



# 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,  
As I enter another week of my Lenten journey,  
stay with me through the busy days this week  
and remind me that when I need  
comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance,  
I can always turn to you.  
Help me develop discipline and generosity  
and come closer to you through prayer this Lent.  
AMEN



## Dates To Remember:

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

### APRIL:

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|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Sunday, 2:</b>        | <b>Palm Sunday</b>   |
| <b>Monday, 3:</b>        | <b>3/4 Life Saving Excursion</b>   |
| <b>Mon, 3 - Wed, 5:</b>  | <b>Way of the Cross - Stations of the Cross (at school) 8.30 - 8.50am each morning</b> |
| <b>Tuesday, 4:</b>       | <b>Holy Week &amp; Easter Musical Play</b>   |
|                          | <b>"That We Might Live" Easter performance in Church (12.15pm)</b>                     |
| <b>Wednesday, 5:</b>     | <b>Last Day of Term 1 for students - 3.30pm finish</b>                                 |
|                          | <b>Casual Clothes Day for Royal Children's Hospital - gold coin donation</b>           |
| <b>Wednesday, 5:</b>     | <b>Legacy Excursion Senior Student Leaders</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 5:</b>      | <b>Hot Cross Buns orders delivered</b>   |
| <b>Thursday, 6:</b>      | <b>Student Free Day - Staff First Aid Training for staff</b>                           |
| <b>Friday 7:</b>         | <b>Good Friday</b>   |
| <b>Sunday 9:</b>         | <b>Easter Sunday - Happy Easter!</b>   |
| <b>Monday, 24:</b>       | <b>Term 2 Commences</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday, 25:</b>      | <b>Anzac Day Public Holiday</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday 26 - 28</b> | <b>Senior Camp</b>   |
| <b>Thursday, 27:</b>     | <b>Parents &amp; Friends Meeting 2.30pm</b>  |
| <b>Thursday, 27:</b>     | <b>St Paul's Playgroup commences 9.00am - 10.30am (Hall)</b>                           |

### MAY:

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| <b>Thursday, 4:</b>  | <b>Sacrament of Penance Year 3</b>                    |
| <b>Thursday, 11:</b> | <b>Special Mother's Day Celebration SAVE THE DATE</b> |
| <b>Friday, 12:</b>   | <b>Mother's Day Stall &amp; Raffle</b>                |
| <b>Friday, 12:</b>   | <b>Communion Reflection Day</b>                       |
| <b>Friday, 19:</b>   | <b>Walk Safely To School Day</b>                      |

**ASSEMBLY  
MONDAY, 3 APRIL  
YEAR 1/2A  
PRESENTING  
'HOLY WEEK'**

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*

It is hard to believe we are nearly at the end of the term. Next week is the last week of term 1 and we begin Easter school holidays. Our last day of school will be Wednesday 5 April, with Thursday 6 April a pupil free day, so staff can complete their First Aid accreditation. Term one has been very successful with the aim of settling all children into their new classrooms with their new teacher and classmates. Teachers have set up strong daily routines beginning with greeting students each morning and settling into the day with prayer. We ensured the term had a strong focus on learning and wellbeing. Children experienced many exciting specialist activities Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Physical Education, Italian, Library and STEM. How lucky are our children to have so many rich and varied opportunities to develop their interests and creativity each week. We have many more experiences planned for term two!

**St Paul's Playgroup** - We are excited to introduce a revamped St Paul's Playgroup! Our playgroup will be led by Rita Ravida, former Newlands kindergarten teacher who comes to us with a wealth of experience and knowledge of pre-school children. Rita will be running the sessions each **Thursday from 9am -10.30am** in the hall. She has planned a variety of indoor and outdoor activities each week. If you have a toddler or know someone who has young children please come and join in all the fun and meet new friends.

*St Paul's  
Playgroup*

**School Easter Celebrations** - Next week we will reflect on the meaning of Easter as a school community.

**Tuesday, 4 April - at 12:15pm:** Our students will present a **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MUSICAL PLAY - "THAT WE MIGHT LIVE"**

Parents are welcome to join us in the Church.



**Monday, 3 April - Wednesday, 5 April. at 8:30 am - 8.50am each morning.** Stations on the The Cross - Our children have created beautiful pieces of art to represent each of the fourteen stations of the passion and death of Jesus. Please come and view **ST PAUL'S - "THE WAY OF THE CROSS" - STATIONS OF THE CROSS** with your child.

**Farewell Julia Lipinski** - Julia has been at St Paul's for three years as an Intervention teacher. We were able to have Julia at St Paul's for term 1 as part of some extra funding we received. We thank Julia for her work with our students and wish the all the best! I am sure we will see Julia around in 2023.



**Last day of Term 1 Wednesday 5 April.**

**School finishes at 3.30pm**

**Term 2 begins on Monday 24 April.**

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### March Birthdays!

Wishing the following students & staff  
a blessed & joyful birthday this week &  
during the holidays!

Anton M - 27th March

Alexander N - 27th

Isaac K - 28th

Dylan SC - 31st

Scarlett J - 31st

Vivian W - 1st April

Emma H - 2nd

Harrison P - 2nd

Summer Z - 3rd

James R - 4th

Ms Olivia B (Staff) - 7 April

Annabel C - 7th

Leon A - 9th

Mason Di G - 13th

Samy G-O - 13th

George W - 13th

Valentina M - 15th

Michael C - 16th

Noah D - 18th

Melissa M - 21st

Stefan C - 23rd

Maya T - 23rd

### April Birthdays!

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

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Let's take action to be

Happier and Kinder, Together

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



# FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

## Wellbeing and Learning Snapshot of Term 1

Dear Families,

As this term draws to a close, it never ceases to amaze me how much we jam pack into a term. When I reflected upon this term and listed all the things that we have achieved, I felt a sense of pride and accomplishment. The children at this school are truly amazing and really embrace all opportunities that come their way. We still have one week to go and in that time we will have two excursions - Life Saving (Grade 3/4) and 91st Legacy Excursion (student leaders). Next week we will also have the Easter performance in the church and the Stations of the Cross family walks.

I would like to congratulate students, teachers and families for a wonderful Term 1. Whilst it has flown by so quickly, there is much to celebrate and be proud of. In fact, I would have to say we have packed so much into a nine week term it has been amazing. At a glance, the following significant events took place and were accomplished. Highlights included **Harmony Day**, **National Ride to School Day**, **NAPLAN** participation, **Unleashing Personal Potential Incursion**, whole school **athletics carnival** and a visit from **Susan McLean - the Cyber Safety expert**. It has also been great to see so many families involved in the learning and significant events.

### Further Term 1 highlights and achievements

Sausage Sizzle Wednesday  
Australian Reading Hour  
Author visits  
Visits from the Fire Brigade  
Merri-bek Children's Reference Group  
Interschool Sports  
Open Day Tours  
Colour Fun Run  
Majed Beatty Performance



Thank you to all our families for their support, encouragement and participation in **wellbeing** and **learning** during Term 1.

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

TO BE PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY, 3RD APRIL

Class	Name	Awarded for...
Prep D	Prep D	Congratulations on completing your first term of Prep. Well done on a wonderful term of learning! Great work!
Prep B	Prep B	Congratulations on completing your first term of Prep. Well done on a wonderful term of learning! Great work!
1/2 A	Emily H	For being <b>RESPONSIBLE</b> and helping others in the classroom and playground. Well done!
	Alessio T	For being <b>PREPARED</b> for learning and asking questions when he needs help. Great job Alessio!
1/2 G	Charlotte F	For being <b>SAFE</b> in her interactions with others, her whole body listening and showing how safe and responsible she can be. Super effort.
	Samantha G	For always being <b>SAFE</b> in her movement, her play and her work, including her learning space and belongings. Fabulous effort.
1/2 P	Harriet V	For always being <b>RESPECTFUL</b> , especially in her listening to others. Well done and keep up being a Superstar role model.
	Tina N	For being <b>RESPONSIBLE</b> . You are always moving safely and treating all property with care. Well done and keep it up!
3/4 DM		NO STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ALL OF YEAR 3/4 DUE TO LIFE SAVING EXCURSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 3
3/4 ML		
3/4 ST		
Senior H	Cassandra I	For being <b>RESPECTFUL</b> by being a good friend and always helping others in the classroom
	Alessia M	For being <b>RESPONSIBLE</b> by always listening to and following instructions of your teachers, always making good choices and thinking about your actions.
Senior ML	Amelia D	For being <b>RESPONSIBLE</b> by always listening to and following instructions of your teachers, always making good choices and thinking about your actions.
	Graysen G	For being <b>PREPARED</b> and ready to apply himself for all learning opportunities in class.
Senior O	Hirad N	For being <b>PREPARED</b> when organising the Chess Club.
	Ruben C	For being <b>PREPARED</b> to assist others in organising the Chess Club.

BE  
RESPECTFUL  
RESILIENT  
SAFE  
PREPARED  
RESPONSIBLE

BE  
RESPECTFUL  
RESILIENT  
SAFE  
PREPARED  
RESPONSIBLE



## FIRE SAFETY

This week we had our first visit from our local firefighters.

Firefighters Jason, Dave, Courtney came in to talk to us about fire safety. We learnt about good and bad fires, smoke alarms, firefighter equipment and how to leave a room safely if there's a fire. We also discussed where our safe meeting places would be at school and at home if there was a fire. We had a great time asking questions and getting to know more about fire safety. We can't wait to see our firefighters again next week!





# YEAR 1/2

What an amazing experience we shared this week with the visit from Felice Arena. Felice is an author and illustrator who inspired us with his songs, storytelling and drawing skills. He shared his new story PASTA with us as the very first school in Australia. He was filled with energy, passion and this transferred straight into joy with the students. Thank you Ms Angela for organising such an awesome experience for us.





## YEAR 3/4

It has been a great week 10 for the 3/4s. With NAPLAN complete, students returned to some normalcy this week. Have a look at some of the fun the 3/4 had during STEM and Italian.



Students also had a great day on Friday as they dressed in white for the Colour Fun Run. Here are some of the before pictures.

Some of the Grade 3s prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation as they join online for the Penance Night



***Who wore it better?***



# SENIORS

## SENIOR CAMP

Senior camp is only five school days away and this week our senior students have been busy preparing for the exciting adventures that awaits them next term!



"I can't wait for the activities because in all the pictures they look fun" - Julian

"I can't wait for the flying fox because it is very fun" - Lex

"I'm looking forward to all the activities because they look fun" - Michaela



We have been researching information on the camp website so we know more about what to expect on camp. This is what we found out.

"They have lots of nice beautiful horses" - Summer



"The cabins are so cool" - Panos

"I learnt that the record for crate stacking is 19 crates" - Loriana



Check out the website to see where we are off to <https://www.theranchmp.com.au/>



# ITALIAN

**Prep learning their colours by playing a matching game.**



**Year 1/2 reading the story “Mangia Mangia” and revising their numbers by playing “Tombola”.**



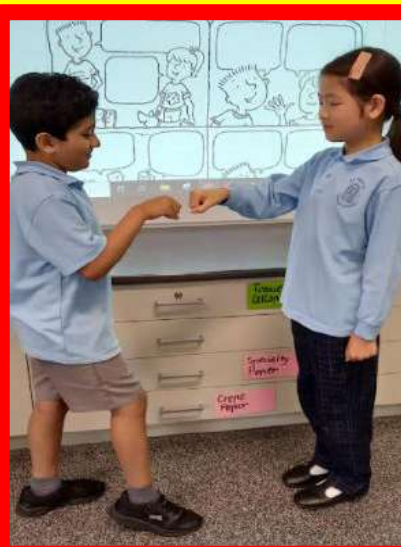


# ITALIAN

**Salve!  
Come stai?**

**Così,  
così. A  
domani.**

**Role playing a  
conversation  
with a friend.**



**Mostra e racconta**



**Students did Show and  
Tell and presented to  
their peers.**

## Some Useful Phrases

Questo/a è...

È importante perché...

L'ho scelto perché ...



# LIBRARY NEWS

## FELICE ARENA AUTHOR VISIT - 'PASTA' PICTURE BOOK LAUNCH

Monday was a special day for our Year 1 & 2 students who were very fortunate to have much loved author, **Felice Arena** visit for the launch of his brand new book **PASTA!** Felice kept us very busy; reading two of his books: one from the *Besties* series before he introduced us to his new picture book **PASTA!** Felice also led us through an illustrating session and finished off with a pasta dance! St Paul's PS were the first school in Australia to hear **PASTA!** which will be released this week. We had the best time!



We read, we laughed, we drew and we danced - all in the name of **PASTA!**

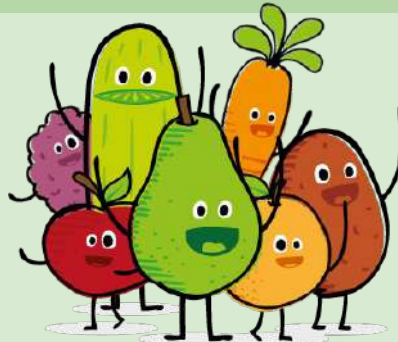


# SUSTAINABILITY

## 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.





# SUSTAINABILITY

The Year 5/6 Waste Warriors got to go on an excursion to the Royal Botanical Gardens to learn all about Biomimicry! Biomimicry is a practice that learns from and mimics the strategies found in nature to solve human design challenges





# WE ARE EXCITED TO INTRODUCE A NEW REVAMPED PLAYGROUP AT ST PAUL'S PS!



**ST PAUL'S**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
**COBURG**  
*Wellbeing & learning for all*

# Playgroup

**Thursdays : 9am-10.30am**

Held in the School Hall-562 Sydney Road Coburg

Come and join the fun!

Children can actively engage in learning experiences, in a safe and stimulating environment.

- ♦ Painting, water/sand play
  - ♦ Craft
- ♦ Singing, movement, dance
  - ♦ Story time
  - ♦ Snack time
  - ♦ Special events

Starts:  
Thursday 27  
April

Ring the Office: 9354 8970 or

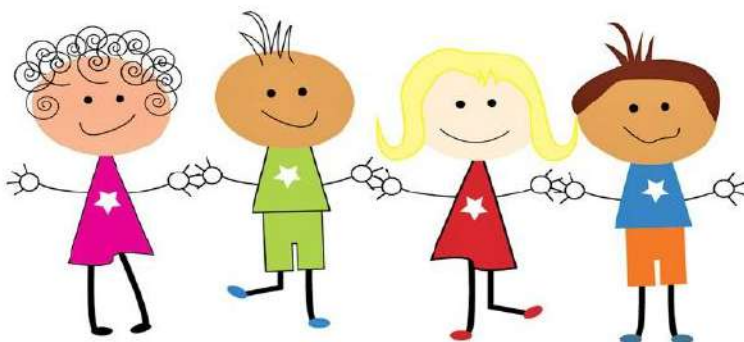
Email: [playgroup@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:playgroup@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au)

To secure your place

Play group Leader: **Rita Ravida** (previously from Newlands Pre-School)

She brings a genuine passion, commitment and love for children. Also a wealth of experience and knowledge of pre-school children.

Qualified Early Childhood Teacher.



Gold Coin  
Donation

Mother's Day - Thursday 11th May



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**MOTHER'S DAY at ST PAUL'S**  
**THURSDAY, 11th MAY**  
**From 8.30am - 11.00am**



**Friday 12th May: IMPORTANT DATES**

**Further  
details to  
come...**

**MOTHER'S DAY STALL**

**MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE**





# SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Do you know you can support our school community every time you shop at a Ritchies or IGA store?  
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Ritchies Community Benefit Program:

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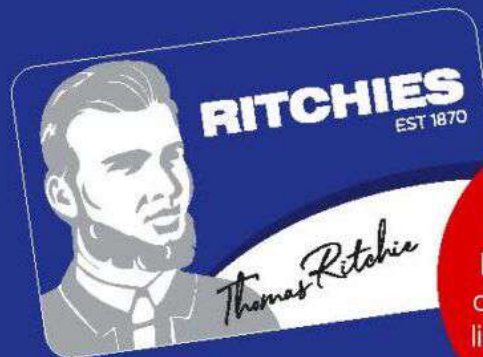


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**1 DAY**  
SCHOOL HOLIDAY  
PROGRAM

Calling all  
Grade 4-6 Boys  
and Girls!



# STEMies

Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths

## BRINGING *Nature* INSIDE

These school holidays at St Aloysius College, we are bringing nature inside. Among other activities, students will have the opportunity to explore and learn about **Urban Design, Photosynthesis and Terrarium Creation**. Students will need to bring lunch and snacks, all other equipment and materials will be provided.


**DATE:** Monday 17th or Tuesday 18th April  
(One day program)


**TIME:** 9am-4pm

**LOCATION:** **St Aloysius College**  
31 Curran Street, North Melbourne

**OPEN TO:** Grade 4-6 boys and girls

**COST:** \$100 for the one-day program








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# Celebrate Easter *at Pentridge*







**Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**3pm - 7pm**

Live music  
Kid activities  
Easter basket making  
Easter egg hunt  
Easter bunny (4pm – 6pm)

**Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**11am - 2pm**

Live music  
Kid activities  
Easter basket making  
Easter egg hunt  
Easter bunny (4pm – 6pm)

**@pentridgeretail**

See our website and socials for more info



## UNDER 12'S MIXED PLAYERS WANTED

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







Join us at the

**Bunnings**

FREE

## *Easter Bunny Hop*



**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.

For more information contact us on 83716400 or visit [www.bunnings.com.au/coburg](http://www.bunnings.com.au/coburg)



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






# PARISH NEWS

ST PAUL'S & ST OLIVER'S WELCOMES YOU TO



## HOLY TRIDUUM 2023



Holy Thursday April 6  
St Paul's & St Oliver's

7.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper  
followed by Adoration at the  
*Altar of Repose* until 10.30 pm

Good Friday April 7  
St Paul's



9.15am  
10.00am

*[no Mass] Fast and Abstinence*  
Way of the Cross in Italian  
Morning Prayer

11.00am  
3.00pm  
7.00pm

Way of the Cross in English  
Solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion  
Italian Celebration of the Lord's Passion

St Oliver's

11.00am  
3.00pm

Way of the Cross  
Solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

*[no Confessions]*

Easter Vigil  
St Oliver's  
St Paul's

April 8

5.00pm  
6.30pm

Mass of the Resurrection  
Mass of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday April 9  
St Oliver's

8.45am  
10.30am

Easter Mass  
Easter Mass

St Paul's

9.00am  
10.30am

Easter Mass English  
Easter Mass Italian

