



# 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*

## PRAYER FOR YEAR 6 STUDENT LEADERS

Lord we ask you guide our student leaders  
during this school year, to be the best in all they do.

Bless our student leaders  
as they take on the responsibilities  
and challenges of being leaders.

May they always lead with fairness, justice and equality.

Guide them in all they do and  
may they be filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit.

## Dates To Remember:

**Term 1: Monday, 30 January - Wednesday 5 April**

### FEBRUARY:

Wednesday, 22: Ash Wednesday Mass 10.00am  
Friday, 24: Senior Interschool Sport

### MARCH:

Monday, 6: Whole School Athletics Day  
Tuesday, 7: School Photo Day  
Monday, 13: Labour Day Public Holiday  
Monday, 20: 3/4 Life Saving Incursion  
Monday, 27: Prep Fire Education Incursion  
Tuesday, 28: Sacrament of Penance- Family Night  
Friday 31: Colour Fun Run

### APRIL:

Monday, 3: 3/4 Life Saving Excursion  
Wednesday, 5: Last Day of Term 1 for students - 3.30pm finish  
Thursday, 6: Student Free Day - First Aid Training for staff  
Friday, 7: April Good Friday  
Sunday, 9: April Easter Sunday  
Monday, 24: Term 2 Commences  
Tuesday, 25: Anzac Day Public Holiday

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY  
2.45PM MONDAY 13  
FEBRUARY:**

**YEAR 3/4T  
PRESENTING!**

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## A message from Principal, Maria Mercuri

**Beginning of Year School Mass** - Last Friday we had our Beginning of Year School Mass. Father James led this Mass and gave a blessing to all staff, children and to our 2023 Student Leaders. His message to the students was to **Share the Light of Jesus**. Jesus said 'You are the light of the world'. 'May we share this light and warmth with each other.' Each one of us can make a difference by how we treat each other. When we are kind to each other, using kind actions and words, the light of Jesus within us shines for others to see. No matter who we are, we can all work together to share the light of Jesus!



**St Paul's Student Leaders** - At St Paul's, student leadership experiences are essential to developing skills in service to others. Jesus is our model of leadership. Students who are elected to leadership positions are great role models for others and support staff. Leadership is encouraged in all senior students with Year 6 committing to being positive role-models to all students:

**Congratulations to our 2023 Student Leaders who were commissioned at our school mass**

<b>School Captains</b> Eloise & Michael	<b>School Vice Captains</b> Shelby & Leon	<b>Sustainability Leaders</b> Rick & Ruben	<b>Mini Vinnies</b> Celine & Lola
<b>O'Hea - Red House Captains</b> Caitlyn & Matthew	<b>Howlett - Yellow House Captains</b> Lex & Alessia	<b>Mcauley - Blue House Captains</b> Jake & Sadie	<b>O'Riley - Green House Captains</b> Antonio & Amelia



## Sibling Enrolments for 2023

Do you have a child commencing Prep in 2024? Please enrol your child by the end of February so we can determine how many places will be available to new families in for 2024. Collect your enrolment forms from the school office.

### Can your business advertise a flyer?

We would love your support in promoting 2024 enrolments to the community.

**Please contact the office if you can advertise a flyer.**

Thank you to Cathy & family at **O'Heas Bakery** (Leon 5/6H) for posting a school tour flyer on their shop front.



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
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Wellbeing  
and learning  
for all

## ENROLMENTS

# NOW ACCEPTING PREP 2024 APPLICATIONS

BOOK A TOUR WITH OUR PRINCIPAL

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9354 8970



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL



**PARENT INFORMATION SESSION** Last night we were fortunate to have Susan McLean, Australia's Leading Cyber Safety Expert, share with our community some information about Cyber Safety. This session delivered important messages about caring for kids in an online world. With the explosion of cyber technology, the issues of cyberbullying and 'sexting', are emerging as the number one issue confronting the safety and wellbeing of young people and the wider community. All too often, the digital world that is being accessed at home, is coming into school classrooms and the school yard.

Today, Susan met with the Grade 4, 5 and 6 students to educate them on how their choices can help keep them safe online. She encouraged anyone experiencing an online problem to **be brave and tell a trusted adult**. A key message she gave was that Australian children must be **13 years old** before signing up for a social media account. To be safe online, our children need to be **honest, responsible and follow the terms & conditions** of any platform they sign up for.

If you did not attend the session, please access the parent videos on Susan's website (link below). Family education is the first step in **keeping children safe**. [Parents - Cyber Safety Solutions](#)

## PARENT REFLECTIONS

"Very confronting but also a valuable lesson to parents to know how their child is communicating on the internet. Thank you Susan McLean."

Susan McLean gave a brilliant talk about the dangers of social media and the impacts it has on younger children. There were lots of gasps and it was an eye opening experience, learning about the impacts of certain apps! Would love her to attend my daughter's high school.

Susan's experience and wealth of knowledge brings light to the darkness in a social media context exposing very real dangers that operate in today's youth landscape. Susan's early intervention tips and risk mitigation strategies provide parents with new and extra tools to guide and navigate themselves and their children in a world driven by social media. This information session is invaluable to parents and may just change a or save a life."



# FROM THE OFFICE

## 2023 SCHOOL FEES & LEVIES PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payment forms went home today, please check your child's school bags. Please fill these in and return them as soon as possible. If you have any questions please contact the office. Invoice statements will be emailed to you in the week ending 24th February.

## REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, you can report it in the following ways:

Skoolbag App : Using Forms

Email:  [office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au)

Phone:  93548970 Option 1: Leave a message with the reason

**Report  
Student  
Absence**

## UNIFORMS - SPARTAN SCHOOL WORLD

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

**They have an online shop 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

They can be contacted Phone: 1800 815 557 or [onlineorders@spartanss.com.au](mailto:onlineorders@spartanss.com.au)

**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.

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM** is available via email only. [office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au)

**Items are \$10 a piece in cash only.**

Please email the office with your uniform item requests. The office will get back to you via email if the items are available.

## CLASSROOM CUISINE

Classroom Cuisine is our online lunch order system. It is a convenient and user friendly service providing high quality school lunches at an affordable price.

Classroom Cuisine delivers lunches to St Paul's on **FRIDAY**.

The menu is available online.

**Please visit the website below and register your child and order lunches-**

[classroomcuisine.com.au](http://classroomcuisine.com.au)

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

TO BE PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY, 20 FEBRUARY

Class	Name	Awarded for...
Prep D	Riva B	For being a <b>Responsible</b> member of our classroom by following our school rules and always making safe choices. Well done!
	Gianna	For being a <b>Respectful</b> member of our classroom by always using her beautiful manners and treating others with kindness. Great job!
Prep B	Selena	For being a <b>Respectful</b> member of our classroom and showing kindness to others.
	Charlie	For being <b>Resilient</b> in trying your best to learn lots of new things at school. Well done Charlie!
1/2 A	Shivans A	For being <b>Respectful</b> and showing kindness and lovely manners to all of his teachers and friends. Well done!
	Sophie E	For being a <b>Responsible</b> learner who tries her best every day. Well done!
1/2 G	Emiliana S	Presented to Emiliana for being <b>Prepared</b> and organised for her daily learning. You are inspirational in every way.
	James OBC	Presented to James for being <b>Respectful</b> in his learning spaces. He is learning about personal space, whole body listening and projecting his voice to share his ideas.
1/2 P	Fletcher M	Being <b>Prepared</b> , and putting effort into his work, especially when completing writing tasks. Well done!
	Tina N	Being <b>Respectful</b> towards everyone, listening attentively, being kind and working collaboratively. A great effort!
3/4 M	Estelle J	Being <b>respectful</b> and inclusive of all students during learning time and on the playground at recess and lunch.
	Valentino C	Being <b>Prepared</b> by listening to instructions and working hard to learn new classroom routines which allows him to engage with classroom tasks effectively.
3/4 MO	Evan B	Being <b>Prepared</b> by working hard to follow instructions, listening carefully and giving himself the best opportunity for great learning.
	Zara H	Being <b>Prepared</b> for learning by listening to instructions, knowing what she needs to succeed and asking questions when needed.
3/4 T	George S	For being <b>Responsible</b> with his learning by challenging himself and working hard to complete tasks independently.
	Alexandra Z	For being <b>Respectful</b> by always treating her peers and teachers with kindness.
Senior H	Kleio T	For being <b>Resilient</b> in our assembly last week. You were very brave reading your part to the whole school with confidence!
	Noah D	For being <b>Prepared</b> for assembly last week, Thank-you for volunteering to read an extra part last minute.
Senior ML	Hamish S	For starting the term with a positive mindset and being <b>Prepared</b> for learning.
	Dylan S	For being <b>Resilient</b> in trying your best to learn lots of new things at a new school. Well done Dylan!
Senior O	Laura B	For displaying an understanding of how to be <b>Safe</b> online.
	Clara M	For a great start to the year and always being <b>Prepared</b> for learning.

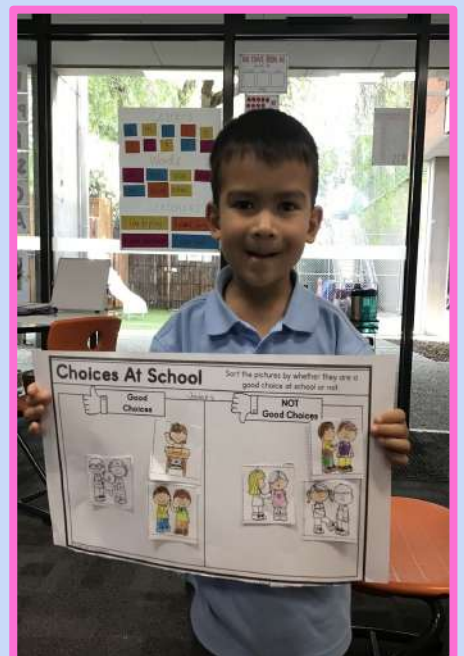
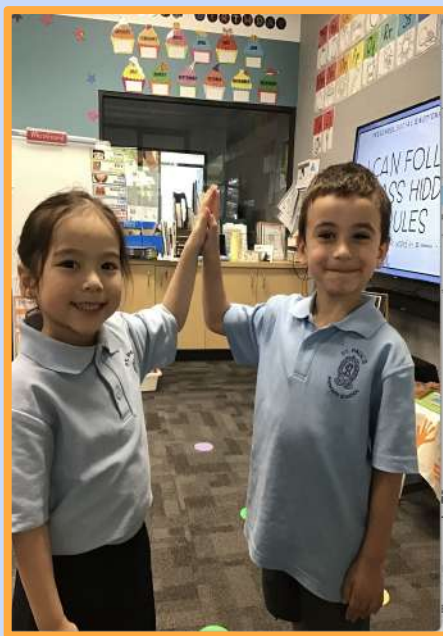
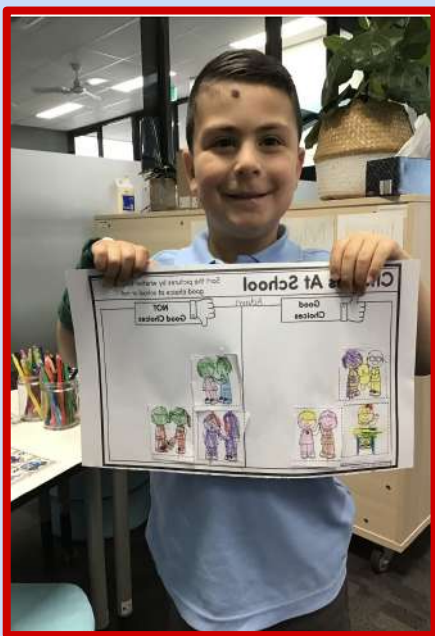


# DREP

## Making Good Choices at School

This week in Prep we talked a lot about making good choices at school and how these choices helps us learn, be safe and get along with others.

We sorted pictures into 'Good Choice' and 'Not so Good Choice'. Some of the Good Choices we make at school are, putting our hand up to speak, taking turns, keeping our hands and feet to ourselves, using a quiet voice inside, and being a good friend.





# YEAR 1/2

Another week of friendship building, exploring how we work together in a group and continuing to settle into the routines of school. Congratulations on the excellent attendance record for the roll collection at 8.50 am. The students have been extraordinary thinking about adjectives and their appropriate use after sharing stories about Pig the Pug and his antics. The prayer routine is a beautiful, peaceful and very special way to begin our day. Specialists are enjoying working with the students and there is fun to be had by all exploring movement, arts, STEM and Italian.





# YEAR 3/4



As we continue to learn about each other and the members of our 3/4 community, students prepared and shared their “All About Me” Google slide presentations. Here are some moments of students talking with confidence and passion as their peers listened respectfully.



More students will present early next week. Those who have presented already have done an amazing job presenting in front of their peers.

## REMINDER: SHROVE TUESDAY (21.02.23)

To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, children will be provided with pikelets and invited to design their own toppings with strawberry and raspberry jams, sprinkles and choc chips. Notices were sent home on Thursday. *If your child has allergies and you wish to discuss this, please contact your child's teacher for specific variations, as we encourage inclusivity.*





# SENIORS

## What Keeping Safe online is all about With Susan McLean

Susan McLean - Cyber Safety Expert came to speak to the year 4, 5 and 6 students about how to be safe online.



The children completed a worksheet, which they have brought home. Please ensure that you take the time to discuss this worksheet with your child. Sign it, and return it back to your classroom teacher.



## Keeping Safe in Cyberspace

We have rules to keep us safe at school. If we break a school rule there will be a consequence. We might miss play time or sport or have to pick up rubbish.

We have laws to keep us safe in the community. If we break a law the Police might have to be involved and there will be a consequence too.

Before I do anything online I will T.H.I.N.K. first!

T Is it thoughtful?

H Is it honest?

I Is it inspiring?

N Is it necessary?

K Is it kind?

The three R's will also help me make good choices online.

Is what I am about to do showing respect for myself and others?

Is what I am about to do a responsible use of technology?

How is what I am about to do going to affect my digital reputation?

Cyberbullying is when people are repeatedly mean, nasty and horrible to each other using the Internet or mobile phones.

Cyberbullying is breaking the Law.

## Examples of Cyberbullying:

1. Repeatedly sending a nasty message
2. Pretending to be someone else online to bully and harass.
3. Forwarding or sharing something that is hurtful to someone else.
4. Posting negative comments about skin colour, race gender or disability
5. Posting a threat online.
6. Sending rude photos

## Cyberbullying can make people feel.....

1. sad
2. upset
3. angry
5. scared

## What can I do if I am Cyberbullied?

1. Tell a trusted adult
2. Keep a copy to show the adult.
3. report the abuse to the site.
4. Block and delete the bully from all contact lists or phone.
5. Don't respond or retaliate with nasty comments.
6. Speak up.
7. Visit www.esafety.gov.au for help and advice.

## Online Predators...

There are people in the real world that break the law and intentionally hurt children. These people are also online, and we call those who try to hurt children via the internet or mobile phones, online predators.

Sometimes adults online pretend to be children to contact them. These people will seem nice to me and say nice things. They might offer me gifts. They might also pretend to be a famous celebrity or YouTuber.

If a person online that I do not know in real life is trying to talk to me, or tries to contact or follow my account I must...

1. Stop the conversation and immediately log off.
2. As soon as possible, find a trusted adult and let them know.
3. Make sure I keep a copy of what has been sent or asked for to show the trusted adult.
4. If I am sent a 'no' photo or asked to send a pic I could not take in public I will tell a trusted adult immediately.

## Passwords...

A safe password should have upper case, lower case, numbers and symbols and is never shared with friends or siblings.

## Looking after myself online means...

1. I will be honest about my age.
2. I will ask my parents or guardians to read the Terms & Conditions of use with me before I sign up for any account.
3. I will always check for age restrictions before setting up an account or downloading an app. This is MY responsibility.

4. I will not visit places I am not allowed to go.
5. I will T.H.I.N.K. before I post or share.
6. I will always report bad behavior.
7. If I am scared or upset, two adults I could tell are parents and someone else e.g. Aunt, Uncle, Teacher, Police etc.
8. If I am being cyberbullied I will report the abuse, block the account and tell an adult.
9. I should share all my passwords with my parents but not with a friend. Good friends won't ask for my passwords.
10. I will delete any accounts that I should not have.
11. I should keep all technology out of my bedroom.

All sites, apps or platforms will have rules for use. One rule is about how old you have to be to have an account. If you are under the age of 13 years you cannot have an account on sites such as Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Snap Chat, Discord or have a YouTube account. You can have an iTunes account if it is a family sharing one or use Messenger Kids with your parents' permission.

Two things I learnt today are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Student)

Noted \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent) Date \_\_\_\_\_



# PERFORMING ARTS

This term the focus of Performing Arts is Drama. Preps will focus on exploring emotions through drama.  
Year 1/2 's are exploring aspects of friendship through storybooks and dramatic activities.

Year 3/4 's will create a drama performance based on literature.  
Seniors will be working in groups to write and perform a three-part play.

## PREP



## YEAR 1/2



## YEAR 3/4



## SENIORS





# SUSTAINABILITY

## Bread Bags for Sports Equipment!

We are collecting bread bags for sports equipment!

Our school has registered to take part in the 'Wonder Rewards Recycling Program'!

This means that you can begin saving your bread bags including bread roll bags, wrap bags, hot cross bun bags, etc!

Please bring your empty bread bags to school and drop them off in one of our pink collecting bins! They are located in the

- Office
- Junior corridor
- Senior corridor!

Please ensure that the bags are clean, by emptying out breadcrumbs and ensuring there is no residue or food left in them.

Please recycle your bread tags at home if they are cardboard, or if plastic, we have a collection bin for them too in the senior corridor!

Our Goal: 4 Bins of Bread Bags by July 7!

recycling efforts will earn rewards points to redeem new sports equipment from RHSports.







## CHOOSING A SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD INFORMATION EVENING

Deciding on where to send your child can be daunting.

Marcellin College is hosting an information evening on Choosing a Secondary School for Your Child.

The evening will cover a host of topics to assist you in making an informed decision.



Join us on Thursday, 2 March 2023 at 7pm

Marcellin College

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

For more information visit [marcellin.vic.edu](http://marcellin.vic.edu)



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# PARADE COLLEGE OPEN DAY



Sunday February 26

10am - 2pm  
Bundoora Campus

Discover a World of Opportunities

f Parade College @paradeonlinepage in Parade College



## MERCY COLLEGE YEAR 4 EXPLORE DAY

Wednesday 22 March 2023

We invite all Year 4 girls to join us for a day of learning and fun activities to experience what it's like to be a Mercy student for a day!

We ask that students come dressed in comfortable clothing, suitable for a sport activity and bring a water bottle and pencil case containing pens and pencils. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

To RSVP, please email student and staff numbers, dietary requirements and any medical information to [registrar@mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au) by Monday 6 March 2023.

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## BOOK A TOUR TO SEE OUR PROGRAMS FOR BOYS IN ACTION

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[info@sccmelb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@sccmelb.catholic.edu.au)

273 Victoria St, West Melbourne

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR  
YEAR 7 IN 2024 AND 2025.  
LIMITED PLACES FOR ENTRY IN 2023  
ARE AVAILABLE AT OTHER LEVELS



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# TALK AND TOUR

*Be a Simonds Boy*

## 2023 TOUR DATES

You and your son are invited to attend a Talk and Tour with the Principal, Peter Riordan. **Tours commence at 9.15am.** Bookings are essential. Contact the Registrar on 9321 9200 or book online.

Tours provide prospective families with a great opportunity to view the school in operation. You will have the chance to discover all that Simonds Catholic College has to offer and ask any questions you may have.

FEBRUARY 3, 7, 9, 15 & 21

MARCH 2, 7, 10, 23 & 29

APRIL 3 & 27 MAY 3, 16 & 29

JUNE 6, 13, & 21 JULY 13 & 26

AUGUST 4 & 21 SEPTEMBER 15

OCTOBER 11 & 19 NOVEMBER 8

additional tours may be added as required



# MORELAND EARLY YEARS MANAGEMENT

Making Early Years Matter



Providing excellent, innovative, community-based kindergarten programs in Moreland

Gowanbrae Children's Centre  
Lake Park Kindergarten, Coburg  
Moomba Park Kindergarten, Fawkner  
Newlands Preschool, Coburg  
Oak Park Kindergarten  
Turner Street Kindergarten, Pascoe Vale

Visit [meym.org.au](http://meym.org.au) to enrol your child in 3 and 4-year-old kindergarten.



## REGISTRATION NIGHT COBURG LIONS JUNIORS

Tuesday 21st February @ 6.30 pm  
Jackson Reserve

Come along to our annual registration night to find out more about the 2023 season.

Grab a sausage in bread, let the kids have a kick and register for a fantastic year of footy!

**REGISTER BEFORE 28 FEBURARY AND GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN!**

A dream pack for your next BBQ worth over \$550



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