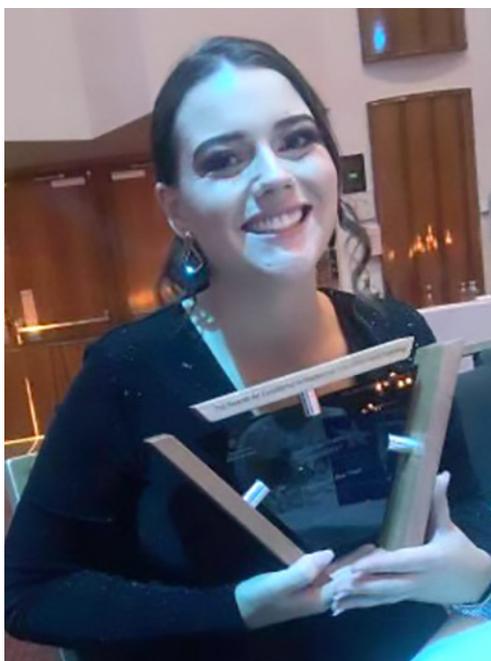
We were thrilled for them upon receiving this Sacrament as it is a precious and wonderful thing.

When we receive Jesus' body in the Eucharist he then becomes part of us and we take his Spirit into our hearts. We then live that Spirit by being like Jesus in all that we say and do. They were lovely celebrations and a very special time for our students and their families.



Pictured L-R: Makenzie Giffard, Lilly Upton, Robbiel Reyes and Lily Rossiter

Tasmanian Trainee of the Year Award



Congratulations to Ashing Cannell for winning the Trainee of the Year award.

The Trainee of the Year award is presented to an individual who is undertaking a Traineeship and has been outstanding in all aspects of their training.

We are very proud of Ash and lucky to have her as a staff member at John Paul II.

GETTING TO KNOW JO



Name Joanne Whitton

Position

Teacher Assistant working with students to improve their Speech and Language skills.

Your ideal way to spend a day off?

I enjoy gardening and spending time with my family and friends.

How long have you worked at JP II?

I have been working at JP II for 5 years now in many different roles.

Favourite part of working in your position at JP II?

My favourite part of working at JP II is being able to work with the children and see their progress and the excitement on their face when they achieve their goals.

Best moment at JP (so far!)

There have been many great moments while working at JP II but I feel the caring and friendly nature of the staff towards each other and the students is what stands out the most. I love working with the children and seeing the progress they make, especially in speech and language, which is a huge part of what I am doing at JP II at the moment. I feel proud that I can have a small part in their achievements.

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

I would like to think that I am a caring, adaptable and a supportive person, both to the staff and students.

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

I feel so lucky to work in such a great work environment.



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MACKILLOP PATHWAY



MacKillop
CATHOLIC COLLEGE



A Taste of MacKillop

Grade Four students will be attending MacKillop for a taster day on 12 October.

This will be a fun day focused on everything MacKillop has to offer.

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

Coming UP...

September 23 - Art Exhibition & AFL Breakfast BBQ

On September 23 we are holding an Art Exhibition and AFL Breakfast BBQ. These will both run between 8am - 9am. Parents/Carers are invited to come and see some of their student's art work. This will be displayed around the school and in classrooms. We will conclude this time with an AFL Parade at 9am. More information will be sent home closer to the day.

Setup for Success will take a break over the school holidays and will resume on the first week of Term 4, Friday 15 October from 9am-10:30am. Setup for Success is the perfect activity to do with your child/children. All are welcome. Free.

School Holidays 27 September - 8 October 2021

Term 4 resumes Monday 11 October at 8:30am

Little News

Mood Food - Lunch Orders

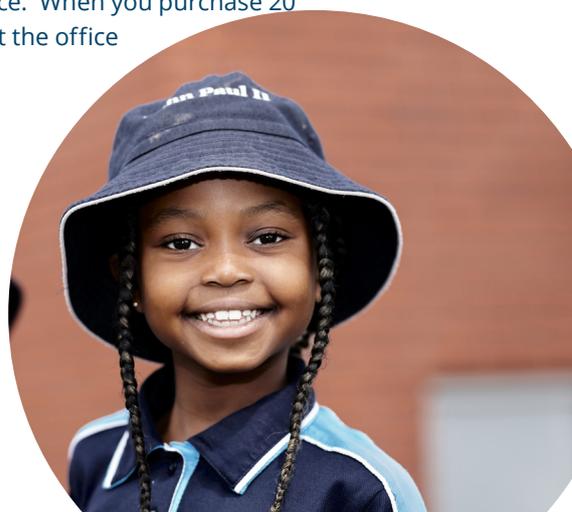
Lunch orders with Mood Food continue to the end of this term and will resume on the first week of Term 4. Lunch orders are Thursdays and are \$6.00. Orders need to be placed with the office on a Wednesday before 11:30am.

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. You must check in everytime when you enter the building using the Check in TAS app or we can assist you to do so manually at the office.



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