



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

A blessing for our St Paul's School Community for the year ahead

May the Lord Bless you and keep you.

May the Lord shine his face on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

AMEN

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

FEBRUARY:

Monday, 6:	Get to Know You Parent - Teacher Conversations 3.45pm - 5.00pm
Tuesday, 7:	Get to Know You Parent - Teacher Conversations 3.45pm - 6.00pm
Wednesday, 8:	Get to Know You Parent - Teacher Conversations 3.45pm - 5.00pm
Thursday, 9:	Parents & Friends Meeting (staff room) 2.30pm - All welcome!
Friday, 10:	Beginning of the School Year Mass 10.00am
Wednesday, 22:	Ash Wednesday Mass 10.00am

MARCH:

Monday, 6:	Whole School Athletics Day
Tuesday, 7:	School Photo Day
Monday, 13:	Labour Day Public Holiday
Monday, 27:	Prep Fire Education Incursion
Tuesday, 28:	Sacrament of Penance

APRIL:

Wednesday 5:	Last Day of Term 1 for students
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

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

WELCOME TO 2023 SCHOOL YEAR! It was great to see all students return to school with bright smiling faces, eager to connect with their friends, share their holiday stories and ready to begin another year of learning and growing. All the teachers were on the playground ready to greet each child on Tuesday morning and there was a great beginning of year vibe in our school. We especially welcome our Prep children to our St Paul's school community. They were very impressive with the way they walked in with brand new uniforms (some oversized!) and settled into their activities, while parents were taking photos and looking a little nervous as their beautiful daughter/son made the big step to school life. We welcome each family to St Paul's and thank you for trusting us with your child.

2023 LEARNING FOCUS

St Paul's staff have a strong focus on learning and wellbeing. We continue to place all our teaching resources into supporting our students literacy and numeracy learning needs as well as their social and emotional learning needs. Your child can expect to be working with their classroom teacher along with support teachers in their learning during the week. If you have any questions please speak to your child's teacher, Emilie Owen - Literacy Leader or Kim Simpson - Numeracy Leader.

WELLBEING

Our children's wellbeing is always our top priority. We want to support our children to be happy, resilient young people and develop life strategies that will stay with them throughout their lives. We are fortunate to have Mr Edward Faraci as our school Counsellor at St Paul's on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Stephanie Stedman as our Wellbeing Leader. Both teachers are experienced in supporting students social and emotional needs. Please let your child's teacher if you have any concerns or contact our Wellbeing Leader, Stephanie Stedman sstedman@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au

COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

Teachers dismiss their class each afternoon from the playground or the classroom. They are available for a quick chat for any important information that needs to be shared. If you would like to make a longer appointment, please arrange a time with your child's teacher.

GET TO KNOW YOUR CHILD PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

We have our first Parent Teacher meetings for the year. These **Get To Know Your Child** meetings are on **Monday 6, Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8, February**. This is an opportunity for parents to share important information with your child's teacher. Please check your email to book a time <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/> Event code: **brd2y**

PARENT AND FRIENDS MEETING - Our first Parents and Friends meeting for the year will be held on **Thursday 9, February at 2:30pm** in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend. At this meeting we will plan our school family and fundraising events.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2023 SCHOOL HOURS & DAILY SCHEDULE

8.30am	Gates Open
8.30 - 8:40am	Children socialise in the playground
8:40am	Children enter the classroom
8:50am	Attendance Roll & Prayer
9.00 - 11am	Learning session 1
11 - 11.10am	Eating time
11.10 - 11.40am	Recess
11.40 - 1.40pm	Learning session 2
1.40 -1.50pm	Eating time
1.50 - 2.30pm	Lunch Time
2.30 - 3.25pm	Learning session 3
3.30pm	Dismissal

School begins at 8:50am, all children are expected to be at school at by 8.50am. The attendance roll will be marked at this time and if a child is not present when the attendance roll is marked, they will be marked as absent. The beginning of the day routine sets the children up for a successful day of learning, consistency and friendship. Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in the classroom by 8.50am each morning. Children who are not at school by 8.50am will be marked as absent.

School ends at 3:30pm. The end of the day routine in the classroom is just as important as the beginning of the day. It is important that children are at school until the end of the day to conclude learning and receive any important end of day messages. Please do not schedule regular after school activities within school hours. Children who leave before 3:30pm will be marked as absent.

THANK YOU TO ALL PARENTS for ensuring your child is in the correct uniform. I have noticed that all children are in the correct footwear - Black shoes - all black soles - are part of the St Paul's uniform. Children can wear runners on their sports day. Black school shoes examples include



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ST PAUL'S WONDERFUL 2023 STAFF TEAM

WE ARE HERE FOR THE WELLBEING AND LEARNING NEEDS OF YOUR CHILDREN

Maria Mercuri	Principal
Stephanie Stedman	Deputy Principal - Student Wellbeing
Kim Simpson	Numeracy / Religious Education Leader
Emilie Owen	Literacy Leader-Learning Diversity Leader
Nikki Ryan	Digital Technologies - ICT - INQUIRY
Brunina Moreno	Family and School Engagement
Miss Danielle DeRango Mrs Brunina Moreno	Prep D Prep B
Miss Alex McCalman Ms Gabi Terry Miss Pat Villa	1/2 A 1/2 G 1/2 P
Mr Dominic Mioni Mrs Melissa Murphy & Ms Leah O'Shea Miss Sophie Taylor	3/4 M 3/4 MO 3/4 T
Miss Polly Hine Miss Olivia Boyd Mrs Maria Bonarrigo & Mrs Leah Marino	5/6 H 5/6 O 3/4 ML
LEARNING ENHANCEMENT Julia Lipinski Stef Marin	SPECIALISTS Franca Erneste - Visual Arts Cobie Mather - Performing Arts Gareth McLean- Physical Education Tina Sbaraglia - LOTE-Italian Alex Conway - STEM
OFFICE Jo Vilella Marilena Servello	LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICERS Sharon Mclean Laura Nicolo Michelle La Vecchia Georgia Doslov Christine Marchionni Elicia Purdevski Patricia Boyle
LIBRARY WEBSITE SOCIAL MEDIA Angela Gangi	COUNSELLING Edward Faraci

Welcome to St Paul's staff:

Brunina Moreno, Gabi Terry, Patricia Boyle, Franca Erneste

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Congratulations to Emma H (3/4M) who received second place nationally in the girls Under 10 Chess division, and received a trophy and prize money.

Emma is very passionate about chess and her efforts were rewarded. Congratulations again from the St Paul's community!



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Friendly February

Be friendly to others and give your relationships a boost.

Friendly February 2023

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Wellbeing

The Importance of Relationship

Welcome back to all our families, it has been so wonderful to see the children refreshed and ready to commence a new school year. This term our Wellbeing / Social Emotional Learning focus has commenced with building relationships and getting to know our new classmates and teachers. Through our curriculum and our daily interactions, our focus is to nurture collaborative, authentic relationships. Solid relationships within our community will encourage our students to connect, grow and flourish.

At the commencement of this term the teachers have worked together to develop a morning routine that will set our students up for a successful day. As we end this first week with students, it is evident that the classes have experienced a calm start and the children have been settled. We look forward to continuing our work in relationship building and supporting our students to have a successful start to the school year.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is a global event that brings together communities, families, schools and organisations from more than 200 countries to help create safer online spaces. This worldwide initiative is celebrating 20 years in 2023, making it a great time to reflect as well as look forward. Technology has evolved dramatically in the past two decades and the benefits have been huge. These developments have also exposed us to many risks with real-world impacts, making online safety awareness even more important. That's why we are calling on Australians to Connect. Reflect. Protect. Please use the link below to support Safer Internet Practices.

[Safer Internet Day 2023 | eSafety Commissioner](#)

Medical Management

This is a gentle reminder to all families that if your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition such as **Anaphylaxis, Asthma and/or an Allergy**, could you please provide all relevant details if you haven't already done so? Could I please kindly ask you to hand an updated plan to the Administration staff or myself. The relevant Action Plan (ASCIA and Asthma Australia) need to be handed in no later than **Friday 10 February**. Please remember that these plans need to be dated and signed by your GP.

Finally, a reminder that if your child is anaphylactic and requires an EpiPen and/or any medication, these also need to be handed in to Administration as soon as possible.

Students who do not have an up-to-date action plan and EpiPen will not be permitted to attend excursions and other offsite activities.

Stephanie Stedman

FROM THE OFFICE

2023 SCHOOL FEES

We are currently finalising the School Fees on the System.

Fee Payment Plans / Options will be handed out to the children next week.



CLASSROOM CUISINE

Classroom Cuisine is our online lunch order system. It is convenient and user friendly service and provides 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

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Second hand uniform is available via email only. office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au

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

Items are \$10 a piece in cash only.



NEW UNIFORM - Spartan School World

If you require new uniform, please go to the website

www.spartanschoolworld.com.au

They have an online shop 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.



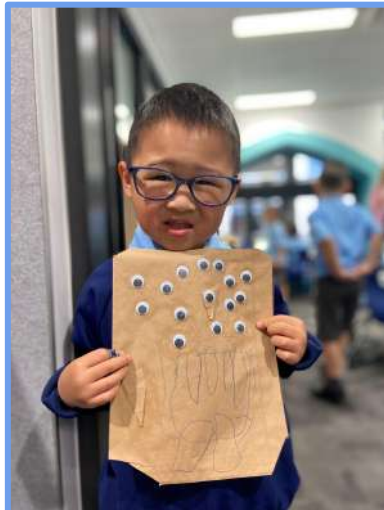
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FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL!

A big welcome to our Prep families, we are very excited to have you at St Paul's!

The Preps have settled in very well during their first week at school.

We are looking forward to a fun filled year of learning in 2023.

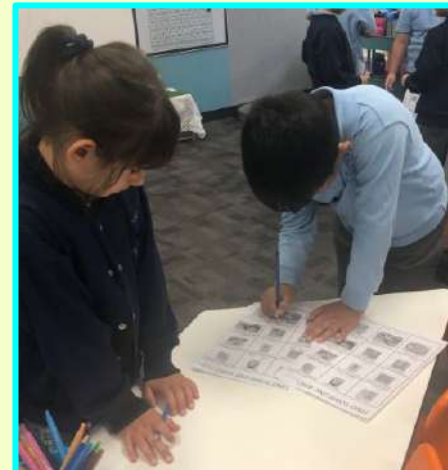


YEAR 1/2

Welcome to the 2023 school year! The children have settled into school beautifully and it was wonderful to see their smiling faces as they reconnected with old friends and classmates. This week has focussed on developing school and classroom routines and expectations, as well as the importance of a positive mindset and a can-do attitude. We look forward to sharing your children's learning journey with you!



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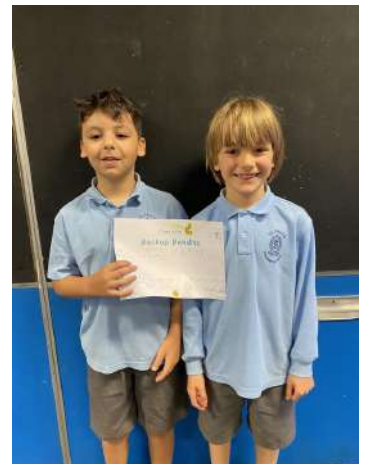


YEAR 3/4

Welcome to all our Grade 3/4 students!
We have had an awesome first week
back!!

We have been getting to know each
other and setting up our classroom
rules and expectations.

We have begin learning about our
classroom jobs and how we can help
out each other every day!



SENIORS



Welcome Back to School

Welcome to 2023!

This week the seniors are working on team building and getting to know our teachers and classmates!

We have completed many activities such as STEM challenges and Wellbeing activities to help set up our routines, expectations and class culture.

Check out some happy snaps from this week!



SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY

PARADE COLLEGE

OPEN DAY



10am - 2pm Preston 8 Clifton Grove
10am - 2pm Bundoora 1436 Plenty Rd

Register www.parade.vic.edu.au ■ p 9468 3300 ■ enrol@parade.vic.edu.au
Year 7 2024 Enrolments Now Open! ■ Limited places at Preston available 2023





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 by Monday 6 March 2023.

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