



"Prima Primum" – First Things First

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PRAYER

Last Sunday was the Feast of Christ the King marking the end of the church year prior to the Christmas season of Advent.

Feast of Christ the King

The parable of the Last Judgment unveils for us in a surprising and even shocking manner the true identity of our real King and Judge. Look at the characters in the parable: the hungry and thirsty, the stranger, the sick, the naked, and the prisoner.

Jesus asks us to consider the place we give to human beings in our lives, especially those who are on the margins, downtrodden, poor, and unwanted. He asks us to raise serious questions about the kind of values and priorities affecting the ways we organise and live our lives. Christ tells us that in them He still suffers and that in them His Body is still broken.

Do not be surprised therefore that our judges will be those we may have met before. We may have served or neglected to serve them. Yet these seemingly little acts of mercy and kindness determine who we are forever.

God help us consider the place we give to human beings in our lives, especially those who are on the margins.

St Paul pray for us.
Blessed Edmund, pray for us.
Live Jesus in our Hearts, forever.
Amen

PRINCIPAL

Enterprise in the Local Community

The conclusion to our eight-week program with 21 selected Year 9 and 10 Commerce students at St Pauls on 18th November was a very memorable occasion with a wonderful series of presentations in The Waterford Hall with employer

mentors present along with Seven Mile Venture Lab, our enterprise coaches.

The four groups of boys worked with a local business owner taking up a problem and through diligent research and creative thinking came up with potential solutions to their issues; entrepreneurship in action. I was struck by how professional our boys were and the depth of their insight. We need to be doing more of this in education.

We also had present for the first time at a College gathering, Ms Zali Steggall, our local Member of Parliament who also addressed the gathering. We look forward to her return to the College in 2021.

For those students who participated, their parents and the wider College community, find here a Youtube link for the student presentations held that day:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=agQFQ_4xkl0

I would particularly like to thank Ms Karen Shawcross who carried forward the management of this from the College side each week supporting all. I'd also like to thank our Seven Mile partners Greg Twemlow and Mitchell Filby, our employer mentors Adam Fazzani, Matt Clarke, Julija McDowell, Tim Watson and Jonas Bengtsson as well as Phil Cox and Mel Timmerman from Catholic Schools Broken Bay who brought this to our attention as part of our broader strategy of brokering learning pathways for all our boys.

Vaping / E-Cigarettes

Just a further reminder on this issue. Can I ask please that parents, if you have not done so already familiarise yourself with this issue and the position of the College on it. I have re-activated posts from June and August from myself and Ms Bowland in Compass.

Please check your Compass newsfeed.

They are not just e-cigarettes. They are dangerous and the issue needs adult attention. No user can be certain of what they are inhaling. They are banned from the College. We need your help with this please.

God bless.

Mr Chris Browne
Principal

Please check out the College on Social Media

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscatholiccollegemanly>

<https://twitter.com/stpaulsmanly>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/st-paul-s-catholic-college-manly/?viewAsMember=true>

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Last week the Enterprise in the Local Community program came to a close. The Year 9 and 10 boys had to present their problem and solution to an audience. This program was offered to the College as a pilot program for the Department of Education. The boys were mentored along the way by the Seven Mile Venture Lab and the business owners. Some of them met with our local state member James Griffin MP, asking questions about how they could help the business they were working with succeed. The program allowed the boys to enhance their skills of communication, collaboration, teamwork, problem solving, and presentation. Congratulations to all those involved; the link to a video of the presentations is available here

We recently held our Year in Review for Year 11 in a COVID safe framework. This event was significant as it reminded the boys that they have now commenced their Higher School Certificate year. Years 7 to 10 are also going to have a COVID safe Year in Review during the day Friday 11th December. So that we can follow the guidelines, we will hold a Stage 4 presentation in Periods 1 and 2, and a Stage 5 presentation in Periods 3 and 4. These presentations will be videoed and placed on our College Facebook so that parents and others can watch. This day will also be the last day of formal classes for the 2020 school year. The College will be open on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December for supervision of students and for any parents who would like to meet with Teachers. All lockers need to be completely empty by Friday 11th December, so that they may all be cleaned over the summer break.

Thank you, to those parents who have completed, the 'Tell Them from Me' Survey. This survey does close on Friday 27th November (today) and if you would still like to complete it please use this link . This data is valuable, and the survey is completely anonymous; thank you for your support in this area.

Recently there has been a spike in vandalism in the student toilet block. Therefore, the toilet block has been locked during classes and boys are being asked to use the toilets in the Cardinal's Palace during class time when necessary. During recess and lunch the toilet block is available for use – however whilst this has reduced the vandalism, there is still damage being done. Please speak with your son and encourage him to report any vandalism.

Ms Karen Shawcross
Assistant Principal

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Catholicity of a school can be measured in two ways: through the Religious Education classes and through the active work of Mission. As we start to wind up the academic year, we can measure the academic successes through the exams and assessments that are now being marked. These don't always reflect the evangelisation and catechesis that can happen, but it can be seen in the ongoing work the student produce. Year 7 have handed in their final assessment of 2020 and have chosen a variety of forms to do so. There are videos, websites, slam poems, song, letter and collages. The richness of the work Year 7 has produced shows a great deal of promise.

The other way of showing our catholicity, through works, is beginning to show this week as we start collecting for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers. Already the ERC (Edmund Rice Centre) is brimming with goods to show the generosity of our students and families. Even Year 12, who have left the College, have started a collection. This comes on the back of our Catholic Mission fundraising where we collected over \$1400. This is four times the average raised by Catholic schools in NSW. Appropriately these funds will be going to help children in Cambodia. This week the Year 9 and 10 boys will see a short presentation about our immersion tours to Cambodia. As we cannot predict when we will be going again, we hope that those students who may be able to benefit will be able to volunteer a couple of hours on Boxing Day this year to raise funds manning the College car park for the Sydney to Hobart race.

Mr Steven Callow
Director of Religious Education

CAREERS

For comprehensive careers information please visit St Paul's Careers on our website at <http://stpaulsmanlycareers.com/> where you can find a calendar of careers based events along with information on the different pathways available to your son during and after school.

<http://stpaulsmanlycareers.com/>

For our Careers Newsletter please click on this link:

<http://stpaulsmanlycareers.com/?page=newsletter>

To subscribe to our careers email alerts of further and higher education provider open days and events, please follow the link below:

<https://stpaulsmanlycareers.com/?page=calendar-of-events>

Mr Dale Casburn
Leader of Post school Options

COLLEGE NOTICEBOARD

If you would like a tour of the College, please register your interest by calling our Enrolment Registrar, Mrs Louise Raffo on 9977 5111 or by emailing stpauls@dbb.catholic.edu.au

St Paul's Standard Collection Notice

Please find here an updated and current version of St Paul's Standard Collection Notice.

<https://stpaulsmanly.nsw.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Standard-Collection-Notice-February-2020.pdf>

YEAR 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 TEXTBOOK INFORMATION FOR 2021

The textbook requirements for 2021 are available ONLINE at the link below. Please place the order online before Monday 14th December 2020 using **G5YG** as your code, to ensure the books are home delivered to you ready for the start of the 2021 school year.

<http://www.campion.com.au/>

All orders are to be prepaid and will be delivered to your nominated address during the week ending Friday 15th January 2021 for a cost of \$15.95 per order.

We recommend you buy or sell your Second-hand books online via the link below.

<http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/>

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to telephone the Information Resource Centre at the College on 9977 5111.

Mrs Vicki Broome & Ms Suzanne Toomey
Leader of Learning IRC

YEAR 8 TECHNOLOGY

Over the past few weeks, Year 8 Technology students have completed and raced their balsawood CO2 cars, with great success. Their next challenge is to re-engineer the CO2 car into a solar car using the solar kit provided. Each student will need to cut down and re-shape their CO2 car to accommodate the solar panel, motor, drive wheel, axles and wheels. Stay tuned for updates on their engineering progress in the coming weeks.



Mrs Catherine Winter
Leader of Learning TAS

YOUTH MINISTRY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Each year our students proudly continue the tradition of creating quality hampers that are personally delivered to local needy families. Many of these families are facing hardship for the first time because of COVID and are worried about how they will keep a roof over their head and put food on the table.

This year we are asking each student to contribute \$5.00 that will go towards a gift voucher for the family to help with Christmas.

Also, could you please ensure all non-perishable items for the hamper are brought to the College by Friday 4th December.



RUA (Respect, Understanding and Acceptance)

Each year our students have the opportunity to participate in interfaith dialogue. Due to COVID we had to adapt our approach this year. Year 9 students were busy packing an essential "St Paul's Catholic box" that would be delivered to a Jewish, Muslim and Christian School around Sydney. We look forward to receiving our boxes this week from these schools and delving into dialogue online on Friday with these schools.



An invitation to discover more about our Catholic faith

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Young Adults

Perhaps you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic Christian for some time but never got around doing anything about it.



- Perhaps you have been Baptised but have not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation
- Perhaps you have been involved in a faith community but never took the step to investigate becoming a full member of the Church.

If you would like to know more about becoming a member of the church please contact joanne.kalayzich@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Ms Joanne Kalayzich
Youth Ministry Coordinator

SPORT

Good luck to St Paul's Year 7 Futsal who are in the Grand Final against Mater Maria Warriewood this afternoon.

Unfortunately, the Open and Year 8 Futsal miss out on the Finals.

U16s Touch remains undefeated with a win over St Leo's Wahroonga and a draw against St Augustine's Brookvale

Basketball continues to grow at St Paul's with a number of teams in Finals contention.

Over 150 students are participating in either surfing or surf survival during Thursday Afternoon Sport.

YEARS 9 & 10 SPORT PREFERENCES FOR TERM 1 IN 2021

Please complete the below form before Tuesday 1st December to select your Sport preference for Term 1 in 2021. You must choose a DIFFERENT SPORT for each preference. All allocations will be communicated at the Sports Office by the end of Week 8. If you are not happy with the selection, then you have until the end of Week 9 to request a change.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdG0Q_0xPz6_xKdFGTMog7x7GLwUWZfj8FSfalTFsDFF9hR9A/viewform?usp=sf_link

SCHOOL BASKETBALL 2021

Please express your interest in representing the school at Basketball in 2021 in the Manly Warringah Basketball Competition.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-moRx6qp9fHsLlpp08XfjtwLy8lr14vru1QS-qyU6VqTLfw/viewform?usp=sf_link

All enquiries, please contact me at timothy.emmerson@dbb.catholic.edu.au

2021 NSWCCC registrations are now open BBSSSA Sport Link

Broken Bay Secondary Schools Sport Association link:

<https://www.brokenbaysport.org.au/secondary>

Mr Tim Emmerson
Leader of Sport

Cricket: Manly Cup Semi Final v Balgowlah Boys

The St Paul's Opens beat a very young Balgowlah Boys Opens to reach next Term's Final. Having said that, we included 5 debutants, including Luke Watts of Year 7, who all made significant contributions. Mac Forsyth in Year 10 snared a

wicket with his first ball and finished with 2/6. Jedd Thomas in Year 9 took 3 catches, Luke Watts opened the bowling with precision, Tom Dignam in Year 10 stood up to take the difficult number 3 position and took a great catch in the deep. Most impressive was George Saunders in Year 9 with 69 not out. A brilliant innings that combined patience and raw power that included 8 boundaries and 3 sixes.

We batted first with Joel Davies in Year 11/12 effectively giving us a 50 run head start smashing 56 off 21 balls, ably assisted by Luke McGuire in Year 11/12 (29 runs). With George's 69 at the heart of the innings there were plenty of runs contributed across the team – Ethan Stubbs in Year 10 (17 runs) and Lachlan Trewartha in Year 11/12 (16 runs).

Stubbs snared 2 wickets, as did Harrison Ryals in Year 11/12 but it was Ollie Cerovic in Year 11/12 who was the pick of the bowlers with 4 for 7 off 6 over.

Scores:

SPCC 9/209

Balgowlah Boys all-out 101

Mr Steven Callow
Coach

MUSIC @ST PAUL'S CONCERT SERIES TERM 4 2020

The Creative and Performing Arts Department are delighted to invite the St Paul's Community to the final Music @St Paul's Concert for 2020.

Wednesday 2nd December 2020 5:30pm - 6:30pm

The concert will be held in the Upper Waterford Hall and will follow all Covid-19 safety protocols. All guests will be required to sign in upon arrival. Hand sanitiser will also be provided.

We look forward to sharing with you Music from our two Bands, Elective Music students and students undertaking private tuition at St Paul's.



Mr Luke Edmunds
Leader of Learning Creative and Performing Arts

FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM FOR 2021

Thank you to all of the families who have already returned their Family Registration Form for 2021. For those families who have not, please return your form (signed by both parents) to the College Office by Monday 30th November, 2020 or email by the same date to stpauls@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Thank you.

Mr Frank van Bokhoven
Business Manager

SCHOOL TRAVEL FOR 2021

Applications for a Student Opal Card need to be submitted before **Thursday 31st December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated, and the current entitlement/card remains valid. If the application is submitted after Thursday 31st December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is now located at the College Reception in the Cardinal's Palace. If your son is missing any item(s) please ask him to check at the College Reception and staff will endeavour to locate his missing item(s).

Please label your son's uniform items. Uniforms are expensive and when they have no identification, we cannot return them to the owner.

If your son has out grown his school uniform please consider donating any items, particularly senior uniform pieces and jackets, to the spare uniform pool at the College – this has proven to be a very helpful solution to many boys experiencing wardrobe 'malfunctions' during the course of the school day and is a great way to recycle, reduce landfill. The College ties are always very welcome as these are often misplaced by the boys.

PARENT LIAISON GROUP

If you are interested in being more involved with St Paul's and the Parent Liaison Group, you are very welcome. If you have any feedback or questions, please feel free to email us at plgspcc@gmail.com

Mrs Michal Brenchley and Mrs Leisa Cannon
Parent Liaison Group

CANTEEN

As well as cash, the online Flexischools ordering and payment service is available for ordering in 2020.

To register, please follow the instructions available at the following Url,

<http://www.flexischools.com.au/>

Cut off time for lunch orders via Flexischools is 9:30am

EFTPOS is available.

We welcome new ideas and initiatives and work hard to accommodate requests.

Special dietary requirements are available on request: gluten free, dairy free, halal, vegetarian, vegan, and nut free can be catered for.

Tania and Teresa
Yummy Bears Kiosk

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

It is strongly recommended that uniforms be purchased from Pickles before the end of this year to minimise queuing during the January 2021 back to school period. Most importantly, Pickles wants to keep everyone safe (and within the government guidelines for social distancing) in their store.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Are you following us on social media? Important communication will continue to be emailed, posted and placed in the newsletter but social media is another way to keep up to date with the happenings here at St Paul's.

FACEBOOK: @stpaulscatholiccollegemanly
INSTAGRAM: spcc_manly
TWITTER: @stpaulsmanly

If you have concerns about your son appearing on social media, please alert the College immediately.



BROKEN BAY NEWS

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/broken-bay-news/broken-bay-news-editions>

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College Website: www.stpaulsmanly.nsw.edu.au
Newsletter Password: stpaulsnews
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Student achievements
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