



John Paul II
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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John Paul II Catholic School Newsletter | November 2021



Principal's Focus

The builders are on site! Over the next eight months we will see so much of our planning come to fruition, as the new entry, utility shed, and school hall is constructed.

Mrs Lauren Hall was recently appointed to be Deputy Principal in 2022, whilst Mrs Di O'Rourke is Acting Principal at St Brigid's. Mrs Hall will be visiting for a number of days this term to meet staff and students.

We have also recently appointed Mrs Melissa Thirgood from St Cuthbert's as the new Student Support: Programs teacher. The primary role of the Student Support: Programs Teacher is to lead and manage the following programs at John Paul II Catholic School: Whole School Literacy Program, English as an Additional Language (EAL), Extended Learning Program & Aboriginal Academic Success Program. The Student Support: Programs teacher will work as part of the Student Support Team.

Brendan Gill | Principal



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Jumping for Joy at Athletics



In-between days of rain, we managed to hold our annual Athletics Carnival. The sun was out, the ground was dry (mainly) and students had a wonderful time.

Our Athletics Carnival offers a range of events for Kinder to Grade 6 students including sack races, long and high jumps, egg and spoon races running races and more! Our youngest Ludo children and our staff also had the opportunity to experience the fun in special events! The emphasis is on participation and the students rose to the occasion with big smiles.

Thank you to Matt Desmarchelier, Amanda Belbin & Sarah Fitzgerald for all their work in preparation for the carnival. It was great to see our new long jump pit in action.

Good luck to students selected to participate in the STCPSSA Athletics Carnival on Friday.



PRAYER

I plead with you -
never give up on hope,
never doubt, never tire
and never become
discouraged.
Be not afraid.

Pope John Paul II

Creativity on Display

At the end of Term 3 we held our inaugural student art exhibition.

It was a lovely morning and a wonderful celebration of the creative spirit at John Paul II. The quality and creativity of the students art is a testament to the value of a weekly art class offered as part of the school curriculum. Thank you to Mrs Moynihan our specialist art teacher.

Congratulations to our 1st, 2nd and 3rd People's and Principal's Choice winners as shown here. A big thank you to all families who came along to the exhibition and supported the event.



1st | Adnan - Grade 2

Leland - Grade 4
Principal's Choice



2nd Ava - Grade 3



3rd Maya - Grade 4

Buddy Programs in Full Swing

MacKillop Student Buddies

Our MacKillop Buddies program continues this term in the focus year levels of Prep and Grade 2. MacKillop students visit the school and our students also visit MacKillop.



Mt Carmel Student Buddies

Grade 9 Mt Carmel students visited us as part of their outreach program. They were particularly popular in our Early Learning Centre.



Time for Pre-Kinder Sessions

The month of November hails the commencement of our much anticipated Pre-Kinder Sessions with families of enrolled students commencing in 2022.

The two Pre-Kinder sessions and one Parent Information Session offer a fantastic opportunity for families and pre-schoolers to meet and spend quality time with their Kindergarten teacher and staff as well as familiarising themselves with their classroom, new classmates and school. The Pre-Kinder sessions are similar to our popular Set-Up for Success Program however the focus will be on activities to assist children to adjust to a Kindergarten environment.

In our final session we will discuss in detail the information included in the Kinder Handbook and encourage parents to ask any questions they have before the school year commences.

With many families already enjoying our free Set-Up for Success Program on a Friday morning coupled with attending the upcoming Pre-Kinder sessions, we are confident the transition to Kindergarten will be an exciting and positive experience.



'Transition to Kindergarten can be a positive experience for students with good preparation and information.'

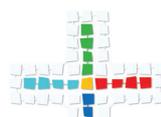


FREE Setup for Success at JP II
Birth to 5 years with parent /carer

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.



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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

MOVE WELL EAT WELL

With the weather starting to warm up (finally!) after our sporadic monsoonal rain of the past few weeks, now is as great a time to have conversations with our kids about the importance of sun safety and staying hydrated during the warmer months. Let's be honest, no one wants to be a tomato this summer!

The sun's ultraviolet radiation (UV rays) are the major cause of damage to our skin and prevention of this damage is critically important. Over exposure to UV causes wrinkles, skin and eye damage and is a major cause of skin cancer, the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia. There are a number of simple ways to help protect ourselves against the sun. Before spending time outside, check the SunSmart app to see if sun protection is required. UV ratings of 3 or higher require us to seek shade, wear hats, long sleeve shirts, sunglasses and of course sunscreen where possible.

Lastly, don't forget to book a 'skin check' to check up on your own and your family's skin. Early detection of the different types of skin cancer is a crucial step in diagnosis and potential treatment.

For more tips to be SunSafe: <https://www.cancer.org.au/cancer-information/causes-and-prevention/sun-safety/be-sunsmart>

Myth or Fact? <https://www.cancer.org.au/cancer-information/causes-and-prevention/sun-safety/10-myths-about-sun-protection>

Check out the SunSmart app <https://www.cancer.org.au/cancer-information/causes-and-prevention/sun-safety/be-sunsmart/sunsmart-app>

Mr Desmarchelier | PE Teacher

Navigating 'Socials'

Social media can be a tricky issue to navigate in children and teenagers, particularly with social media platforms and gaming on the rise in the community. It is useful to consider that many social media platforms have age restrictions in order to keep children and young people safe online. For example, Facebook and Instagram have an age restriction of 13 years of age.

Whilst many social media platforms have age restrictions, these are not always enforced and this becomes the responsibility of a parent/guardian or care-giver. This can make it even more difficult to monitor and control, particularly if your children's friends are using social media platforms before being of this age, and then your child wishes to do the same and cannot understand why this may not be a good idea.

Some options to consider around social media and gaming use include: Could you compromise? What if your child uses a family social media account until they're old enough for their own? This could give your child a way to connect with friends with your help to navigate social media. Could your child use a child-friendly social media platform, like YouTube Kids or Messenger Kids? These have stronger safety settings and age-appropriate content. **Problems we see at school arising from the use of these platforms when not managed appropriately are students suffering from overtiredness which can affect learning and social/emotional abilities, low self-esteem, disengagement and friendship problems including bullying to name a few.**

Talking is the best way to protect your child from social media risks and ensure their internet safety and **it's up to us to ensure that children are using, and staying safe, online.** We are also here to talk to and assist where possible.

For more information please visit: <https://raisingchildren.net.au/teens/entertainment-technology/digital-life/social-media>

By Whitney and Trine | JP II School Counsellors



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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'

Located in Rokeby, Tasmania. Enquiries: Brendan Gill | Principal
03 62477104 | johnpaul.tas.edu.au

JPII Athletics Team



On Friday 5 October 2021 a team of 40 JPII students will head to the Domain Athletics Centre to compete in the annual STCPSSA Athletics Carnival.

This team has been chosen as a result of our recent John Paul II Carnival where all students had a fantastic day participating with enthusiasm and displaying outstanding school spirit. Our students will be participating in both track and field events and we both congratulate them on their selection in the team and wish them all the best as they represent our fantastic school at this event.

By Mrs Belbin



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GETTING TO KNOW ANNE



Name Anne Tanner

Position Business Manager

Favourite way to spend a day or weekend off?

On my days off I can be found cooking, reading and walking Tangara trails near home. As I live amongst many gum trees and I delight in keeping my home fire safe by having many little fires as I collect sticks and bark.... singing as I work is very uplifting for me but painful for those who can hear me.

How long have you worked at JPII?

I have worked at JPII for 16 wonderful years.

Favourite part of working in your position at JPII?

I am fortunate to be able to do things that bring me life and joy. I love being around and helping children, talking with people and helping wherever I can. These things emotionally fulfill me. I am grateful that I also get to use my love of math with the financial side of my role at JPII.

Best moment at JP (so far!)

It is a privilege to walk with our students whilst they are in primary school and we never tire of hearing of the progress our students make as they enter adulthood. However, seeing the LUDO and Set Up For Success programs blossom is very rewarding and I am very proud of the staff who have made this possible. We are very grateful to the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office for making these new learning spaces possible. I am very excited as we enter into the next stage with the building of the new Hall, Shed and new Library.

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

I hope my unique experience/skill is making people feel they are able to come to me with anything that is concerning them. I value the gift of just listening and offering practical support where possible. Confidentiality and fun is essential in building relationships with all my wonderful friends at JPII.

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

Be your best self! We only have one life! Eat well, move well and sleep well! Value the stillness and silence - Mother nature is a wonderful teacher.



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END OF TERM 3 STUDENT AWARDS



Grade 1 Awards
Top: Liam
Middle: Nina
Bottom: Jase

Kindergarten

Most Consistent
Luka Auksorius



Most Improved
Jade Francis



Special Award
Charley Spratt



Grade 2 Awards
Top: Ruby
Middle: Xavier
Bottom: Jase



Grade 3 Awards
Top: Kyle
Middle: Laycee
Bottom: Amayah



Prep

Most Consistent | Jett Itchins

Most Improved | Toby Oates

Special Award | Rosie Barlow



Prep Awards
Top: Toby
Middle: Jett
Bottom: Rosie



Grade 1

Most Consistent | Liam Brennan

Most Improved | Nina Rourke

Special Award | Jase Mabb

Grade 2

Most Consistent | Ruby Spratt

Most Improved | Xavier Burrett

Special Award | Beau Gallagher

Grade 3

Most Consistent | Kyle Doan

Most Improved | Laycee Savage

Special Award | Amayah Mabb

Grade 4

Most Consistent | Aaron Okumu

Most Improved | Toby Rourke

Special Award | Ruby Roberts

Grade 5/6 Huon

Most Consistent | Robbiel Reyes

Most Improved | Aidan Mead

Special Award | Riley Morgan

Grade 5/6 Sassafras



Most Consistent
Caleb Brown



Most Improved
Logan Farr



Special Award
Oliver Taylor



Grade 4 Awards
Top: Aaron
Middle: Toby
Bottom: Ruby



Grade 5/6 Huon
Top: Robbiel
Middle: Aidan
Bottom: Riley

