



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



LORD,
DURING THIS WEEK OF LENT,
MAY YOUR LIGHT
GUIDE MY DAY,
AND YOUR SPIRIT
BRING ME PEACE.
AMEN."



Dates To Remember:

Term 1: Monday, 30 January - Wednesday 5 April

MARCH:

Monday, 27:	Prep Fire Education Incursion
Monday, 27:	St Paul's Open Day 9.30 - 11.00am
Monday, 27:	Author visit incursion, Felice Arena, with Year 1/2 students
Tuesday, 28:	Sustainability students Biomimicry Bootcamp excursion with Ms Hine
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
Mon, 3 - Wed, 5:	Way of the Cross - Stations of the Cross (at school) 8.30 - 8.50am each morning
Tuesday, 4:	Holy Week & Easter Musical Play
	"That We Might Live" Easter performance in Church (11.50am)
Wednesday, 5 :	Last Day of Term 1 for students - 3.30pm finish
	Casual Clothes Day for Royal Children's Hospital - gold coin donation
Wednesday, 5:	Legacy Excursion Senior Student Leaders
Wednesday 5:	Hot Cross Buns orders delivered
Thursday, 6:	Student Free Day - Staff First Aid Training for staff
Friday 7:	Good Friday
Sunday 9:	Easter Sunday - Happy Easter!
Monday, 24:	Term 2 Commences
Tuesday, 25:	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 26 - 28	Senior Camp
Thursday, 27:	Parents & Friends Meeting 2.30pm

**SCHOOL
ASSEMBLY -
HARMONY
WEEK
LEARNING
THIS
MONDAY!**

Last day of term 1 Wednesday 5 April. School finishes at 3.30pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



March Birthdays!

Wishing the following students & staff a blessed & joyful birthday!

Mia H - 20th
Jason W - 20th
Amelia D L - 21st
Olivia C - 23rd
Ms Danielle - 23rd(Staff)
Selena M - 24th
Emilia G - 25th

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Let's take action to be Happier and Kinder, Together

Mindful March 2023

MONDAY



6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

TUESDAY



7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

WEDNESDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

THURSDAY

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

FRIDAY

3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

SATURDAY

4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

SUNDAY

5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today
dayofhappiness.net

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today

27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

HARMONY WEEK

**Harmony
DAY 21
MARCH**



This week the children at St Paul's communicated the importance of cultural diversity, encouraging values, promoting participation and establishing fun ways to learn. During the lessons students explored...

- What is diversity?
- How are we different from each other?
- What things make us the same?
- What does Harmony mean?
- What are some examples of harmony in nature and the world?

Merri-bek Children's Reference Group



Congratulations to **Graysen** and **Emilia** who have been selected to be the St Paul's representatives for the **Merri-bek Children's Reference Group**. Graysen and Emilia will attend four meetings this year and their voice will be invited in making council decisions regarding children.

Wednesday's visit allowed the children to view the council chambers and explore the history of the mayors. They discovered fun facts, such as once you are elected mayor, you can only be a mayor for a 12 month period. They viewed the historic robes that the mayors wore and explored historical artefacts.

Graysen and Emilia had voice in Child Safety and their input was invited to develop the Merribek Child Safety Poster. The aim was for it to be child friendly. The children were also asked how they could be more involved in the arts and culture program. We are very excited for our students to be junior council representatives and look forward to hearing about what lies ahead.



Merri-bek
City Council

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 uniforms, 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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

TO BE PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY, 27 MARCH

Class	Name	Awarded for...
Prep D	Alexander N	For being a RESPONSIBLE member of Prep D by always following our school rules and being a positive role model for his peers. Well done!
	Santiago H	For being RESPONSIBLE by completing his work, following classroom routines and doing his best at all times. Great job!
Prep B	Miles H	For being RESPONSIBLE and offering to help the teacher and other students with classroom tasks.
	Phoebe L	For being PREPARED each day to put her best effort into all classroom activities. Well done Phoebe, keep up the great work!
1/2 A	Lucas V	For being RESPONSIBLE for his learning by following instructions. Well done!
	Elyssa T	For being RESILIENT and trying her best each day at school. Well done!
1/2 G	Mikey F	For his RESILIENCE when he faces challenges. Mikey is learning to use his tools to help himself grow in his learning and play. Way to Go Mikey.
	Joshua N	Joshua is always RESPECTFUL to all he meets. He is polite in his conversations and a wonderful class member because of his respectful attitude.
1/2 P	Georgia A	Thank you for being a RESPONSIBLE and reliable tub monitor, and for always following the school 'BE' Rules. Well done!
	Orlando L	Thank you for being RESPONSIBLE and keeping the class informed about our daily timetable. Well done!
3/4 DM	Emma H	For being RESPONSIBLE for her learning, and working hard consistently in all classroom activities.
	Gwen S	For being PREPARED by being ready for learning and applying herself during class.
3/4 MO	Caitlin L	Being RESPONSIBLE in class by following instructions quickly and using initiative.
	Nathaniel F	For being RESPONSIBLE by always listening to and following instructions from your teachers, always making good choices and thinking about your actions.
3/4 ST	Moira W	For being RESPECTFUL and kind to all her peers and teachers. Thank you for making us smile!
	Alessio N	For being a RESPONSIBLE and inquisitive learner, always asking great questions.
Senior H	Aaron W	For being RESILIENT by having a great start by making lots of friends and learning about our St Paul's school.
	Antonio C	For being RESPONSIBLE by always listening to and following instructions from your teachers, always making good choices and thinking about your actions.
Senior ML	Mia M	For making RESPONSIBLE choices on how she learns best and asking for help when she needs it. Keep up the great work Mia!
	Dominic S	For being RESPECTFUL to his teachers and peers and always helping out where there's a need. Well done Dom!
Senior O	Eloise M	For being a RESPECTFUL member of 5/60 and using her initiative to help others.
	Makenna K	For being RESPONSIBLE and living in harmony with her peers by including others.

PREPS at St Paul's

Our Buddy Program is one of the many ways we help prep students settle into school, as well as promoting and developing leadership skills in our senior students. The prep children look forward to spending time with buddies at school. This week we spent some time sharing books in our lovely peppercorn yard, everyone was super happy and engaged.



YEAR 1/2

It has been a busy week of learning in the 1/2 year level!

In Maths, we worked collaboratively to collect data and represent this in different ways including tally marks and graphs.

We celebrated **Harmony Week** and explored what harmony means to us. We loved the performance from Majeda Beatty on Thursday too!



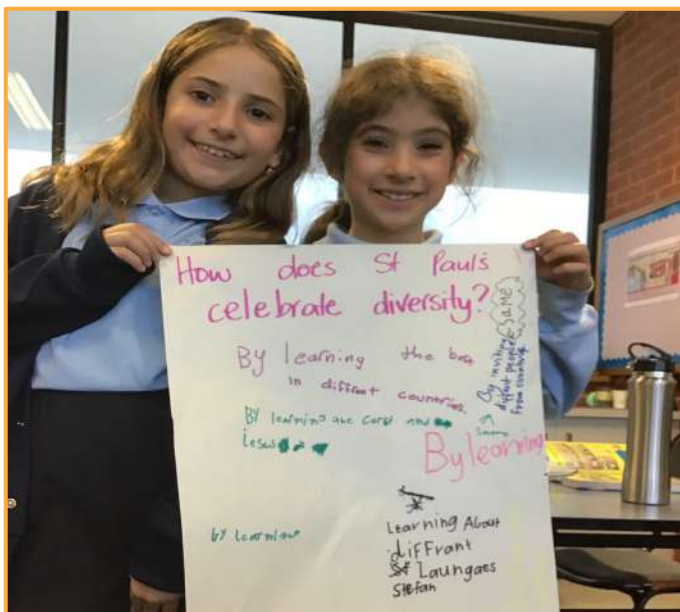
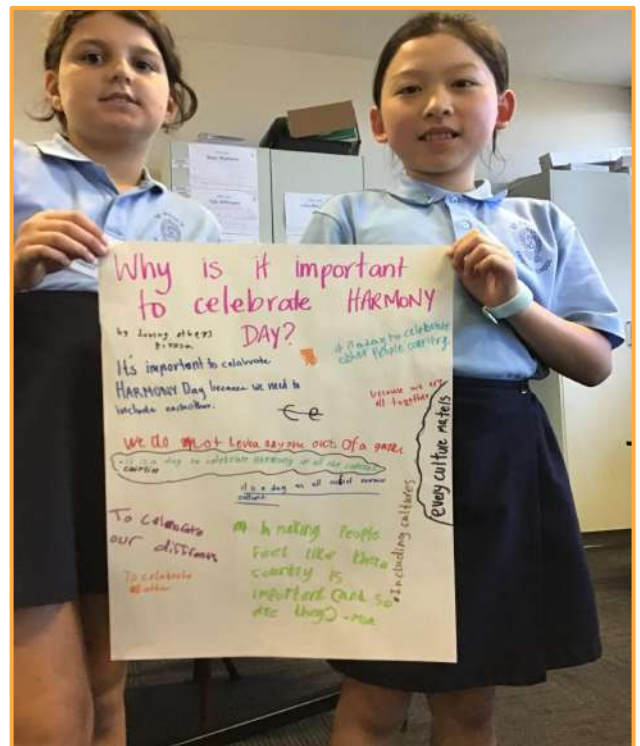
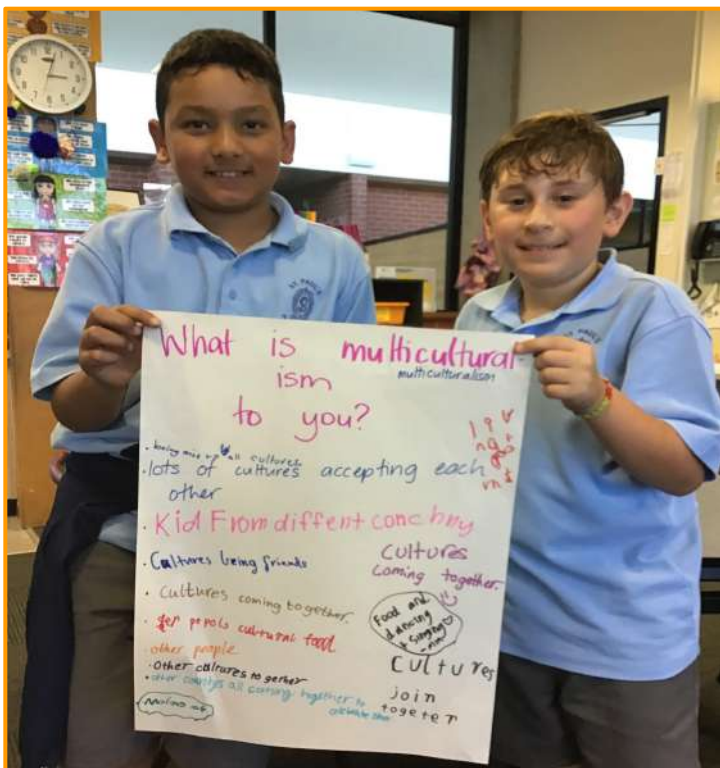
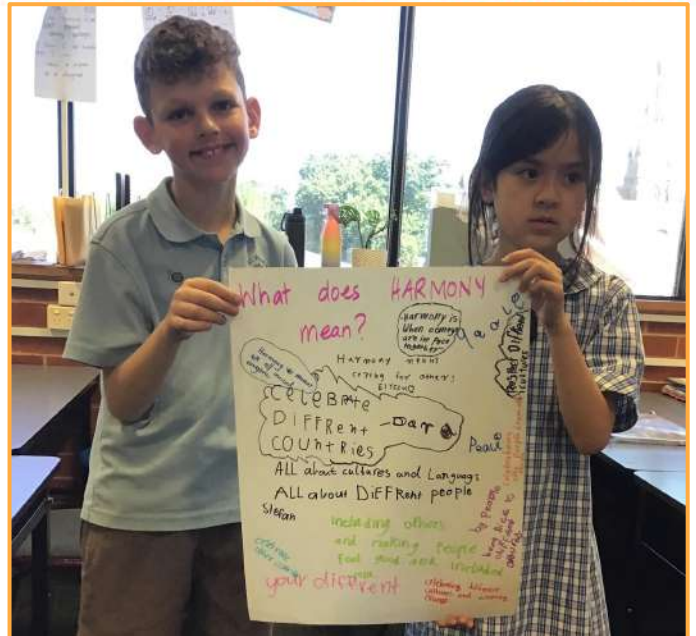
YEAR 3/4

This week we have been learning about **Harmony Day**.

Here are some photos of us answering questions about what harmony and multiculturalism are.

Tiffany 34MO

*Photographer: Louvelle



Sacrament of Penance Family Zoom night Wednesday 6.45pm

SENIORS



The seniors made freeze frames to show the theme 'Everyone Belongs' and created wordles with words that they associated with Harmony Day.

NAPLAN

Remember This



This test does not assess all of what makes each of you exceptional and unique. kidspot

The people who score these tests don't know that some of you love to sing, are good at drawing, play soccer, football or can teach someone how to use a computer program.

They have not seen the way some of you dance with grace or speak confidently to a large group. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them when they are sad.

They do not know that you participate in sports, help your mum and dad, or that you play with your little brothers, sisters and cousins. They do not know that you are caring, thoughtful and that everyday, you do your best. Because these attributes cannot be tested.

The scores that you get from this test will tell you how you did on the day, but they will not tell you everything.

They can't tell you that you have improved on something that you once found difficult. They can't tell you that you brighten up your teacher's day. They can't tell you how amazingly special you are.

Congratulations to our Year 5s on completing their NAPLAN assessment this week. You are all amazing!

PERFORMING ARTS

This week our school focus was on **Harmony Week**. We were fortunate enough to have Majeda Beatty come and perform for the whole school. Majeda took us through a journey of Australia's First Nation dreamtime through an interactive and vibrant experience. The richness of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island cultures were shared through song, dance, stories and language, all with high levels of participation.'

HARMONY WEEK

MAJEDA BEATTY



THIS EMAIL COMES TO YOU FROM WURUNDJERI COUNTRY

St Paul's Primary School acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our school is situated. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging and recognise their continuing connection to the land,

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Family and Community Engagement at St Paul's

Thank you to our wonderful St Paul's community for taking part in this fun day. We had a great turn out
We hope that that families take the opportunity to ride, walk or scoot to school everyday.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SACRAMENTS

REMINDERS:

Year 3: **VIRTUAL PENANCE FAMILY EVENING via Zoom**

WEDNESDAY, 29 March - 6.45pm - 7.45pm

AND

Year 4: **VIRTUAL EUCHARIST FAMILY EVENING VIA ZOOM**

TUESDAY, 16 May - 6.45pm - 7.45pm

If you have not registered or you have any questions about Sacraments Please contact me
ksimpson@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au Kim Simpson

MINI VINNIES



Last day of Term 1: No School Uniform Day!

Casual Clothes Day is a chance to spend the day in your favourite clothes, all while supporting kids who rely on Children's Hospital for care, cures and hope.

Students are invited to bring a gold coin donation to donate to the Good Friday Appeal. Most of us know the wonderful care The Royal Children's Hospital provides children. Perhaps someone you know has been a patient?

Casual Clothes Day is a fun and easy way to support the kids at the Children's Hospital.

When? Wednesday April 5 (Last day of term)

What? Come to school in Casual Clothes and please bring a gold coin to donate to the Good Friday Appeal



FRESHLY MADE
AT
O'HEAS
BAKERY!



Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

Dear Families,

As part of our 2023 fundraising, we would like to offer a Hot Cross Bun Drive this Easter. A school family business we all know, O'Heas Bakery, are supplying the buns. O'Heas Hot Cross Buns are handmade, fresh daily and have no added preservatives.

We are selling a pack of 6 Hot Cross Buns for \$10. Two great flavours available - Choc Chip or Traditional with fruit. You can pay by cash or EFT

If you would like to place an order please place an and return to school by Friday 31st March.
Delivery will be Wednesday 5th April.

Kind Regards,

Parents and Friends

Easter
Fundraiser!

HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

FLAVOUR	NUMBER OF 6 PACKS	CASH TOTAL	EFT TOTAL
Choc Chip			
Traditional			

EFT: St Pauls Fundraising Account
BSB: 083347
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 924383099
REFERENCE: Child's name (and code) HXB

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

**THE BIG DAY IS
COMING!**



Please get behind this fundraiser, and come along on the 31st March to watch the fun – or perhaps get coloured!!!

When: 2:00pm Friday 31st March

Please note the time change.

Where: School Oval

Who: Students, teachers and parents

What: wear your whitest T-shirt, comfortable pants and old runners. Don't forget to bring a couple of old towels for your car seats – the kids are going to be full of beautiful colours!!!



Don't forget to register

STEP 1- LOG ON : [https:// schoolfundraising.com.au/](https://schoolfundraising.com.au/)

STEP 2- SIGN UP

STEP 3-CREATE A PROFILE

REGISTER	LOGIN
PARENT/GUARDIAN LOGIN	
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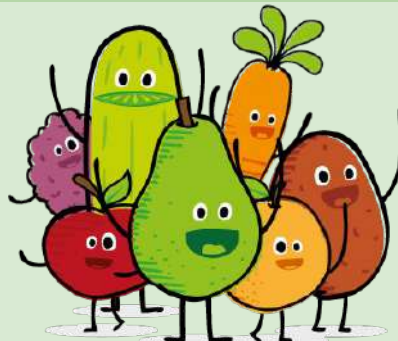
***Let's get ready for a fun day filled with bright
smiles and bright colours!
Turning your children into running rainbows of happiness!***

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.



UNDER 12'S MIXED PLAYERS WANTED

**BORN 2011 + 2012
TRAINING TUESDAYS OR WEDNESDAYS
5:30-6:45**



FIND US ON



ACTIVE
Merri-bek

FUN RUN & WALK

5km Walk/Run OR 10km Run

**9AM SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2023
COBURG OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL**



SCAN TO REGISTER NOW

All ages and abilities welcome! Bring your friends and family to run or walk around Merri Creek's picturesque trails.

All proceeds raised from the Active Merri-bek Fun Run and Walk will help us continue to provide access for young people facing disadvantage to all of The Y's programs and services.



#ActiveMerri-bek

Join us at the

Bunnings Easter Bunny Hop

FREE

BUNNINGS warehouse

A free family event with entertainment and D.I.Y.
Date: Thursday 30th of March 2023
Time: 6pm - 8pm

Activities and fun for the whole family

Join us at Coburg Bunnings for a Fun packed evening of Easter activity and an appearance from the Easter Bunny!

Easter Craft, Rescue Animals, Mini golf, Popcorn, BBQ.

Hope to see you all at Bunnings Coburg.

Refer to your local store for details and book your spot using the QR Code above.

For more information contact us on 83718400 or visit www.bunnings.com.au/coburg

BUNNINGS warehouse

Come and learn to sew your own reusable produce bags *at Pentridge*

**Friday 24 & 31 March
3pm – 6pm**

Zero Waste Victoria will be holding workshops to teach you how to make your own reusable produce bags.

Gold coin donation with proceeds going to Coburg Community Garden.

PENTRIDGE COMMUNITY GARDEN

ZERO WASTE VICTORIA

@pentridgeretail

See our website and socials for more info