



# 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*

## A PRAYER FOR OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear God,

in your wisdom and love you sent Ms Maria to lead St Paul's Primary school.

Thank you for sending someone who sees the individual potential of every student.

For someone who encourages us to be creative and unique. Who provides wonderful opportunities to help us to grow in a place where everyone is respected and valued.

Help her as she leads with kindness, fairness and compassion.

Bless Ms Maria with strong support from parents, teachers and the community.

Amen

## Dates To Remember:

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

### AUGUST:

- Monday, 7: Assembly 2.45 - 3.15pm - Year 5/6H presenting
- 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, 21st: Book Week Author Visit Prep - Year 2 - Corinne Fenton
- Thursday, 24th: Book Week Dress Up Day & Parade (10am) - Parents welcome!
- Tuesday, 29 Aug -
- 5th September: BOOK FAIR
- Thursday, 31: Father's Day Breakfast

### SEPTEMBER:

- Friday, 1st: Father's Day Stall
- Friday, 1st: Sacrament of Confirmation - 7.00pm
- Monday, 4th: Assembly 2.45 - 3.15pm - Year 5/6ML presenting

ASSEMBLY!  
MONDAY,  
7 AUGUST  
YEAR 5/6H  
PRESENTING

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 our Principal, Maria Mercuri*

**PREP 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL** Today we celebrated our Year Prep 100 days of learning! It was fantastic to see so many excited Prep children dressed up as centenarians and engaging in activities reflecting on 100 days together. Well Done to our Prep children on this wonderful milestone in their first year of school. A big thank you to Miss Danielle, Mrs Brunina, Miss Georgia and Miss Elicia for their preparation to make this day a special celebration.



## **LUNCHTIME CLUBS**

This week we introduced new lunchtime clubs for our students. We are offering Kids Yoga on Monday and Tuesday lead by Miss Ana and Mrs Simpson and Netball skills with Miss Michelle on Thursday. Along with Library, STEM and Coding, our children are very lucky to have alternative activities to do during lunchtimes.



## **Congratulations!**

to **Thomas C DS** for winning a gold medal at the annual Karate competition at Albert Park in the 10-12 year old blue belt+. He did a great job to win the final with an unanimous judges decision.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PREPS!

**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)

**Pupil Free Day Friday 18 August for staff professional development**

**There will be no school on this day.**

**Academy For Kids will be available.**



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## NAPLAN

This week Year 3 & 5 families received their child's schools' NAPLAN results for 2023 under the online NAPLAN system, individual student data is received in a more timely manner than previous NAPLAN test years. This year we completed NAPLAN assessment in March, rather than APRIL. Over the past few years we have continued to make a steady upward trend across all areas of NAPLAN - Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy, and across all percentiles. This is an outstanding achievement that demonstrates the dedication and hard work of both students and teachers.

NAPLAN results can be an important indicator of a school's academic performance, but it's also important to remember that they are only a snapshot of students' ability on a given day. It's worth noting that St Paul's will continue to utilise these outcomes as a baseline to drive continued development and improvement.

While NAPLAN results are important, they are not the only indicator of a school's overall performance. Other elements, such as student wellbeing and engagement, give a whole picture of your child's success. We will continue to do a great job and focus on providing a nurturing and supportive learning environment for the students' overall growth. Please see your child's teacher if you need further information about your child's NAPLAN results.



## NEW NETBALL RING!

This week we had a new netball ring installed in the Sydney Road car park.

The students are already making good use of it and it's wonderful to add another enhancement to our playground.



Thank you again for the kind messages and thoughts from students, staff and families on Principals' Day. I am very blessed to lead such a wonderful school community.

**Maria Mercuri**

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Wishing the following a  
blessed & joyful birthday!

**JULY**

**Aoibheann O'D - 31st**

**AUGUST**

**Shelby B - 2nd**

**Ava B - 5th**

**Jorge (Staff) - August 5th**

**Ryan B - 6th**

**Poppy V - 8th**

**Pablo G - 9th**

**Mr Edward Faraci (staff) - 10th**

**Evan D R - 13th**

**Jas K - 13th**

**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

## Australian Primary Principals Day

Dear Families,

Australian Primary Principals Day always falls on the first Friday in August. Today is a day to celebrate and acknowledge the work of Primary School Principals right across the country. On behalf of the St Paul's community, we would like to acknowledge our appreciation for the incredibly valuable work that Ms Maria does every day.

Our students took the opportunity to celebrate their school principal by sharing prayers, special messages of thanks, happy memories and their gratitude. Representatives from different classes shared anecdotes and reasons why they think their principal is great.

**So Ms Maria, today and everyday, we want to say...**

Thank you for making decisions for our students as your top priority. Your hard work is the foundation for their achievement. It is clear that in all your interactions, you do everything in the best interests of the children. You lead by example and your passion doesn't go unnoticed. On behalf of the St Paul's staff and community, we say thank you for your leadership and we hope you have enjoyed your special day.



Stephanie Stedman  
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# FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

## Community Leadership

This week we have been surrounded by leaders that our children look up to. St Paul's students were fortunate enough to receive visits from footballer players from the Essendon Football Club and the Carlton Football Club.

In Australian Rules Football, captains and star players often lead by example, inspiring their team mates with their work ethic, dedication and skill. As a team leader, they lead by example demonstrating integrity, hard work, and a commitment to excellence.

Our students were provided with opportunities to have a question and answer session with players. Here the footballers shared their views on personal development, team goals, people that they look up to and inspire them, and the importance of being a positive and inclusive team mate. What an honour it was to have the Captain, Zach Merrett and team mate, Zach Reid from the Essendon Football Club as well as Jaxon Binns and Nic Newman from the Carlton Football Club. The children certainly came away with some important messages about sportsmanship, being a steadying force and positive example for others.



# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

TO BE PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY, 7 AUGUST

B E  R E S P E C T F U L  R E S I L I E N T  S A F E  P R E P A R E D  R E S P O N S I B L E	Class	Name	Awarded for...
	Prep D	Prep D	Congratulations on completing 100 days of school!
	Prep B	Prep B	Congratulations on completing 100 days of school!
	1/2 A	Jason W  Shivans A	For being <b>RESPONSIBLE</b> by listening to instructions and completing his learning tasks. Well done!  For being <b>RESPONSIBLE</b> by having a go at writing tasks by himself. Great effort!
	1/2 G	Gabe G  Maiya H	For being <b>RESPONSIBLE</b> for his playtimes and organising himself before he goes out to play. Way to Go Gabe! For being <b>RESPONSIBLE</b> for her learning and showing wonderful focus and improvement on her handwriting this week.
	1/2 P	Georgia A  Ava B	For being <b>PREPARED</b> to learn by focusing on the task and clarifying instructions when unsure. Thank you Georgia for always trying your best!  For being more <b>RESILIENT</b> in your learning, especially for trying to complete tasks, even when they are challenging. Keep working hard Ava!!
	3/4 DM	Estelle J  Rosie M	For being <b>RESPONSIBLE</b> by always making an effort to be a good role model for others in the class. Estelle puts her best foot forward in all learning opportunities.  For being <b>RESILIENT</b> and regularly pushing herself to overcome learning obstacles. She is not deterred by challenges and always shows a positive attitude toward learning.
	3/4 MO	Tiffany L  Nathaniel F	Being <b>RESPECTFUL</b> . For consistently respecting her environment, including teachers and peers. Well done!  Being <b>RESILIENT</b> by bringing a positive attitude to school everyday.
	3/4 ST	Meghna R  Anthony F	For being <b>RESILIENT</b> by always finding a way to solve a problem in a positive way, and for always looking after those around her. Thank you Meghna  For being <b>PREPARED</b> to learn by focusing in class and challenging himself, especially during writing! Well done Anthony!
	Senior H	Cassandra I  Leon A	For being <b>PREPARED</b> , you show excellent leadership in your job of cleaning the sandpit every day, you are always prompt and efficient! Well done!  For being <b>PREPARED</b> , you show fantastic leadership each day, especially in your job of cleaning the sandpit, you are always prompt and efficient! Well done!
	Senior ML	Evan D  Dominic S	For being <b>RESPONSIBLE</b> in your learning, having a positive growth mindset and completing tasks to the best of your ability. Well done Evan!  For being <b>RESPECTFUL</b> . Dom, you are always respectful to your classmates and teachers and your kindness towards everyone is appreciated. Thank you!
	Senior O	Elli T  Summer Z	For being <b>RESPONSIBLE</b> in taking on some extra challenges in her mathematics.  For being <b>RESPONSIBLE</b> by using her initiative when offering to help around the class.



# Learning in 1/2



When I see you through my eyes,  
I think that we are different.



When I see you through my heart,  
I know we are the same.

~Doe Zantamata

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# PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

Victorian  
**premiers'  
reading  
challenge**



**WILD  
ABOUT  
READING**



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

**PREP D;**  
Archer U

**3/4MO**  
Evan B

**3/4ST**  
Aoibheann (Evie) O'D



**1/2P:**  
Eva B



**5/6ML**  
Evan D R  
Azaria F

**5/6O**  
Charlie F  
Eloise S  
Rick Z

**3/4D:**  
Isabella U

**Our whole school  
book tally is over 631  
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!**



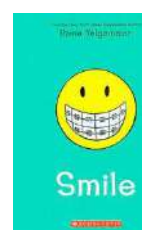
In order to encourage reading & books to read for the Premiers' Reading Challenge, we are featuring book reviews as recommended by the wonderful readers at St Paul's!

This week, Anica M (Year 3/4S) shares her book review of the award winning 2010 autobiographical graphic novel 'Smile' by Raina Telgemeier

Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after Girl Scouts she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth, and what follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth Attached.

### **Anica's book review on Smile**

*I recommend reading this book because it talks about how children think of themselves, about their appearance, friendships and how to deal with bullies. In the end Raina becomes confident, proud and happy with herself and doesn't care about what people think as everybody is Unique and equal.*



# 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.**



# YOUNG DESIGNER AWARD

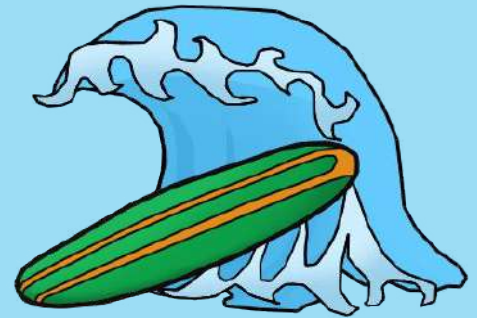
## *St. Paul's 7th Annual* **Young Designer Award** COMING SOON!

*Here are some clues about the 2023 Young Designer Award.  
I wonder if you can guess what your challenge will be this year...?*

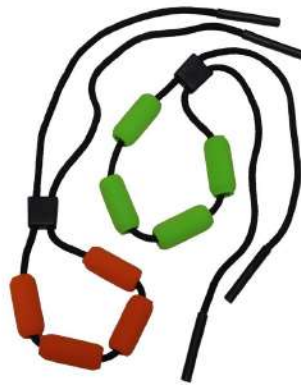
**Mr Archimedes' Bath**  
Pamela Allen



*I'm invisible but fierce,  
a force you can't see,  
Yet my presence is felt,  
through land and sea.  
In the open sky,  
I dance and twirl,  
Unseen power,  
that can move the world.*



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*When immersed I  
don't sink or dive,  
a force keeps me  
afloat, helping me  
thrive*

# **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



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## 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.

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