



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



Loving God,
During Lent,
Help us to work together
to share what we have
so that everyone has what they need.
Help us to build a better world
where each of us can become
the best person we can be.
Amen

Dates To Remember:

Term 1: Monday, 30 January - Wednesday 5 April

MARCH:

Monday, 13:	Labour Day Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL
Monday, 20:	3/4 Life Saving Incursion
Tuesday, 21:	Harmony Day
Wednesday 22:	Classroom Helper Session 2 at 2.30pm
Friday 24:	National Ride To School Day
Monday, 27:	Prep Fire Education Incursion
Monday, 27:	St Paul's Open Day 9.30 - 11.00am
Wednesday, 29:	Sacrament of Penance - Family Night 6.45pm
Wednesday, 29:	St Paul's Open Day 9.30 - 11.00am
Friday 31:	Colour Fun Run
Friday 31:	Last Day to hand in orders for Hot Cross Bun Drive

APRIL:

Monday, 3:	3/4 Life Saving Excursion
Wednesday, 5:	Last Day of Term 1 for students - 3.30pm finish
Wednesday, 5:	Legacy Excursion Senior Student Leaders
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
Wednesday 26 -	
Friday 28:	Senior Camp

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

ATHLETICS DAY Well-done and congratulations to all of our students and staff on their participation in our Athletics day on Monday. Mr Mclean organised a wonderful day of participation and fun. Thank you to all the parents who came along on the day. We were very proud of the children who demonstrated their skills, talents and efforts in all the sporting activities they participated in. Check out the photos in the year level reports. A special congratulations to **Gold House - Howlett** who were awarded the most points.

THANK YOU to the wonderful group of parents who volunteered to cook the sausages for our **Sausage Sizzle Wednesday**. Led by Stella and Hadleigh, they cooked and served over 300 sausages in two hours. Super effort! We now have a new group of parents to take over for our future Sausage Sizzle Wednesdays.



NAPLAN Good Luck to our Year 3 and 5 students as they participate in NAPLAN over the next two weeks. All tests will take place online, except Year 3 writing. Our children are well prepared as we conducted a practice test to assess the technical capabilities of our network to ensure the testing sessions are uninterrupted for our students. It also gave the students an opportunity to have a 'practice run' with the genre of the test and assessment conditions.

FAREWELL to Noah and Aston and their family as they take the year to travel overseas. We wish their family safe travels and wonderful adventures. We look forward to updates along the way.

IT'S A GIRL Congratulations to Melanie Tasker and Paul on the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter Molly, a gorgeous sister for Beau and Audrey.

2024 PREP ENROLMENTS Our 2024 enrolments are open and we need our families to spread the word about what a great school St Paul's is. If any families would like to letter drop our school brochures, around the local area, please see me or drop by the office to collect the brochures.

Sibling Enrolments for 2024 - Do you have a child commencing Prep in 2024? Please return your enrolment form, so we can determine how many places will be available to new families in for 2024. If you haven't done so yet, please collect your enrolment forms from the school office.

The countdown is on ... 22 days to go...

Colour Fun Run on Friday March 31

Each year we look forward to this fun event.

Please sign up at <https://www.schoolfunrun.com.au/>

2023
**SCAN TO
SIGN UP**



NO SCHOOL Monday, 13 March - Labour Day Public Holiday

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

SUPPORTING STUDENT WELLBEING DURING NAPLAN

Dear Families,

Each year over one million students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia undergo NAPLAN (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) testing. It is important both at home and at school that we create a safe and supportive environment for our young children. We need to be proactive in supporting their mental health and wellbeing, and acknowledging how they feel going into the NAPLAN tests.

As a parent, you may observe changes in behaviours in your child. It is important to recognise how this time of the year may impact them personally. Creating and maintaining a safe environment for children and young people benefits their mental health and is important for their wellbeing.

What can I do as a parent to prepare my child for NAPLAN?

- Build into your daily routine strategies to support your child's wellbeing, such as taking breaks, going for a walk, eating healthy snacks, taking deep breaths, listening to their favourite songs and engaging in their favourite activities;
- Help your child to understand that they need to seek help if they are feeling overwhelmed;
- Encourage and improve connectedness with your child, prioritise one on one time and make it special. For example, take them out for an ice-cream;
- Ensure that your child receives appropriate recognition for all their hard work

CLASSROOM HELPER SESSIONS

This morning we welcomed some of our parents to join us for the Classroom Helper Sessions. This was a successful morning where we shared what the learning would like in our classrooms. A key piece of information that was also shared was the benefits of being engaged in your child's learning. If you were unable to attend today's session, we will have a second session on **Wednesday 22 March at 2.30pm**. Please email me at sstedman@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au to register your attendance. Thanks everyone.

THE BENEFITS OF BEING ENGAGED IN YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

Research has demonstrated that parent involvement in the educational process impacts positively on the attitude, learning and conduct of children in school.

Research has shown that parental involvement improves achievement regardless of socioeconomic status, ethnic background, or the parents' education level; it improves grades and test scores, school attendance and school completion rates, increases motivation and improves self-esteem, decreases socio-emotional, mental health and behavioural problems and leads to decreased use of drugs and alcohol later in life.

FROM THE OFFICE

2023 SCHOOL FEES

School Fee invoice statements have been emailed.

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

REPORTING ABSENCES

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

Skoolbag App



Email:



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

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

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

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

DREP

SPORTS DAY

On Monday the Preps participated in their first Athletics Carnival. They completed a number of activities such as running races, sack race, long jump and vortex throw.

They had a great time cheering each other on and trying different activities.

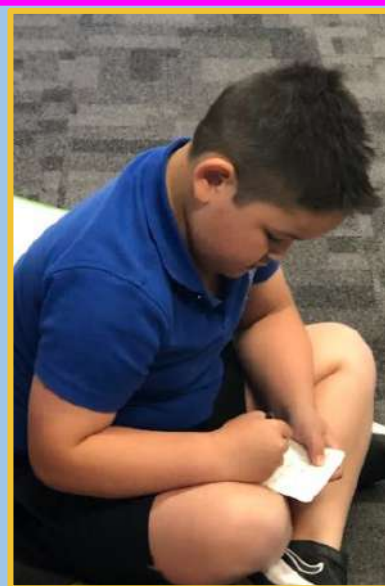
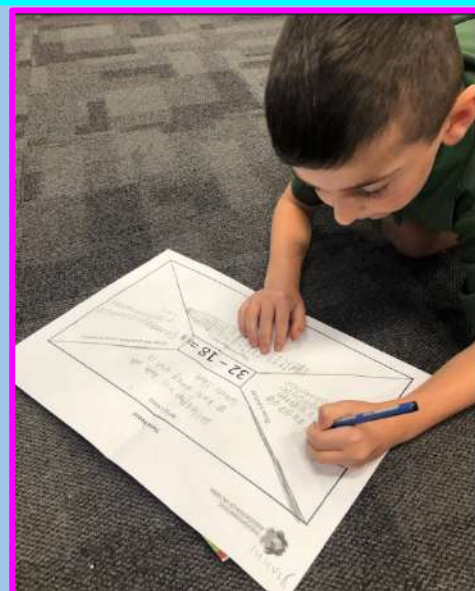
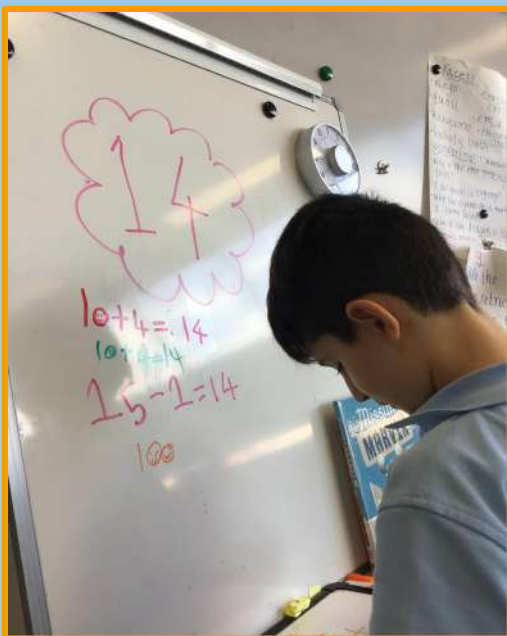
Well done Preps!



YEAR 1/2

Another busy week in the 1/2 classrooms! The week started on a high with our annual Athletics Carnival and we are very proud of how well the children participated. We have been learning about addition and subtraction in our maths classes and the importance of punctuation in reading and writing.

Have a great long weekend!



YEAR 3/4

ATHLETICS DAY



The 3/4s started the week with an amazing Athletics Day. All students showed great sportsmanship and hard work throughout the day.

We have continued to learn about Addition and Subtraction in maths and have begun our Inquiry Unit focusing on Communities, Choice and Right and Wrong.



SENIORS

Children had a wonderful time on Monday when they participated in the school's athletics carnival. We are very proud of how the children participated with enthusiasm in all the events.



FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (FACE)

We had our first Coffee Chat session for our prep parents today and it was a total hit.

The purpose of the Coffee Chats is to offer parents a chance to gather and share some adult learning and conversation with other parents and members of our community.

Thank you to our Prep parents for coming along this morning, we know this time doesn't always suit everyone, and will plan other coffee chats during the year.



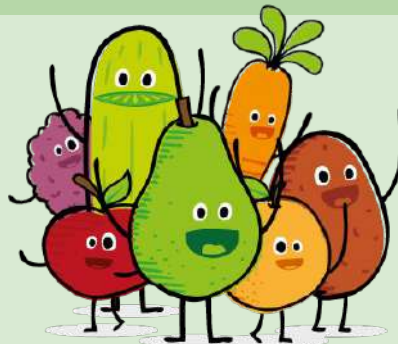
We look forward to developing a great relationship and partnership between teachers and parents, we look forward to sharing in this journey and becoming powerful educational partners.

SUSTAINABILITY

St Paul's is becoming a WASTE FREE school!

In the last few years St Paul's has introduced waste free initiatives to reduce our lunchbox waste. Our biggest one being NUDE food.

Beginning in Term 2, we will be a food (and packaging) waste free school. To help us achieve this, we ask all families to send students with NUDE food lunch or take all lunchbox rubbish home. The goal is to encourage children to eat healthier food options and reduce our classroom waste! More information will follow in later in the Term and into Term 2.



Bread Bags for Sports Equipment!

Please keep bringing in your bread bags so we can get new sports equipment for our play times! There are drop off bins in the junior and senior corridors.





ST PAUL'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL
COBURG

2024 OPEN DAYS

*Wellbeing
and learning
for all*

Call our
office to
book your
spot!



Monday 27 March 9.30am

Wednesday 29 March 9.30am

After hours tours available!

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