



# ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*St Paul's Primary School is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community*

Jesus was God's gift to the world, not just for Christmas, but for every single day--your whole life through--and even beyond for all eternity.



## Dates To Remember:

### DECEMBER:

**Saturday, 17** Parish Nativity Play (after 6.30pm mass)

### JANUARY 2023

**Term 1: Tuesday, 31 January - Thursday 6 April**

**Friday, 27:** Staff return to school

**Monday, 30: PUPIL FREE DAY**

**Tuesday, 31:** Students return to school (Preps attend to 1.30pm)

### FEBRUARY:

**Thursday, 16:** Cyber Safety Information Session of Parents 7pm

#### 2023 SACRAMENT DATES

##### First Reconciliation

- Thursday 4 May 2023 @ 11.40am (Students)
- Thursday 4 May 2023 @ 6.30pm (Families in the Church)

##### FIRST EUCHARIST

- Sunday 21 May 2023 @ 2.00pm

##### CONFIRMATION

- Friday 1 September 2023 @ 7.00pm

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We congratulate our Year 6 students and wish them every success as they enter secondary school next year. They have been a great group of students in their seven years at St Paul's and they should be extremely proud of what they have achieved. We are confident they are ready, and more than equipped, to embrace the exciting challenges in the coming years. We feel privileged that we were given the opportunity to play a part in your education and lives, and in shaping the person that you have become.

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**Lord God,  
We ask for your blessing to be upon our Year 6 children  
who are leaving St Pauls and moving on to Secondary school.  
Bless their lives with goodness and love.  
Help them to stay true to their dreams,  
to use their gifts wisely,  
and to walk into the future with  
faith, hope, and great love.  
Amen.**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The text "Good Bye" is written in a large, elegant, black cursive font on a light grey rectangular background.

We farewell families who will be leaving the St Paul's community at the end of this year – we thank you for all you have contributed. We hope your time at St Paul's has been filled with lasting memories and friendships. We wish you all the best in the future. You will remain special members of our community and will always be welcome.

### **Goodbye to Year 6 families ending their time at St Paul's:**

**Cerra, Khattar, Cai, Atkinson, Collett, Ferguson, Hudyma, A & J Ibrahim, M Ibrahim, Madia, Sayssauk, Saoud, Wadhwa, Yabas, Van de Ven, Tullberg, Sassine, Billington, Broumos, Cheung, Coats, James, Karki, Verma, Shrestha-Maskey**

### **We also say goodbye to children who will be attending new schools in 2023:**

**Ava I, Isabella R, Thomas & Marianne M, Stacy C, Luca T**

The text "thank you" is written in a large, elegant, black cursive font on a light grey rectangular background.

**It's time to say thank you to everyone in our community**

**FATHER JAMES** - We thank Father James as our faith leader for his support, and spiritual guidance. We are fortunate to have a Parish Priest who supports our school in many ways with classroom visits, celebration of Sacraments, class and school masses.

**PARENTS** - Thank you to all St Paul's parents and families; you have supported our school in so many ways. This year, we reconnected as a community through Colour Fun Run, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Carols evening, classroom and excursion helpers. I thank all parents and families who have supported our school in so many ways. Firstly in working in partnership with us, to ensure we give your children the very best school, learning and emotional support. Through your support of all the fundraising activities this year, the money we have raised has enormously contributed to the playground and technology upgrade, THANK YOU!

**PARENTS and FRIENDS** - A special Thank You to Stella and Audrey for leading our PnF. They organised all our events and along with our band of volunteers for who made possible the Sausage Sizzle, Colour Fun Run and Mother's /Father's Day.

**STAFF** - A huge thank you to all of our wonderful dedicated St Paul's staff, we are fortunate to have a dedicated, committed and caring staff. Our staff work together to ensure all the children have many enriching learning opportunities and experiences and are continually developing themselves professionally, so that the children in their care develop academically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. Thank you to our Office staff for their important work in keeping our school running efficiently.

**OUR BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN** - Our beautiful children are the reason we are at school each day. How brilliant were they this year as they settled back into school life and *just got on with the business of school!*. Our beautiful children come to school each morning, with energy, enthusiasm, care, smiles, a passion, and excitement for learning and friendships. We have had the privilege to witness, share and influence their transformation and growth. We are most grateful to share in this partnership with our parents and look forward to celebrating more success in in 2023.

**I thank everyone in our wonderful school community and I continue to feel very privileged to be Principal. Wishing every family a very happy, safe and most blessed Holy Christmas with your children and families. We look forward to seeing everyone, along with our newest St Paul's school members, in 2023.**

**Maria Mercuri**

# FROM THE OFFICE

## Correct School Uniform is Compulsory

A reminder that all St Paul's students are to wear the correct uniform at school. In 2023, all students will be required to wear the correct uniform and footwear each day. Our uniform supplier is Spartan Uniform. They can help with the purchase of correct uniform, please see their contact details below. We will also have great quality second hand uniforms. These can be purchased from the school office.

**Jewellery** - Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears are the only acceptable jewellery.

**Hair** must be tied back if it is shoulder length or longer. Fringe must not be in student eyes.

All **hair accessories** - clips, ribbons, headbands, etc. - to be blue, black or white in colour.

**School Shoes** - acceptable footwear is black shoes.

**Runners** can only be worn on Sports days.



## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

If you would like to purchase any items please contact Jo at [office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au)  
Each item is selling for \$5.

If you would like to donate any items, please wash and drop off at the office.

### NEW UNIFORM - Spartan School World

If you require new SUMMER uniform, please go to the website  
[www.spartanschoolworld.com.au](http://www.spartanschoolworld.com.au)

They have an online shop [onlineorders@spartanss.com.au](mailto:onlineorders@spartanss.com.au)



or visit the shop located at:

**97 Main Road, Lower Plenty, Vic 3093**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 12pm - 5pm**

**1st Saturday of every month: 9am - 12pm**

**Phone: 1800 815 557**

Spartan will deliver to school for you to collect from the school office, or home delivery for \$9.95 extra. Returns of incorrect sizes can be arranged through Spartan.

Orders from Spartan are dispatched on Wednesday and are delivered to school on Thursday.



ST PAUL'S PARISH NATIVITY PLAY  
ST PAUL'S CHURCH  
SATURDAY, 17TH DECEMBER



You are warmly invited to a  
Christmas Celebration  
Featuring a:  
**NATIVITY PLAY**  
With  
Carols, Kings, Angels, LIVE camels, and a donkey, etc.  
And followed by refreshments in the School Hall  
At  
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Children are invited to bring  
their letters to the Three Kings

