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Principal's Focus

THE FINAL COUNTDOWN!

This last month of school is action packed full of swimming, excursions, Advent, End of Year Events and more learning. As the weather warms up (hopefully), it is a real opportunity to bask in the light of the 2021 school year.

I would like to thank Ms Jane Davies, Mr Jesse McGuinness, Mrs Di O'Rourke, Mrs Ash Cannell and Mrs Olivia Auksoorius (guest appearance) for their energy and leadership on Grade 4 camp. It was a wonderful growth experience for our students and a lot of fun. I told Grade 4 they need to build their resilience though, as Grade 5/6 camps are three nights!

End of Year Grade 6 events fast approach us. We have a family celebration at 10.00am Thursday 9 December, followed by an opportunity for students to celebrate with their peers at the Leaver's Dinner that evening. Our current Grade 6s have worked through the challenges of COVID-19, to have two very successful upper primary years. We look forward to celebrating the end of their Primary School years with them.

Brendan Gill | Principal



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Let the Digging Begin!

Behind the Church there is a lot of action occurring as builders commence construction of the school's new utility shed.

The shed will provide direct access to the front of the school as well as the school oval. The plans also include increased parking behind the Church to cater for the school's growing community.

The site of the current shed will become a new hall, with specialist Music, Drama and Art facilities. Construction of the new hall will take approximately seven months, with completion in 2022.

Mr Hallsworth is a little bit excited for his new digs!



Spring | Prayer

Dear God,
We rejoice and give thanks for earthworms,
bees, ladybirds and broody hens;
for humans tending their gardens, talking to
animals,
cleaning their homes and singing to themselves;
for rising of the sap, the fragrance of growth,
the invention of the wheelbarrow and the
existence of the teapot, we give thanks.
We celebrate and give thanks.

Amen.

Michael Leunig



Camp Adventures for Grade 4

Last week our Grade 4 students had an overnight camp. We stayed at Orana Guide Camp at Roches Beach.

On Monday we left school and went to play mini-golf at Cambridge Putt and Play. The course was really fun and it made us laugh because people kept hitting the ball into the rocks. Seven people got a hole in one and many of us got frustrated trying to get the ball in the hole. We then went to Richmond Village and looked around at the old buildings. We fed the ducks (and an eel) and then got an ice cream.

We then headed to Orana and set up for the night. Mr Gill came and cooked us dinner and Mrs Auksorious came to tuck us in.

On Tuesday we went on a walk to Seven Mile Beach. We walked, we built sandcastles, we had hot chips and then we went back to school.

We'd like to say thank you to Mrs O'Rourke, Mr McGuinness (the Organ Player), Miss Cannell, Mr Gill, Mrs Auksorious and Hannah for coming on camp with us. Thanks also to Mr Hallsworth for driving us around on the bus.



Jane Davies | Grade 4 Teacher



Time for a **Teddy Bear Excursion**

Kindergarten & Prep

On Monday 25 October, the Kinder and Prep classes went to the Botanical Gardens for the annual Teddy Bear Hunt.

First, the students had to follow a trail around the gardens to find the bears. Then, we had to answer a series of questions about the bears. There were 26 questions in total. Mrs Rickards group was the only group that found ALL of the bears. We were all very proud of our efforts.

The day was beautiful, and we were so lucky with the weather. Along the way, the Kinder and Prep students were asked to develop a series of "I wonder" questions. They did a fabulous job!

By Mrs Rickards | Prep Teacher
& Mrs Lange | Kindergarten Teacher



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2023 KINDER 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'

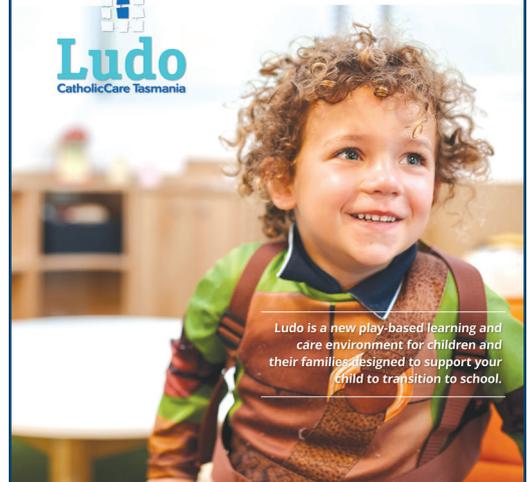
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Early Learning and Care for 3 to 5 year olds

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Call 1300 119 455, email ludo@aohatas.org.au
or visit ludo.org.au

MOVE WELL EAT WELL



We've all heard someone say that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, but have we ever stopped to think about why that might be the case?

Having a nutritious start to the day is especially important for our young children's minds and bodies. Research suggests that eating a nutritious breakfast before heading to school improves our kid's concentration, alertness, mood, and overall mental performance. We all know that morning time can be a struggle. Breakfast meal planning does not need to be extravagant! Here are some suggestions from the Dietitians Association of Australia.

- A bowl of whole-grain cereal with milk, a dollop of yoghurt and sliced fresh fruit. Try adding a sprinkle of nuts for extra crunch!
- A delicious smoothie made from milk, fresh fruit, and yoghurt
- A toasted slice of sourdough bread with some cheese, baked beans, or avocado
- Untoasted muesli or rolled oats
- Poached eggs on whole-grain toast with tomato, mushrooms, or spinach

Find out more at <https://www.linkhc.org.au/the-benefits-of-breakfast/> or <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/breakfast>

Matt Desmarchelier – Primary Physical Education Teacher

Preparing for 2022

On Week 4, we had Marty Ogle visit for MJR - Making Jesus Real Program.

Marty worked with Grade 5s in the morning and spoke to students about leadership in preparation for next year. He then worked with the Grade 6s in the middle block and spoke to them about their worries about high school and how they could prepare for the transition.

Our Grade 5 and 6 students were very inspired by the sessions and they proved to be very valuable creating interesting, discussions and shared concerns, particularly from our Grade 6 students about commencing High School in 2022.

Kelly Collinson | Grade 5/6 Teacher



FREE Setup for Success at JP II
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.



Remembrance Day provides us with an opportunity to pause and reflect and to commemorate our service men and women who died during wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Our School Captains and Vice Captain represented John Paul II Catholic School alongside Mrs O'Rourke at the Remembrance Day service at the South Arm RSL. Ollie Holmes, Max O'Brien and Tom Scott laid a wreath at the service. They represented our school with pride and were attentive during the various aspects of the service.

Hobart Chargers Basketball Clinic

This term our students from Grade 3 to Grade 6 have had the opportunity to participate in three basketball clinics. The program has been run by the Hobart Chargers as part of a state government funded program. Our students had their final session this week. They enjoyed practising their basketball skills and learning more about the game.



GETTING TO KNOW MRS B



Name Amanda Belbin (aka Mrs B)

Position Grade 5/6 Teacher (Huon)

Favourite way to spend a day or weekend off?

My favourite way to spend my weekends is at home with my family, cooking, watching a movie or rearranging my superhero collection

How long have you worked at JP II?

I have been part of the JP II community for 22 years when my eldest daughter started in Prep. I have been working here for 20 amazing years, 7 as a Teacher Assistant and 13 years as a Classroom Teacher.

Favourite part of working at JP II?

JP II is a great community, we have a fantastic supportive staff and wonderful families but the best thing about working at JP II is definitely my students. They make me smile every day.

Best moment at JP (so far!)

I have had so many great moments over my time at JP II and am lucky enough to encounter new 'best moments' in each and every school day. When I am in my classroom preparing for the day and a student bounces in with a smile on their face and a "Good morning Mrs B"..... that is always my new 'best moment'.

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

I believe that my desire to help others and no-fuss attitude in doing so is what makes me a valued member of the JP II team.

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

'Every child is a Superhero we just need to give them the courage to pull on the cape'.



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MACKILLOP PATHWAY



MacKillop
CATHOLIC COLLEGE



Orientation Day to MacKillop

A reminder to families that **Mackillop Orientation Day is 29 November. Students will be picked up at JP II (8.40am) and will return by 2.40pm at the latest.**

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

Drumbeat

This term our students from Grade 3 have been participating in a weekly Drumbeat session. Drumbeat incorporates hand drumming and behavioural therapeutic principles to achieve positive outcomes. Drumbeat also facilitates the social and emotional skills for healthy relationships and values. Our students are really enjoying this opportunity.

Water Awareness & Safety Program commences

This term our students from Prep to Grade 6 are participating in a Water Awareness & Safety program at Oceana Aquatic and Fitness Centre. Students in Prep and Grade 1 will take part in a one week program, while students in Grades 2 to Grade 6 will take part in a two week program.

Grade 6 students transition to High School

As our Grade 6 students near the end of their time with us at John Paul II, they are given the opportunity to visit the high school they will attend for a transition session. These days are provided so that students can familiarise themselves with their new environment, meet new people and get to know how things run in a high school situation. This is an exciting time for our Grade 6 students. We wish them all well as they participate in their transition experiences later this term.

Little News

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.

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.



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