



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



PRAYER FOR OUR WEEK;

Father, Fill our hearts with love and compassion.
That we will always seek to put others first and
To forgive when someone does us wrong.
Teach us always to love and forgive as
You love and forgive us

Dates To Remember:

Term 2: Monday, 24 April - Friday, 23 June

MAY:

- Monday 8:** All children in Winter Uniform
- Thursday, 11:** Mother's Day Celebration 8.30 - 11.00am
- Friday, 12:** Mother's Day Stall & Raffle
- Friday, 12:** Sacrament of Eucharist Reflection Day
- Tuesday, 16:** Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night-online
- Friday, 19:** Walk Safely To School Day
- Sunday, 21:** Sacrament of Eucharist, 2.00pm
- Monday, 22:** Victoria Police visit to Years Prep - 2
- Wednesday, 24:** National Simultaneous Storytime
- Thursday, 25:** Italian Day
- Friday, 26:** National Sorry Day
- Monday, 29 - Friday, 2 June:** National Reconciliation Week

JUNE:

- Monday, 12:** King's Birthday Public Holiday
- Thursday, 22:** St Paul's Feast Day
- Friday, 23:** Last Day of Term 2 - 1.00pm finish

ASSEMBLY
MONDAY,
8 MAY
YEAR 5/60
PRESENTING

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A message from Principal, Maria Mercuri

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our Year 3 children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation yesterday. Congratulations to

Santiago Ryan Valentino Zoe Elyssa Dara Anica Christopher Ivie
Aoibheann Harrison Isaac Azriel Alexandra Annabel Natasha Ramon
Caitlin Lachlan, Chante, Gwen Isabella Matteo, Tyra

In receiving this sacrament the children come to understand that God always loves us, even when we make mistakes or wrong choices. He knows that we are good. If we do something wrong and we are sorry, He forgives us and gives us another chance.



Happy **Office Admin Day - Marilena and Jo** - Today we recognise and acknowledge our wonderful staff who work in our school office; Marilena and Jo. Marilena and Jo have a unique job, not only do they do all the admin work and make sure our school is running smoothly, they are also counsellors, nurses, accountants, caterers, handy-women and traffic controllers, just to name a few of the endless things they do to contribute to St Paul's welcoming and positive environment, AND the list could go on and on! Marilena and Jo are the backbone of our school and we have a wonderful school because they make a positive first impression on our students, families, new families, community and all who visit St Paul's.



Mother's Day Join us on **Thursday 11 May** for a shared Mother's Day activity and **MOTHERS' DAY MORNING TEA** to celebrate and thank mothers for all that they do for us. Classrooms will be open from **8.30am - 10am** for Mother's Day activities followed by morning tea. **10:00am - 11:00am** to enjoy a delicious morning tea including a barista on site. **Mothers Day stall** will be held on **Friday 12 May**.

Follow this link **[Mother's Day Reply](#)** to RSVP by 8 May

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Winter Uniform Reminder:

From **Monday 8 May**, all students are required to be dressed in their **winter uniform**. We have quality second hand items for sale or visit our uniform supplier; Spartan School World. Please refer to the Office page in this newsletter. A reminder that school shoes must be all black, unless wearing runners on sports day. Only stud earrings can be worn, for safety reasons no dangling earrings to be worn.



Welcome
Glad you're here!

Welcome to St Paul's!

We welcome **Sarah** and **May**, both in Year 5, to St Paul's. Sarah and May come from overseas, They have settled in well and have been made to feel very welcome by all in our community.

Late Arrival of Students

If your child has arrived at school after 9.00am parents must accompany them to the front office and they need to be signed in on the ipad. This ensures the safety and wellbeing of each child.

Long Service Leave - I will be taking some long service leave from May 15 to June 23. My husband and I will be travelling to the UK and Spain. I am looking forward to this time away. While I am away Mrs Stephanie Stedman will be Acting Principal and Mrs Kim Simpson will be Acting Deputy Principal.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! MAY BIRTHDAYS!



Wishing the following students a
blessed & joyful birthday this week:

Emily H - 1st
Matias M - 3rd
Khesmik R - 5th
Eve T - 5th
Daniel F - 7th
Isabella Z - 7th
Swarnim K - 12th

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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

Meaningful May

Let's find ways to be part of something bigger

Meaningful May 2023

MONDAY

1 Do something kind for someone you really care about

8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today

15 Do something to contribute to your local community

22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about

29 Today do something to care for the natural world

TUESDAY

2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do

9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today

16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better

23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of

30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost

WEDNESDAY

3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small

10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times

17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful

24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today

31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future

THURSDAY

4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together

11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder

18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about

25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why



FRIDAY

5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why

12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you

19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful

26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful



SATURDAY

6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful

13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture

20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable

27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others



SUNDAY

7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why

14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature

21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger

28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Dear Families,

Last week our Grade 5/6 students went on camp to The Ranch at Cape Schanck. I'm sure a lot of the children went home full of stories and excitement. It was an adventure filled three days where students experienced horse riding, the giant swing, the flying fox, create stacking, rock climbing, an initiatives course and hut building. Whilst these were all physical and challenging activities, the thing that shone through was the children's resilience, determination, courage and strength. They built new relationships and the spirit of comradeship shone through.

The children did us proud with camp leaders and facilitators passing comment that this was the best group of students that they had come through the camp in quite some time. I was very proud to be there with such a great group of children. They are a credit to their parents and the school. Stephanie



FROM THE OFFICE

UNIFORMS

Second Hand Uniforms

We are very well stocked with good quality second hand uniforms. Each item is selling for \$10. If you would like to purchase any items please contact Jo at office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au

Winter Uniform

ALL STUDENTS IN Winter Uniform FROM MONDAY 8 MAY.

Spartan World is our uniform supplier.

www.spartanschoolworld.com.au

online shop 1800 815 557

onlineorders@spartanss.com.au

or a shop front located at:

Spartan School World 97 Main Road, Lower Plenty, Vic 3093

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 12pm - 5pm

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

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.



School Shoes Reminder: Black shoes - all black soles - are part of the St Paul's uniform. Children can wear runners on their sports day. Some black school shoes examples include:



SKOOLBAG APP UPDATE

Please make sure that your SkoolBag App is always up to date. Each update is necessary for the app to work properly and to communicate effectively between school and home.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

TO BE PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY, 8 MAY

Class	Name	Awarded for...
Prep D	Agam S	For being RESPECTFUL by using his manners, speaking kindly to others and showing kindness to his friends. Well done!
	Milania P	For being RESPONSIBLE by following school rules, helping others and doing her best work at all times. Great job
Prep B	Giulio L	Being PREPARED and putting lots of effort into his work, especially when completing writing tasks. Well done!
	Ethan M	For always being PREPARED and applying his best efforts into learning tasks. Well done!
1/2 A	Chanelle M	For being a RESPECTFUL and friendly class member with a positive attitude. Well done!
	George T	For being PREPARED by listening to instructions and beginning his work independently. Fantastic work!
1/2 G	Amelia L	For being PREPARED in her learning with the take home reader being completed regularly. Amelia knows how she is growing as an avid reader and is to be congratulated on her learning at home. Very impressive. I am very proud of your effort Amelia.
	Charlie R	For being PREPARED in his learning with the take home reader being completed regularly. Charlie knows how he is growing as an avid reader and is to be congratulated on his learning at home. Very impressive. I am very proud of your effort Charlie
1/2 P	Swarnim K	For being RESILIENT by demonstrating a growth mindset when faced with challenging tasks. Congratulations Swarnim on never giving up!!
	Eva B	For being PREPARED and putting effort into every task, and for working collaboratively with others. A great effort Eva!
3/4 DM	Isabella U	For being RESPECTFUL to her peers and for being a caring and inclusive member of 3/4DM.
	Annabel C	For being PREPARED for school and applying herself in class with her work to the very best student she can be.
3/4 MO	Chante O - Di P	RESILIENCE - You are always kind and positive and give everything a go at school.
	Isabella Z	RESPONSIBLE - You always take your learning seriously, listening and asking questions.
3/4 ST	Zoe C	For showing RESILIENCE when faced with a challenge and giving new things a go! Well done Zoe!
	Anthony F	For being RESPECTFUL by always treating your peers and teachers with patience and kindness. Thank you, Anthony.
Senior H	Lola C	For being RESILIENT on camp by having a positive attitude and giving your best to the activities! You are very brave and I am proud of you! Well done!
	Sofia H	For being RESILIENT at camp! you Giving all the activities a go, and even having a second go at horse riding! Well done Sofia!
Senior ML	May T	For showing great RESILIENCE in settling into a new school. Well done May! Welcome to St Paul's.
	Sarah V	For showing great RESILIENCE in settling into a new school. Well done Sarah! Welcome to St Paul's.
Senior O	Charlie F	For being a RESPECTFUL and friendly member of the class by including others.
	Sebastian M	For being RESILIENT at camp when he was on the flying fox.

SENIORS

CAMP

2023



THE RANCH
MORNINGTON PENINSULA

PERFORMING ARTS

PREP

This term the focus of Performing Arts is Dance. Preps will focus on exploring familiar nursery rhymes through dance. Last week students learnt 'I'm a Little Teapot' and created their own actions to the song – ballet style! This week they learnt 'The Wheels on the Bus' and created their own dance to the song – rock n' roll style.



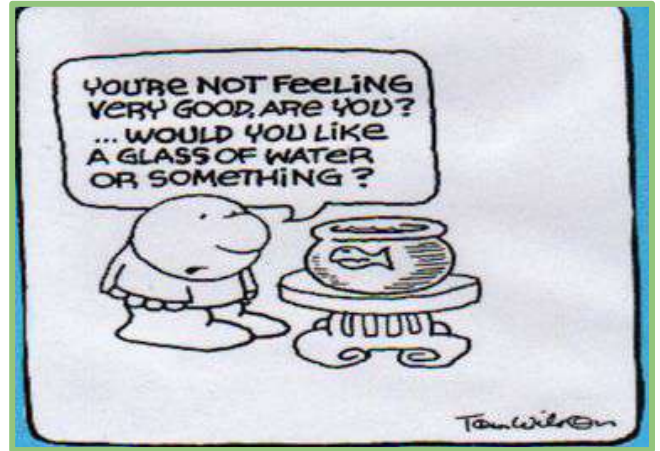
YEAR 1/2

This term the focus of Performing Arts is Dance. Year 1/2's will be creating dance movements to represent the animals from the classic Australian story Wombat Stew by Marcia Vaughan and Pamela Lofts. This week students created a dance to represent the dingo.



Hello from Mr Faraci the School Counsellor

Dear Families,
As I mentioned in the school newsletter last term, part of my work at St Paul's involves visiting classrooms and exploring with children some concepts that help them problem solve, develop resilience tools and techniques, build relationships and feel good about their school experiences. This term I will be exploring with the children how we can show kindness and think about others.



Part 1: The sentence starter

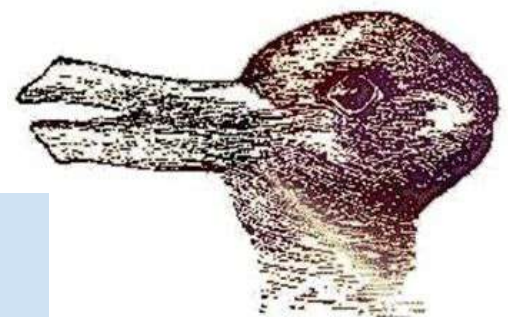
Perhaps you might unpack the following **sentence starters** as a family:

1. Being considerate means ...
2. I am considerate when I ...
3. Manners are about ...
4. Respect means ...
5. When children are working quietly at their tables they need me to ...
6. When children are working in my group they need me to ...
7. When children do not have anyone to work with they need me to ...
8. When children are speaking in front of the class they need me to ...
9. When children are mad, sad or feeling bad they need me to ...



Part 2: Perspective.

Being considerate of others involves trying to think about something from someone else's point of view. As humans, it can be easy to forget that there are two sides to every story. Just like there are two pictures in one below. What is it that you see?



Wishing you well over the term and just like
everybody else at St Paul's,
I am here to support you in any way I can.

Kind Regards,
Edward Faraci



Join us to celebrate

Mother's Day

**THURSDAY, 11TH MAY, FROM
8:45am - 11:00am**

8:45am - 10:00am

Classroom visits with your children.

10:00am - 11:00am

Enjoy a delicious morning tea in the O'Connell Building
(sweet and savoury delights, and a Barista on site).



**MOTHER'S DAY
STALL...**

ST PAUL'S PARENTS AND FRIENDS

**MOTHER'S DAY
STALL**



Luniva Collection



Biscotti & Co

*Many gifts to choose from for Mum and Grandma
including some from local and school family
businesses*

Prices ranging from \$3 to \$15

**FRIDAY 12TH MAY 2023
IN THE HALL**

Please bring a reusable bag to bring home your goodies.

SUSTAINABILITY

Congratulations to our new sustainability team!

We have a very eager bunch of students at St Paul's who express an interest in being a member of the sustainability team each term.

They will meet regularly to discuss actions we can take to be a sustainable school. Our sustainability group is guided by the encyclical 'Laudato Si' (letter written by Pope Francis about caring for our common home).

Rick, Ruben, Eloise, Aanya, Laura, Summer, Eloise, Greyson, Alessandri, Evan, Caitlyn, Patrick, Alessia, Matilda, Chanel, Lola, Amelia, Dara, Kiki, Isabella, Nicholas, Thomas, Valentina, Natasha, Ally, Lachie, Joshua, Mikey, Maiya, Alexander, Ava, Tina, Jason, Alessio and Lucas!

Thank-you to our Term 1 Sustainability team who achieved all this and more!

- Nude food days, introducing waste free lunches and encouraging their classmates to take their rubbish home;
- **Collecting bread bags for sports equipment;**
- Waste Warriors from every class - encouraging classmates to reduce their waste and refuse, reuse, reduce, repurpose and recycle where possible;
- **Collecting bread tags, dead textas and used toothbrush and toothpaste containers to be recycled;**
- The team is working together to build a sustainable garden this term;
- **Senior sustainability team students are working with the Botanical Gardens on a STEM based Biomimicry project.**

SCHOOL COMMUNITY



The National Walk Safely to School Day is on again!

Families are invited to walk and commute safely to school. If you live too far away that's not a problem, why not park the car nearby and walk the rest of the way.



When: Friday 19 May 2023

Once at school head to the Peppercorn Courtyard and grab a piece of fruit, courtesy of the Gakis family.

Help make those important steps towards a healthier future by participating and supporting the importance of regular walking, not just on 19 May, but every day!



SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Do you know you can support our school community every time you shop at a Ritchies or IGA store?
How?

By downloading the Ritchies app!

Ritchies Community Benefit Program:

In addition to great member only specials, offers and competitions, Ritchies Card Members are given the opportunity to support your favourite club, **school** or charity.

We would love you to nominate St Paul's Primary School!

Follow this link: <https://loyalty.ritchies.com.au/#/signup>

Ritchies Loyalty

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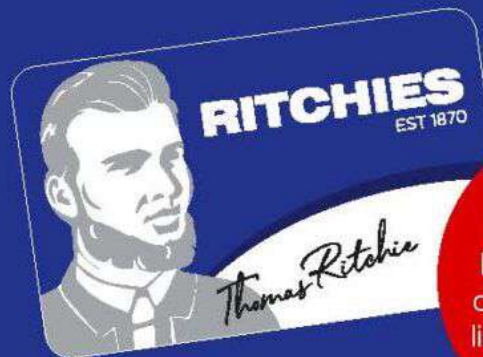


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Page Against the Machine

Page Against the Machine is an international event which brings readers of all ages and backgrounds together to enjoy the simple pleasure of reading.

Join Stig Wemyss, beloved narrator of audio books such as the Treehouse series and Boy Swallows Universe, for an afternoon of antics!

Afterwards, settle in for a reading session at the library!

Saturday 27 May

1:00-3:00pm

Brunswick Library

Programmed by Melbourne UNESCO City of Literature in association with Norwich UNESCO City of Literature and The Book Hive. Supported by the UNESCO Cities of Literature.

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