



# 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*

Dear Jesus,  
During this season of Lent,  
help us to grow and notice Your presence in our lives.  
Fill our hearts with love and kindness for others.  
Show us how to use our gifts to help others.  
As we journey together towards the light of Easter,  
Be with us in all we do.  
**AMEN**



## Dates To Remember:

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

### FEBRUARY:

Wednesday, 24: Senior Interschool Sport vs Newlands PS  
Monday, 27: Year 3 NAPLAN preparation 9.30am

### MARCH:

Thursday 2: Year 5 NAPLAN preparation Noon  
Monday, 6: Whole School Athletics Day  
Tuesday, 7: School Photo Day  
Wednesday 8: SAUSAGE SIZZLE WEDNESDAY  
Friday, 10: Senior Inter School Sports vs St Fidelis  
Monday, 13: **Labour Day Public Holiday-NO SCHOOL**  
Monday, 20: 3/4 Life Saving Incursion  
Monday, 27: Prep Fire Education Incursion  
Tuesday, 29: 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 - Staff 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  
27 FEBRUARY:**

**YEAR 1/2P  
PRESENTING!**

St Paul's acknowledges that our school is on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and pay our respects to their elders, past, present & future

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## A message from Principal, Maria Mercuri

### SEASON OF LENT

This Wednesday we began the season on LENT with ASH Wednesday Mass. Father James led our Mass, he encouraged us to be ambassadors of Jesus, showing acts of kindness & love. To be kind to others and think about others through our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Father James explained that ashes come from palms that were burned from last years Palm Sunday. Children then received a symbol of the cross with the ashes on their foreheads.



**PHYSICAL EDUCATION@ ST PAUL'S** The children at St Paul's love their sport. Physical activity is a very important part of a healthy lifestyle. We are lucky to have one hour Physical Education lessons with Mr Mac, our PE teacher. PE sessions incorporate skills development and game time to practice the skills. During learning time, teachers also take their classes outside during the week for movement breaks. In the senior grades, the students have Friday sport.

St Paul's is part of **School Sports Victoria, Coburg District**. Competition began this week in the **Coburg District Swimming Trials**. Congratulations to all our students who participated in District swimming trials.

**INTERSCHOOL SPORTS** Today our Senior students began interschool sport playing; bat tennis, softball and basketball against Newlands Primary School. We wish them all the best and know they will represent St Paul's with true sportsmanship and example.



This week we introduced [Seesaw](#) in all year levels. This digital app-based platform allows students, teachers, and parents to communicate and share classroom learning and activities. It's a quick and easy way for teachers and students to capture, and share, what's happening in the classroom and a great way for you and your child's teacher to communicate. Teachers and students use Seesaw regularly. Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions. We introduced Seesaw in Prep-2 in 2022, here's what some parents have said:

***"This is good because it means that there are no surprises when we get reports and at Parent Teacher nights. We already know how they are doing and why."***

***"Seesaw has the added benefit that it can be used for fun too. It's great that we have a mixture of both."***

### SAUSAGE SIZZLE WEDNESDAY!

**Sausage Sizzle Wednesday** are BACK for 2023. We have a our first parents ready to cook a 'sausage sizzle feast' on **Wednesday March 8**. Check your child's bag for the order form.

# FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

## NAPLAN PREPARATION

**Grade 3 and Grade 5** students will undertake some NAPLAN preparation in the coming week. This is an opportunity for students to experience the NAPLAN test process and question formats. Students will familiarise themselves with the NAPLAN Online environment during the following dates:

**YEAR 3 Monday, 27 February at 9.30am**

**YEAR 5 Thursday, 2 March at 12pm**

Please ensure that your child has their headphones as communicated earlier this week.

## WELLBEING: Grade 5/6 UNLEASHING PERSONAL POTENTIAL

**Reminder** This Monday the Grade 5/6 students will engage in an incursion titled Unleashing Personal Potential. This is a wellbeing workshop that empowers students to thrive as they LEARN, LIVE and LEAD. This Monday the focus will be **Positive Peer Relationships**.

**All Grade 5/6 students are reminded to wear their sports uniform on Monday.**

## ONLINE SAFETY

Last week we had Cyber Safety Expert **Susan McLean** visit our school sharing valuable information with parents and students. Following on from that session, here are some of Susan's safety tips and what to do if your child is feeling unsafe online:

- **Thank your child for coming to you - this is a positive step forward**
- **Ask to see what has happened (keep screenshots or print out evidence)**
- **Reassure your child that you will help them**
- **Help them block the person on their device and on the site**
- **Report the abuse to the site (report the account and/or the post)**
- **Enlist the help of the eSafety Commissioner [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au) if the social media site fails to remove the content**
- **Inform the school, sporting club, etc... and leave it in their hands**
- **Check in with your child to see that it has been resolved (act if it has not)**



**1800 55 1800**

Anytime. Any Reason.



# FROM THE OFFICE

## 2023 SCHOOL FEES

School Fee invoice statements were emailed on Thursday, February 24. Please contact the office if you did not receive an email.

If you have not handed in a Payment Options Form please do so as soon as possible or collect one from the office. For any enquiries please contact Ms Jo or Ms Marilena in the office. [office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au)

## 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)

**Visit the online shop or the shop located at:**

97 Main Road, Lower Plenty, Vic 3093

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 12pm - 5pm

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

Spartan 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, 27 FEBRUARY

Class	Name	Awarded for...
Prep D	Adrian F George C	For being <b>respectful</b> by using his manners, caring for others and being a Jesus person. Well done! For being <b>resilient</b> and having a go when trying something new and completing challenging tasks. Great job!
Prep B	Adam I James R	For being a cooperative, caring and enthusiastic student. Adam has continued to make good choices by listening carefully at all times. For increasing your confidence and participation in class. It is awesome to see your personality and sense of humour starting to shine through. Keep it up James
1/2 A	Zoe C Lukas W	For being <b>responsible</b> and helping out others at any chance she can. Well done! For being <b>respectful</b> and showing kindness towards others. Well done!
1/2G	Arion T Amelia L	It is a pleasure to see Arion being <b>responsible</b> for his learning. He manages his time, asks for help and uses strategies to settle into learning time. For her <b>resilience</b> . Amelia it is a pleasure to see you learning how to be resilient. You approach your learning with a mature and 'can do it ' attitude, even when it isn't easy.
1/2 P	Sebastian C Maya T	For being <b>resilient</b> when faced with challenges, interacting with others in a positive way and being a fun member of 1/2P. Congratulations Seb! For being <b>responsible</b> for her learning, and working hard on improving in all areas of the curriculum. Well done Maya - keep up the great effort!
3/4 DM	Rosie M Thomas C	For being <b>responsible</b> and offering to help the teacher and other students with classroom tasks. For being <b>prepared</b> and ready to apply himself for all learning opportunities in class.
3/4 MO	Massimo M Katelyn M	For being <b>respectful</b> this week by thinking of lots of kind acts he could do during Lent. Being a <b>respectful</b> classmate with a positive attitude for her learning.
3/4 ST	Aston D Anica M	For being <b>respectful</b> by always willing to help out any one in need. Thank you Aston! For being <b>prepared</b> each day to put her best effort into all classroom activities. Well done!
Snr H	Chanel A Alex C	For being <b>resilient</b> and having a fantastic attitude in inter school sports last week! For being <b>responsible</b> , by having a positive attitude in interschool, sports last week and volunteering to score our games! Well done Alex!
Snr ML	Hugh S Azaria F	For being <b>Resilient</b> in class by following instructions and taking appropriate initiative in his learning tasks. For being an excellent role model and consistently acting with <b>Respect</b> .
Snr O	Aanya S Rick Z	For being a respectful member of the class and trying her best with all learning tasks. For working well with others and being prepared to share his thinking during class



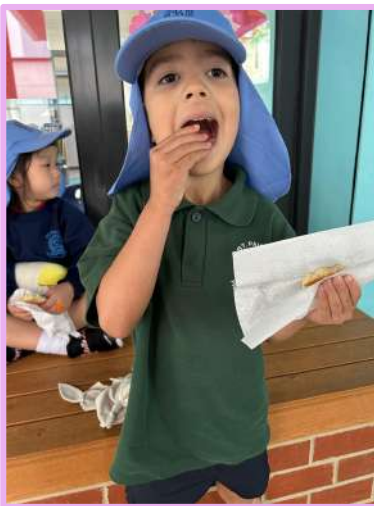
# DREP



This week in Prep we explored the history and meaning behind Shrove Tuesday and why it is celebrated around the world.

## Shrove Tuesday Facts:

- During this time of the year people would give up things like chocolate and sweets.
- 'Pancake Day', is also known as Shrove Tuesday.
- It's a day celebrated around the world to mark the beginning of Lent.



We met Peter the Penguin who introduced us to the letter sound /p/.

We brainstormed things in our classroom that begin with this letter sound.

Peter the penguin



Our sound table





# YEAR 1/2

This week in 1/2 we celebrated Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. We attended church to receive ashes on our forehead to mark the beginning of Lent.

Each day in Lent, we will be focusing on an act of kindness that we can show to others. Some examples include smiling at someone, inviting someone to play or helping someone put away their belongings.



# YEAR 3/4



We indulged on Shrove Tuesday and decorated our own pikelets with chocolate chips, raspberry jam and sprinkles. They were delicious!

As we begin the season of Lent we have been thinking about things in our life that we can 'give up' during lent to help us reflect, think and be generous like Jesus.

Here is what 3/4ST will be giving up and some acts of kindness we will try to do more of during this season of Lent.



What we are giving up	Act of Kindness	What we are giving up	Act of Kindness
Milkshakes	Help mum and dad when they need help	Caramel & chocolate	Surprise someone with a thank you letter or drawing
Shapes	Draw someone a picture	chips	Make a thank you letter for someone
cakes	Draw a picture for someone	Youtube, Chocolate & Nutella	Do chores around the house
ipad	Be nicer to my family	Chocolate	Draw a picture for someone
Youtube	Help mum and dad when they need help	PC & chicken nuggets	Push everyone's chair in
Video Games	Help with chores	Candy	Doing chores around the house
Youtube	Do some extra chores around the house	Youtube kids + games	Help with chores
Bubble gum	Helping people with their ideas	Sweets, ipad	Help mum and dad do the chores
Picking her skin	Draw a picture for someone	Videos & chocolate	Give someone a letter drawing or gift
Candy	Helping mum and dad	Monkey Bars	Help someone when they need help
Youtube		Hot Chips	

Stay tuned for a note being sent home with your child regarding logging on to Seesaw over the next few of weeks!





# SENIORS



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Celebrations





# ITALIAN

**Eccomi! We know how to introduce ourselves to "Peppino and Tonia...Ciao!**



**Year 1/2 dancing to the song: "Ciao"**



**Year 3/4 playing the "greetings game" using Italian phrases.**

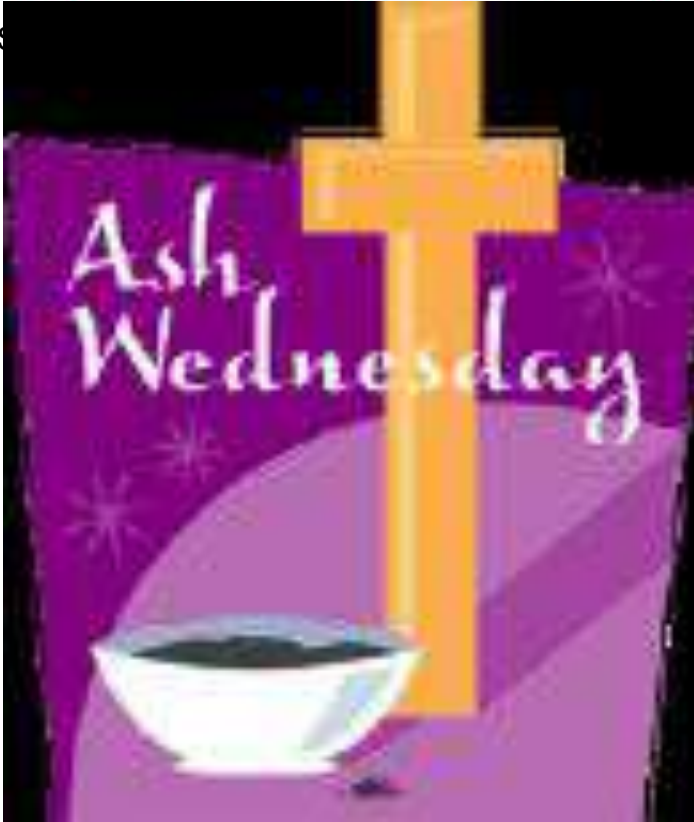


**Role playing with the seniors in order to use Italian when meeting someone. "Bravi ragazzi"**





# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Turn away, turn away from  
being too busy

Be quiet, be still and pray

Years 1- 6

## Ash Wednesday Mass

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. During this Mass we received the ashes blessed by Fr James. The ashes are a sign of repentance. The Ashes are made from burning the dry palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday and are placed on the forehead in the sign of the cross with the words:

**“Repent and believe in the Gospel.”**

# SACRAMENTS

**DATE CHANGE: PENANCE FAMILY NIGHT**

**New date: WEDNESDAY MARCH 29 at 6 45pm - 7 45pm**

**We apologise for any inconvenience**

## **PENANCE FAMILY NIGHT ONLINE:**

This family evenings, usually 60 minutes, will include an opening prayer, music, a visual presentation, an invitation for parents and children to dialogue and a blessing. The evening is hoped to be informative for all participants.

Parents are given the opportunity to sit quietly with their child in the privacy of their own homes, creating a personal sacred space lighting a candle.

You will receive a **Zoom link** prior to this meeting.

If you have any questions about our Year 3 Sacrament of Penance program please contact me

Kim Simpson: [ksimpson@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ksimpson@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au)

# SUSTAINABILITY

## Introducing Our Term 1

# WASTE WARRIORS!

At St Paul's we have begun a **Waste Warrior Program** which involves students from 1 to 6 being responsible waste warriors for their class. They will have special jobs on the sustainability team such as delivering important messages to their class about sustainability initiatives in the school, completing small jobs such as paper sorting and helping to empty their class bin. The program will allow the students of St Paul's to have a voice in how we can act more sustainably in our everyday lives as well as monitor and be conscious of the waste that we have at St Pauls.

Our Term 1 Waste Warriors will receive a badge at assembly on Monday (2:45pm in the Hall). Families are welcome to attend.





# 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 junior and senior corridors.

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.**





# PARISH NEWS

## CHILDREN'S PRAISE AND WORSHIP

All children from St Paul's & St Oliver's  
School and Parishes are invited to join our  
first Praise and Worship  
on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March  
from 2pm - 3pm  
at St Oliver Plunkett's Church, Pascoe  
Vale

Come and join in the Singing, Scripture  
Verse and Sharing,  
Join us for a cuppa after the service.

For more information please contact:  
Parish Office: 9354-1564







## 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



Parade College



@parade.college



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.

[mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au](http://mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au)

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

9321 9200

[www.sccmelb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sccmelb.catholic.edu.au)

[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



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90 Bell Street  
Coburg Victoria 3058  
T: (03) 9240 1111

**Postal Address**  
Locked Bag 10  
Brunswick Victoria 3056

[merri-bek.vic.gov.au](http://merri-bek.vic.gov.au)



D23/73903

20 February 2023

## Pedestrian & Vehicle Traffic Counts

Dear Principal

I wish to advise that Council will be conducting pedestrian and vehicle counts in the vicinity of your school in the upcoming months.

The counts are being conducted by an external traffic survey company and will involve the use of video cameras to capture the data. I wish to advise that no persons can be identified in any video footage captured for this survey. All images are automatically blurred by the camera at the time of capture and all footage is automatically permanently deleted once the count is completed. Further to this, the count is undertaken by computer software, so no person will actually view the video footage.

If you have any further queries, you can contact me via email: [seng@merri-bek.vic.gov.au](mailto:seng@merri-bek.vic.gov.au)

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Seiha'.

Seiha Eng  
Team Leader Transport Engineer

## Pentridge Market

11am – 4pm, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023

