



# 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*

Let prayer  
be the gift  
you give to others  
and  
to yourself!



## Dates To Remember:

Term 3: Monday, 10 July - Friday, 15 September

### AUGUST:

- Monday, 14: Bully Zero Incursion - Prep to 6
- Monday, 14: Book Week Author Visit Years 3 - 6 - Tim Harris
- Monday, 14: Assembly 2.45 - 3.15 - Year 3/4ST
- Friday, 18: Pupil Free Day - No School (Staff Professional Development)
- Monday, 21: Book Week Author Visit Prep - Year 2 - Corinne Fenton
- Thursday, 24th: Book Week Dress Up Day & Parade (10am) - Parents welcome!
- Tuesday, 29 Aug -
- 5 September: BOOK FAIR
- Thursday, 31: Father's Day Breakfast 8.00 - 8.45am
- Father's Day Classroom Visits 8.45 - 9.45am

### SEPTEMBER:

- Friday, 1: Father's Day Stall
- Friday, 1: Sacrament of Confirmation - 7.00pm
- Monday, 4: Assembly 2.45 - 3.15pm - Year 5/6ML presenting
- Friday, 15: Last day of term 3 - 1.30pm finish

ASSEMBLY!  
MONDAY,  
14 AUGUST  
YEAR 3/4ST  
PRESENTING

**ST PAUL'S**  
**FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS!**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST**



**FATHER'S  
DAY**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST**

**BREAKFAST:  
8.00 - 8.45AM**

**CLASSROOM VISITS  
8.45 - 9.45AM**

**FATHER'S DAY!  
STALL**

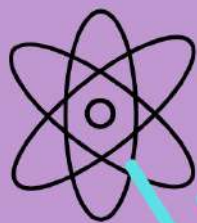
**Friday, September 1st**

**GENEROUSLY  
ORGANISED  
BY OUR  
PARENT &  
FRIENDS**

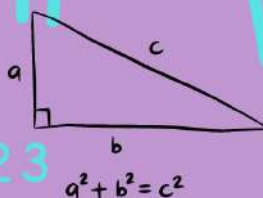
**Students, please bring a bag for your gifts**

**I  
GIVE  
THANKS  
FOR  
THE  
BLESSING  
OF  
MY  
DAD!**





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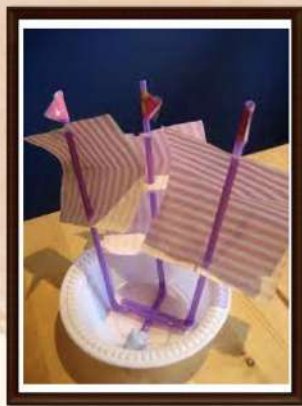
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## WELCOME TO THE 2023 YOUNG DESIGNER AWARD

WHERE YOU WILL BUILD A

# BOAT!!!



Designs will be judged based on 3 criteria:

### Effectiveness of the Boat:

Points will be allocated based on demonstrations of the boat and will consider the:

- distance travelled
- carry weight
- speed achieved, and
- the environmental impact of materials and power-source used.

### Physics Application in Design:

Points will be awarded for the creativity and complexity of the boat design, including how physics principles have been considered in the design.

### Understanding of Physics Principles:

Students will be asked to verbally explain physics principles and forces that were considered in the design and construction of their boat.

## AWARDS

Awards and prizes on offer include:

### Year Level Engineering Champions:

Four grade level (Prep, Year 1/2, Year 3/4 & Year 5/6) champions will receive awards based on the judging criteria. Family entries will automatically be entered into the year level challenge of the eldest student participating.

### 2023 Young Designer Award:

The 7th Annual St. Paul's Young Designer Award will go to the *overall champion* demonstrating an effective machine that utilises strong application and understanding of physics principles



**national  
science  
week**

**12-20 AUG 2023**

[scienceweek.net.au](http://scienceweek.net.au)

#scienceweek



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*A message from our Principal, Maria Mercuri*

**No School next Friday 18 August**  
**Staff will be participating in professional development**  
**Academy For Kids will be available.**

No  
newsletter  
next week



**Netball** - on the back of the Aussie Diamonds winning the Netball World Cup, our students are enjoying practising their netball skills and throwing goals using the new netball ring. Thank you to Mrs Michelle for taking the Netball Lunchtime club every Thursday.



**Waste Warriors**- each week our ever reliable group of Waste Warrior students collect the recycling and general waste. Our students make sure that everyone in our school is doing their bit to look after our planet. The children collect the paper and cardboard recycling containers in each classroom. We have noticed that our paper use has reduced, the recycling bin is only being emptied every two weeks. Our general waste has also reduced significantly, classroom bins only need to be emptied 2 times per week. This is mainly due to less wrappers in lunch boxes and more nude food lunch boxes. Well done to Miss Hine, Our Waste Warriors and all students and staff for contributing to our sustainable practices.

**INTENTIONS FOR 2024**- It's that time of year when we are starting to plan for 2024. If your child is not returning to St Paul's in 2024 (other than Year 6), please let us know in writing via email to [office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au)



Spartan our uniform supplier have provided RagTagd lost property program. Unfortunately, the inventor/operator of RagTagd is not continuing with the service. Spartan are not able to support the service as it does not own the product. Therefore RagTagd will no longer be available

*Have a great week-Maria Mercuri*

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Wishing the following a  
blessed & joyful birthday!

**AUGUST**

**Evan D R - 13th**

**Jas K - 13th**

**Zoe C - 13th**

**Laura B - 21st**

**Lachlan M - 21st**

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**Altruistic August - Let's create a wave of kindness to spread around the world**

**Altruistic August 2023**

**MONDAY**



**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**



**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

**SUNDAY**

1 Set an intention to be kind to others (and yourself) this month

2 Send an uplifting message to someone you can't be with

3 Be kind and supportive to everyone you interact with

4 Ask someone how they feel and really listen to their reply

5 Spend time wishing for other people to be happy and well

6 Smile and be friendly to the people you see today

7 Give time to help a project or cause you care about

8 Make some tasty food for someone who will appreciate it

9 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why

10 Check in with someone who may be lonely or feeling anxious

11 Share an encouraging news story to inspire others

12 Contact a friend to let them know you're thinking of them

13 No plans day! Be kind to yourself so you can be kind to others too

14 Take an action to be kind to nature and care for our planet

15 If someone annoys you, be kind. Imagine how they may be feeling

16 Make a thoughtful gift as a surprise for someone

17 Be kind online. Share positive and supportive comments

18 Today do something to make life easier for someone else

19 Be thankful for your food and the people who made it possible

20 Look for the good in everyone you meet today

21 Donate unused items, clothes or food to help a local charity

22 Give people the gift of your full attention

23 Share an article, book or podcast you found helpful

24 Forgive someone who hurt you in the past

25 Give your time, energy or attention to help someone in need

26 Find a way to 'pay it forward' or support a good cause

27 Notice when someone is down and try to brighten their day

28 Have a friendly chat with someone you don't know very well

29 Do something kind to help in your local community

30 Give away something to help those who don't have as much as you

31 Share Action for Happiness with other people today



**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**

**Happier · Kinder · Together**



# FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

## WELLBEING

Dear Families,

In our Week 3 newsletter we focused on the importance of online safety. As our children continue to navigate their way through a digital world, we need to be mindful that we monitor their interactions in an ongoing capacity. In addition to the information previously shared, The eSafety Commissioner has released a new series self-paced short modules, developed with input from leaders across the sector, including Australian Childhood Foundation's Deputy CEO Janise Mitchell.

Join Wanda, River, Dusty and Billie on four exciting journeys as they help one another discover their powers and learn how to be safer online. Please access the stories via the link below.

[Mighty Heroes student page | eSafety Commissioner](#)



**NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION WEEK**

**15-21 August**

Next week is **National Bullying Prevention Week**. As a part of their Social and Emotional curriculum, the children will kick start the week with an incursion by Bully Zero. The children will participate in the new program titled 'Move & Groove'. This workshop has been designed for primary school aged students, from Foundation to Year 6. The focus of the workshop is **Resilience and Wellbeing**. It will help support the children in **confidence boosting, emotional regulation, body awareness, body connection** and **releasing tension through body movement**. There will also be fun activities for the children to enjoy. We look forward to sharing our learnings with you in the coming weeks. Wishing everyone a lovely and safe weekend.

Stephanie Stedman  
[sstedman@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sstedman@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au)



# UNIFORM

## UNIFORM REMINDERS

Thank you to all families for ensuring your children are in the correct school uniform.

**School Shoes:** 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:



**Earrings** Only stud earrings can be worn. For safety reasons no dangling earrings to be worn.

**Hair Ties Reminder:** Long hair should be tied back in black or blue hair ties. All hair accessories (eg. clips, ribbons, headbands) to be blue, black or white in colour.

## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

- \$10 an item
- Email - [office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au)
- Packed and processed on a Wednesday only

## NEW UNIFORMS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM SPARTAN WORLD UNIFORM SUPPLIER

**Website:** [www.spartanschoolworld.com.au](http://www.spartanschoolworld.com.au)

**Phone:** online shop 1800 815 557

**Email:** [onlineorders@spartanss.com.au](mailto:onlineorders@spartanss.com.au)

**Shop:** Spartan School World 97 Main Road, Lower Plenty  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 12pm - 5pm  
1st Saturday of every month: 9am - 12pm



- Spartan deliver to school or home for a delivery fee of \$9.95.
- Returns of incorrect sizes can be arranged directly through Spartan.
- Orders from Spartan are dispatched on Wednesday and delivered to school on Thursday.

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

TO BE PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY,14 AUGUST

Class	Name	Awarded for...
Prep D	Alexander	For being <b>PREPARED</b> for learning and applying his best efforts into all learning tasks. Awesome work Alexander!
Prep B	Miles S	For being <b>PREPARED</b> to learn by focusing in class and challenging himself, especially during writing! Keep it up Miles!
1/2 A	George T	For being a <b>RESPECTFUL</b> class member who shows kindness towards others. Well done George!
	Alessio T	For being a <b>RESPONSIBLE</b> learner who applies his best efforts into writing tasks. Great work!
1/2 G	Anton M	For being <b>RESPECTFUL</b> to his teachers and peers. Anton models kindness, respect and care to us all.
	Charlie R	For being <b>RESPONSIBLE</b> during class time towards his learning, classmates and learning areas. Fabulous effort Charlie.
1/2 P	Yianni K	For being <b>RESILIENT</b> when faced with challenging tasks, using growth mindset and perserving! Well done Yianni!
	Maya T	For being <b>PREPARED</b> for learning at all times, especially for your efforts in writing. Keep working hard Maya!
3/4 DM	Santiago C	For making an amazing return to school and being <b>PREPARED</b> for classes with a willingness to engage and continue his learning. Well done Santi!
	Ivie O	For showing <b>RESILIENCE</b> in her learning and pushing herself to overcome these challenges in class. Keep it up Ivie!
3/4 MO	Chelsea Y	For being <b>SAFE</b> inside and outside of class
	Nikolaos K	For being <b>RESPONSIBLE</b> . We are so glad to have you back! You tried so hard on your sentence writing using regular past tense verbs
3/4 ST	Alessio N	For being <b>RESPONSIBLE</b> in your learning, having a positive growth mindset and completing tasks to the best of your ability. Well done Alessio!
	Zoe C	For being <b>PREPARED</b> and ready to apply yourself to all learning opportunities in class. Keep up the great work Zoe!
Senior H	Esosa O	For being <b>RESILIENT</b> by using a loud and clear voice in our assembly last week, I am so proud of you!
	Sadie E	For being <b>RESILIENT</b> by taking on a lead role in our assembly last week. You spoke so clearly and confidently. Well done!
Senior ML	Graysen G	For being <b>RESPONSIBLE</b> by showing that he is ready to learn, focussing on each task and consistently completing work to a good standard.
	Amelia D	For always being <b>PREPARED</b> for learning opportunities and applying herself in class.
Senior O	Ruben C	For settling back into school after an extended holiday and being <b>PREPARED</b> by writing a fabulous narrative.
	Charlie F	For being <b>PREPARED</b> by offering fantastic contributions to class discussions.



# PREP

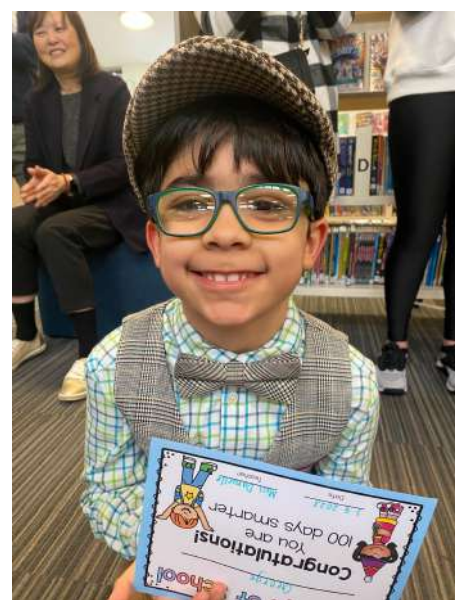
**As any centenarian can tell you, reaching 100 is a BIG deal! This week, our Prep students celebrated 100 days of school.**

The 100th day of school is a BIG deal and this significant achievement was cause for celebration as well as an opportunity for Prep students to reinforce, practice and build their number sense up to 100.

We had a fun filled day which included some dancing, number tasks, 100 fruit loops necklace and a yummy pizza lunch.

**Congratulations Prep Students!**

**You ARE officially 100 days smarter!**





# PREP





## MATH AT HOME - Essential Assessment

Essential Assessment can be accessed via the online website or download the app onto your iPad.

<https://www.essentialassessment.com.au/>

### PARENT UPDATE: Please use your parent codet to login

The Essential Assessment parent platform allows our school to share your child's progress as we work through each topic of their learning throughout the year. This information provides a summary of the specific Numeracy skills that we are currently developing with your child and also provides practical examples of these skills to assist with their continued learning.



Click on the yellow circle with the triangle to access these activities.

### Student Login:

**My Numeracy** works in conjunction with our online assessment program. My Numeracy enables our students to progress through each curriculum content description, automatically differentiating an online curriculum based on their achievement results.

## SUNSET MATHS

**Sunset Maths** is an online application that is aimed at developing each student's mental maths skills in the four operations from each student's current understanding.



Please contact me if you have any questions about using Essential Assessment at Home

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

# STEM

## STEM TERM 3

### What's been happening?

Our 3/4 have started to look at electricity, and how to make basic circuits.



The big word for this term is PREDICTION with the preps. We are making predictions with forces and finding out what happens.



Our seniors have taken the next step in robotics and exploring with our new Spike kits. Some great problem solving taking place.



1/2 are beginning their robotics journey by learning the basics with our Lego Wedo. We have some curious engineers in this grade.





# HELLO FROM MR FARACI - SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

## PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS & TECHNIQUES

Dear Families,

As part of our well-being focus this term, the children are exploring **problem solving skills and techniques**. The purpose of this is to build upon what the children already know about problem solving so that when challenges arise, they can continue to become unstuck and get back to learning, playing and living their best life!

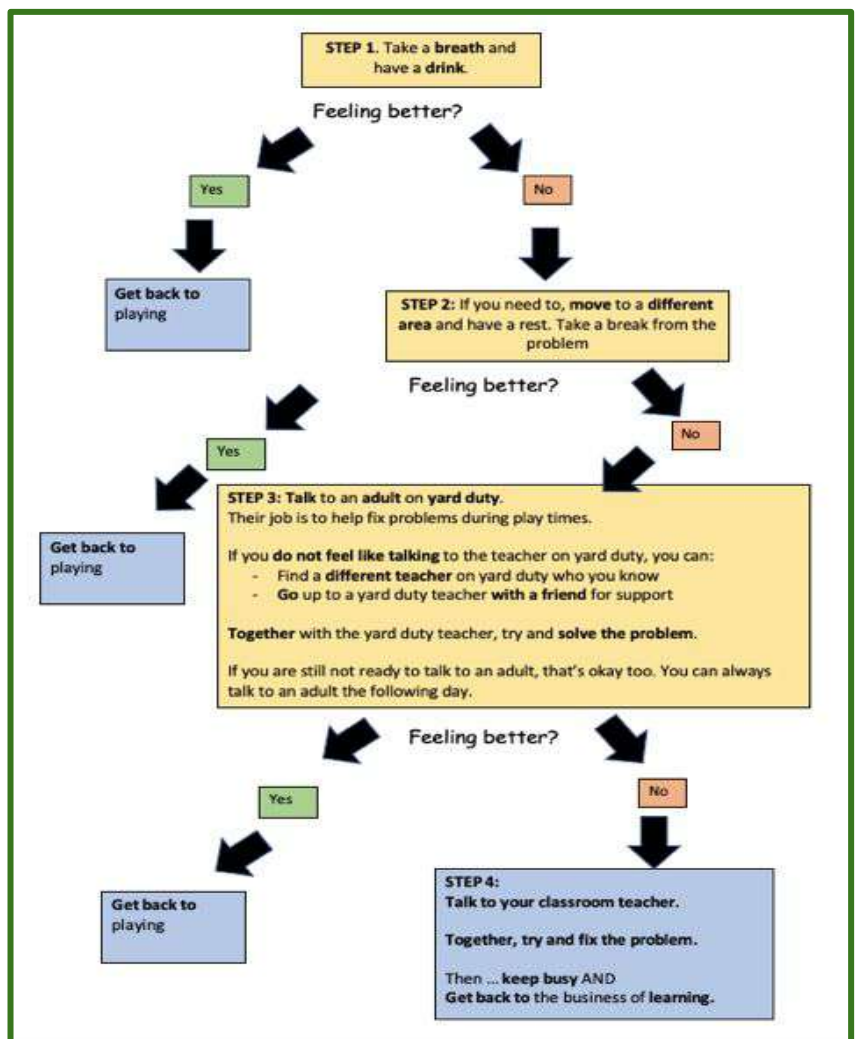
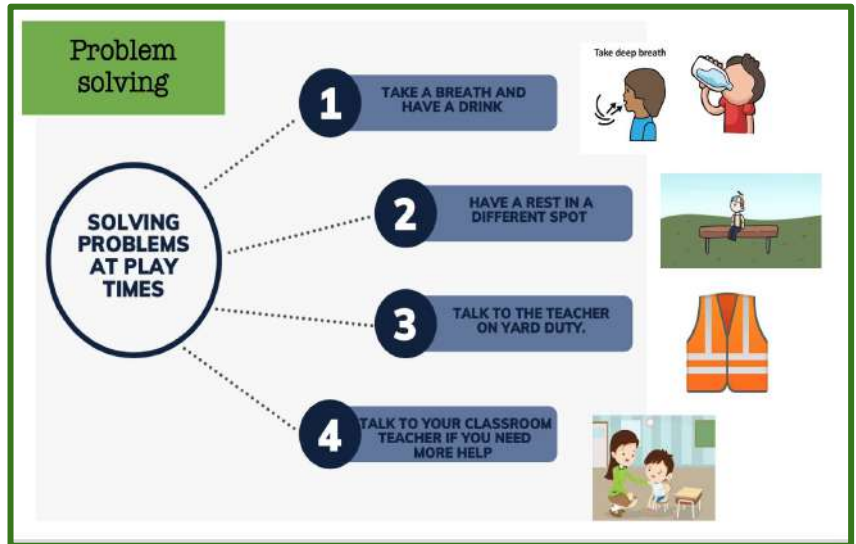
As part of this well-being focus, we are introducing the children to a problem-solving procedure they could follow during play times.

Perhaps you could take a minute to go through the plans pictured below with the children and reinforce the procedures outlined.

Please also remind your child that teachers are always around during recess and lunch times to make sure that children can problem solve and have fun as they play. After all, that's what playing is all about

Kind regards,

**Edward Faraci.**



# PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

Victorian  
**premiers'  
reading  
challenge**



**WILD  
ABOUT  
READING**



**Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the Premiers' Reading Challenge:**

**1/2P:**

Alexander P



**5/6ML**

Caitlyn O'B-C

**5/6O**

Clara M

Eloise M

Ellie T

Our whole  
school book  
tally is over  
730 books  
read!

Please contact Ms Angela if you would like your child to enter the Premiers' Reading Challenge ([agangi@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:agangi@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au))

The Premiers Reading Challenge is open to ALL students from Prep - Year 6 and is simply to encourage a love of reading and challenging yourself to read a variety of books & genres.

## **CHALLENGE RULES!**

Prep - Year 2 students must read/share 30 books to complete the Challenge

Year 3 - 6 students must read 15 books to complete the Challenge

ALL participants receive a certificate of completion or participation to celebrate their reading!

You can read more about the Reading Challenge [here](#).

## **STUDENT BOOK REVIEW!**

In order to encourage reading & books to read for the Premiers' Reading Challenge, we are featuring book reviews as recommended by the wonderful readers at St Paul's!

**This week, Isabella U (Year 3/4D) shares her book review of *Winston and the Indoor Cat* by Leila Rudge**

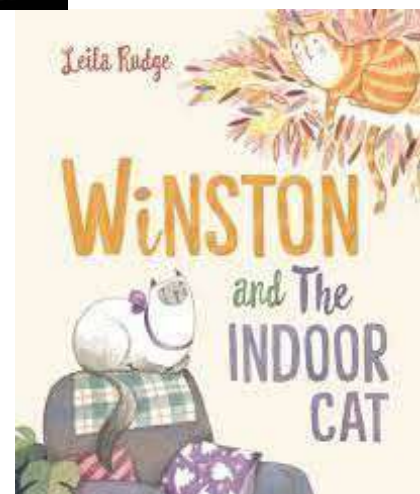
*Winston and the Indoor Cat* is a story about two cats who live different lives, one is a stray and one is a pampered house cat. When they explore each other's worlds, they discover that maybe the grass isn't always greener on the other side.

I loved this book because it has a good message about being true to yourself but that it's okay to step out of your comfort zone sometimes. The illustrations added a lot of detail to the story and made it really enjoyable to read.

I would rate this book 10 out of 10 because it is the kind of book that you can read many times without getting bored. I would recommend this book for preps to year 3s or for anybody who loves cats. Even though it's a picture book, older kids will still find it exciting as they wonder what will happen next to these two friends.

If this story appeals to you, you can borrow it from our school library, or ask our school librarian Miss Angela for assistance.

**By Isabella in 3/4DM**





# Come to Our BOOK FAIR!



**We're having a Book Fair!**

**As part of our Book Week Celebrations,  
we are hosting a Book Fair from**

**Tuesday, 29 August – Tuesday 5th September**

**Opening times will be advised.**

**This is a wonderful opportunity to share  
the joy of the reading with your children.**

**All funds raised will support our library and  
classroom literacy resources.**

# SUSTAINABILITY

St Pauls is now supporting the KIMBE project! This project organises shipping containers to be sent to Papua New Guinea to support their educational programs and health needs. The children in remote Papua New Guinea do not have access to many educational resources that we take for granted,

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

At St Paul's school, we are collecting a variety of things that children can use from Foundation to Year 12 which includes;

- Reading books
- Text books
- Encyclopedias
- Bibles
- Exercise books, folders, scrap books or Folios
- Pencils/ Markers
- Pencil sharpeners/Pencil Cases & erasers, rulers
- Crayons
- Scissors/Glue sticks
- Calculators
- Maths/English Activity Books
- Flash cards
- Blackboard Rulers/Protractors/Compass
- World Globe/Atlas
- Alphabet & Number blocks
- Maps and Educational Posters
- Musical Instruments esp guitars
- Excess sports equipment and netball skirts
- Disability aids: (Braille, Auslan, etc materials)

**Collections can be brought to school and placed in the large box in the upstairs corridor near the end office.**

*Note: The items do not need to be new, just good condition*

**Help us give “a hand up – not a hand out”.  
to students in need!**



*For more information visit:*

<https://www.olhc.org.au/kimbe-assistance-project/> or contact Miss Hlne



# **CHILDREN'S PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

**All children from St Paul's & St Oliver's  
School and Parishes are invited to join our**

**Praise and Worship**

**on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

**from 2pm - 3pm**

**at St Oliver Plunkett's Church,**

**Pascoe Vale**

**Come and join in the Singing,**

**Scripture Verse and Sharing,**

**Join us for a cuppa after the service.**

**For more information please contact:**

**Parish Office: 9354-1564 or 7036 9330**



# SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Limited time offer

# 5.55 % p.a.

## 12-month term investment with CDF Community Fund

By opening an account with CDF Community Fund, you are saving for a greater reward than money alone. Help build classrooms for students, churches for growing communities, hospital wings for the sick, aged care homes for the elderly and social service facilities for the most vulnerable.

It's a way to save while doing good.

Visit [catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer](http://catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer) to open an account and for disclosure details, or scan the QR code.



## DISCOVER MERCY OPEN DAY


Meet our Principal, explore the facilities and chat with our students and staff.

Wednesday 9 August 2023 9.30am and 6.00pm  
Sunday 13 August 2023 10.00am

760 Sydney Road, Coburg - Entry via Gate 1  
Presentation and tour takes approximately 90 minutes.

Book online or call 9319 9299.  
[mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au](http://mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au)


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## ENROL NOW YEAR 7 2025

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- Senior Mens and Womens teams

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Facebook: @PVHCricketClub  
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