



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,

We ask you to please be in our midst as we come together as a nation to lift and unite our country.

We pray for a bright and just shared future for all who call Australia home.

We ask that Your grace of acceptance and compassion will guide us.

Let the Creator Spirit lead our journey with Indigenous Peoples of this land.

May we share Your Spirit more deeply;

celebrate the gifts You have given us.

Help us appreciate true harmony and peace.

Keep us be strong, make us resilient and remember us in this time.

Walk with us as we write a new chapter together and

may we be one in Your love.

Amen.

Dates To Remember:

Term 4: Monday, 2 October - Friday, 15 December

OCTOBER:

Monday, 23: School Assembly - 1/2P presenting

Thursday, 26: St Paul's Playgroup @ 9.30am

Friday, 27: Day For Daniel - wear a splash of red

Friday, 27: World Teachers' Day

NOVEMBER:

Wednesday, 1: Whole School Photo Day

Monday, 6: School Closure Day

Tuesday, 7: Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

DECEMBER:

Thursday, 7: Family Carols Evening

Monday, 11: Year 6 Graduation Mass

Friday, 15: Last Day of Term 4 for students

ASSEMBLY!
MONDAY,
23 OCTOBER
1/2P
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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MARIA MECURI

It was wonderful to welcome all the voters to our school for the first time and to be able to open up our school to the community.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all our volunteers who took time out of their busy Saturday and turned up for the cooking and serving of the sausages at the Sausage Sizzle and the deliciously popular bacon and egg rolls. **Thank you** to the student leaders and their parents for making the Cake Stall a huge success with a sell out by 11.30am. This was a magnificent effort, we couldn't have done it without the donations from our families.

We made over \$2000. This money will go directly to STEM so Mr Alex can buy more sets of Lego SPIKE. STEM needs these additional Spike sets so that more students have increased hands on learning during STEM classes.

Of course these school events cannot take place without the community family donations

Thank you to:

- Our families for donating the cakes and drinks
- Jimmy (Michaela) for donating sliced onions and fresh fruit
- O'Hea bakery (Leon) for bread.
- Cake Stall Supervisors - Audrey (Fletcher & Lachlan) and Claire (Hugh, Gwen, Miles)

Thank you to all our staff who attended on Saturday, led by Brunina our Family and Community Engagement Leader, who organised the event.

WELCOME
TO OUR
school

Welcome to St Paul's - John, Year 3, and his brother Trevor, Year 6. They have had a great first week, everyone has made them feel welcome and John has already been on an excursion.

Australian World Teachers Day - Next **Friday 27 October** is a day to celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful job teachers do at St Paul's. We have a few surprises planned for the teachers. Each child has received an envelope with a template for your child to write a thank you message to their teacher. Please return these in the envelope by Wednesday.

CHILDREN
CROSSING



Neil our School Crossing Supervisor met with me yesterday to ask me to remind our children about being safe pedestrians. Some children are bouncing their basketballs while waiting and when crossing the road. Some children are on their phones and not looking ahead. I ask that parents please remind your children about being safe pedestrians.

Class Groupings for 2024 - We are currently in the process of developing our class groupings for 2024. If you have any information we need to be aware of, that may impact on your child's learning in 2024, please email me at principal@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au

SUMMER UNIFORM - Starting Monday all children are expected to be wearing Summer Uniform.
'No Hat, No Play.'

Please ensure your child has a school hat for outdoor play and activities.

Hats can be purchased from the office for \$11.30. (Limited stock)

MONDAY, 6 November- SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

TUESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER - MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY



Will be open on Monday 6 November

FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (FACE)

Thank you to our wonderful parents and grandparents who volunteered and dedicated some of their time on Saturday. Your efforts have made a significant impact, and we are beyond grateful for your involvement. Your willingness to support the school in this manner is not only appreciated, but vital to its success.

Our school thrives because of the strong sense of community that parents help create.



**"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much."
— Helen Keller**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Wishing the following a
blessed & joyful birthday!



OCTOBER



Hirad N
Alexandra Z
John

- 17th
- 17th
- 17th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



OPTIMISTIC OCTOBER! -

Optimistic October 2023



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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| 1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month | 2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time) | 3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you | 4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list | 5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good | 6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better | 7 Look for the good in people around you today |
| 8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding | 9 Share an important goal with someone you trust | 10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently | 11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward | 12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today | 13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing | 14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation |
| 15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted | 16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting | 17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society | 18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead | 19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future | 20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time | 21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you |
| 22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague | 23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise | 24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently | 25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now? | 26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face | 27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time | 28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now? |
| 29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to | 30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future | 31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month | | | | |

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

TO BE PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY, 23 OCTOBER

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...	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
	Prep D	Archer U	For being RESILIENT by pushing himself during writing tasks to do his best and reach his goals. Well done!	
		Gabriella C	For being RESPECTFUL by always looking for ways to help others and be a bucket filler. Great job!	
	Prep B	Pablo	For being PREPARED . Well done Pablo on applying yourself in class and focusing on classroom work. Keep it up!	
		Giulio	For being PREPARED . Giulio is always prepared to share his thoughts and responses during whole group discussions and makes valuable contributions. Awesome work Giulio.	
	1/2 A	Poppy V	For being RESPECTFUL by speaking kindly to others. Well done!	
		George T	For being RESILIENT and persisting with challenging tasks. Well done!	
	1/2 G	Eve T	For being RESPECTFUL and showing me how ready she is for Grade 3.	
		Charlotte	For being RESPECTFUL by always looking for ways to help others and be a bucket filler. You are a very thoughtful classmate.	
	1/2 P	Maya T.	For being RESILIENT when faced with new tasks, and demonstrating perseverance and a growth mindset.	
		Alannah F	For being PREPARED for learning by participating with enthusiasm in all activities and working hard to complete tasks.	
	3/4 DM	Lexi B	For being RESILIENT and engaging with class tasks with a positive and collaborative mindset. Excellent participation in the 3/4s excursion. Keep it up Lexi.	
		John A	Being PREPARED for school, learning and making friends in his first week at St.Paul's. John has participated in all his classroom tasks and has already made some wonderful connections and friends. Well done!	
	3/4 MO	Whole Class	On our walking excursion, you were: Energetic, persistent, inquisitive, respectful and brilliant. Thank you all and well done!	
	3/4 ST	Henry V	For being PREPARED each day to put his best effort into classroom learning activities. Well done!	
		Lachlan M	For being RESPONSIBLE and participating in our excursion with enthusiasm. Well done Lachie!	
	Senior H	Julian F	For being PREPARED for your learning by always having the things you need ready, contributing to class conversations and asking lots of questions.	
		Trevor A	For being RESILIENT by having a great start and making lots of friends and learning about our St Paul's school.	
	Senior ML	Mia M	For being RESPONSIBLE by always listening to and following instructions of your teachers, always making good choices and thinking about your actions. Well done Mia!	
		George W	For being RESPONSIBLE by always listening to and following instructions of your teachers, always making good choices and thinking about your actions. Well done George!	
	Senior O	Sebastian M	For being a RESPECTFUL member of the class and following the school 'Be Rules' consistently.	
		Makenna K	For being SAFE by caring for our classroom belongings and working hard to keep things clean and organised for our learning.	

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Australia's largest child safety education and awareness day

DAY FOR DANIEL

Friday 27 October, 2023



Dear Families,

Next Friday **27 October** is **Day for Daniel**. Held annually on the last Friday of October, Day for Daniel honours the memory of Daniel Morcombe. As a community, we acknowledge this special day by wearing red and educating our children. **Next Friday, all St Paul's children are encouraged to wear red to honour Daniel and promote awareness of child safety.**

As parents and educators we have a responsibility to continue to educate our children around child safety. At school, your children will cover various topics and look at different ways that they can stay safe. The link below also provides information for parents to talk to their children. **Some of the content is sensitive**, so I encourage all parents to look carefully through this resource and see what is age appropriate for your child / children. As a family, this will provide a platform for open discussion and some activities to follow up. **RESOURCE BOOKLET K-6** I also encourage families to share the Kids Helpline number with their children. This will also be shared by teachers in the classroom. **1800 55 1800**



That's Suss

eSafety Challenge

Parent & carer guide

'That's Suss: eSafety Challenge' is suitable for children aged 8 to 12 years. It is designed to be played at home or at school.

That's Suss will teach children how to navigate suspicious situations online¹ in an engaging and age-appropriate way. Users are immersed in the narrative by choosing the character's next actions at key points throughout the story.

Each interactive pathway will direct users to existing reporting mechanisms, including **eSafety** and Australian Center to Counter Child Exploitation (**ACCCE**). Users will also be educated about available support systems, such as **Kids Helpline** and **Safety Networks**².

eSafety Challenge - Parent & carer guide

If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact me at

ssstedman@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au

Kind regards, Stephanie

Deputy Principal | Wellbeing Leader

YEAR 3/4

Year 3/4 Walking Excursion.

We had a fantastic day of learning and exploring our amazing city! We heard lots of stories about the history of Melbourne, and ate (we had a chew on the only edible succulent in Australia, Pigface!) and saw amazing things.



YEAR 3/4



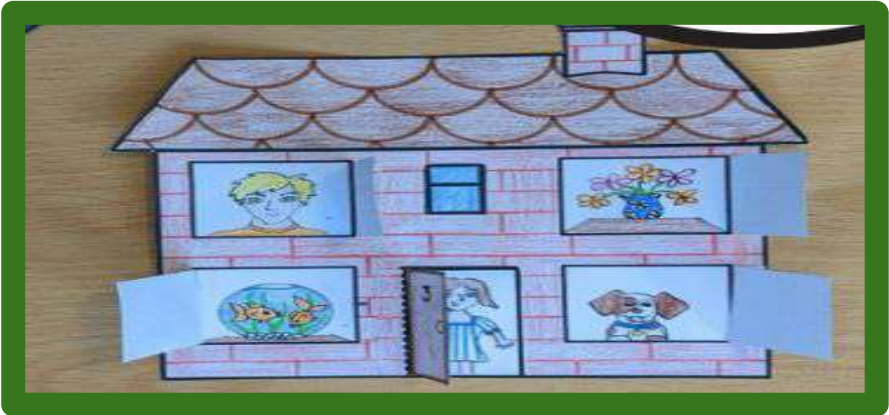
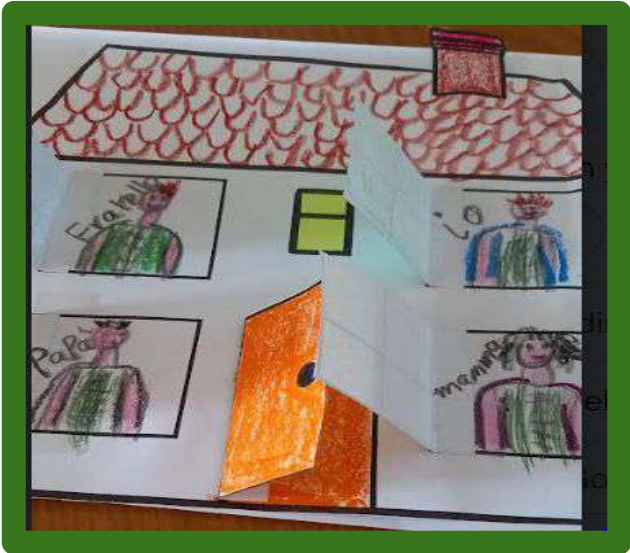
Some highlights for us were:

- Trying 'Pigface leaf' for hydration and Eucalyptus leaves for medicine.
- Finding our Ancestor's countries on the glass windows on Sandridge Bridge.
- Learning about the cultural importance of a possum skin.
- Seeing fossilisation in Federation Square.





Preps and 1/2's are presenting information about their families.



3/4s and 5/6s are developing their Italian language skills in a fun and engaging way, playing word games.



CLASS MASS



Children and teachers at St Paul's join the community to celebrate Mass on Fridays once a term, on a roster basis. School Masses and Liturgies are celebrated for significant events and seasons throughout the year in addition to Friday class mass.

Today, Senior students with their Prep buddies enjoyed the opportunity for the school community and parish to connect through Friday morning Mass. Children participate in many aspects of the liturgy, including reading. A special thank you to Fr James for his continued support.

The celebration of the Mass is at the heart of Catholic life. Year one and two will be next to attend Friday Parish Mass.

Religious Education: Kim Simpson



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
- Packed and processed on a Wednesday only

NEW UNIFORMS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM SPARTAN WORLD UNIFORM SUPPLIER

Website: www.spartanschoolworld.com.au

Phone: online shop 1800 815 557

Email: 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.

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS

Whole School Photos will be on Wednesday 1 November 2023

All children to be in summer uniform



SAVE THE DATE

Thursday
7th December
2023

Christmas Carols



ST PAUL'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL
COBURG





**ZOOPER
DOOPER
DAY!**

**EVERY FRIDAY
STARTING WEEK 2**

\$1.00 EACH

**PURCHASE
VIA CDF PAY**

Brought to you by our student
leaders and the P&F committee



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

We're getting ready for FUN!



TheirCare are proud to work in partnership with St Paul's Primary School Coburg to provide quality Outside School Hours Care to your school community, commencing in Term 4 2023.

Learn more at www.theircare.com.au
or call 1300 072 410

Our school has partnered with an independent provider called Their Care to provide exceptional **Outside School Hours Care** services for our school community.

The program is available for all children at St Paul's Primary School Coburg from **7:00am** until **8:45 am** in the morning and from **3:30pm** until **6:00pm** each school day.

During **School Holidays & Pupil Free Days** the service will operate from **7:00 am** until **6:00pm**.

Families wishing to use this service can visit the TheirCare website: www.theircare.com.au

Families are eligible for a Government Rebate called the **Child Care Subsidy** which can reduce the cost per session by up to 90%.

More information can be obtained by contacting the school or ringing **TheirCare Support Team** on 1300 072 410.

TheirCare provides a stimulating and safe environment for all children. During sessions, children develop **life-skills, friendships, confidence** and **creativity** through play-based programs.

We acknowledge the traditional Aboriginal owners of this country in which I occupy space the Boon Wurrung. We also pay respect to them, their culture and their Elders past, present and to the ongoing living culture of Aboriginal people.



Week 3 Sports Week

This week at TheirCare, the children enjoyed sports week.

The hall was set up with various sports activities that sparked from the children's interests and voice, such as basketball, soccer, tennis, skipping and dancing.

Arts and crafts that catered for these interests were also implemented into the children's learning and play such as sport word finds, crosswords and colouring in templates.

The children really enjoyed this weeks activities and we cannot wait for next weeks space week.



train puzzle play



the beep test

REMINDER

We are now in SunSmart season and would like to friendly remind everyone to pack the children hats to bring to TheirCare for any outdoor play. Sunscreen is provided.

Space Week Week 4

We look forward to having heaps of space activities next week!

TIMES

Before School: 7:00am - 8:45am
 After School: 3:30pm - 6:00pm
 Holidays: 7:00am - 6:00pm

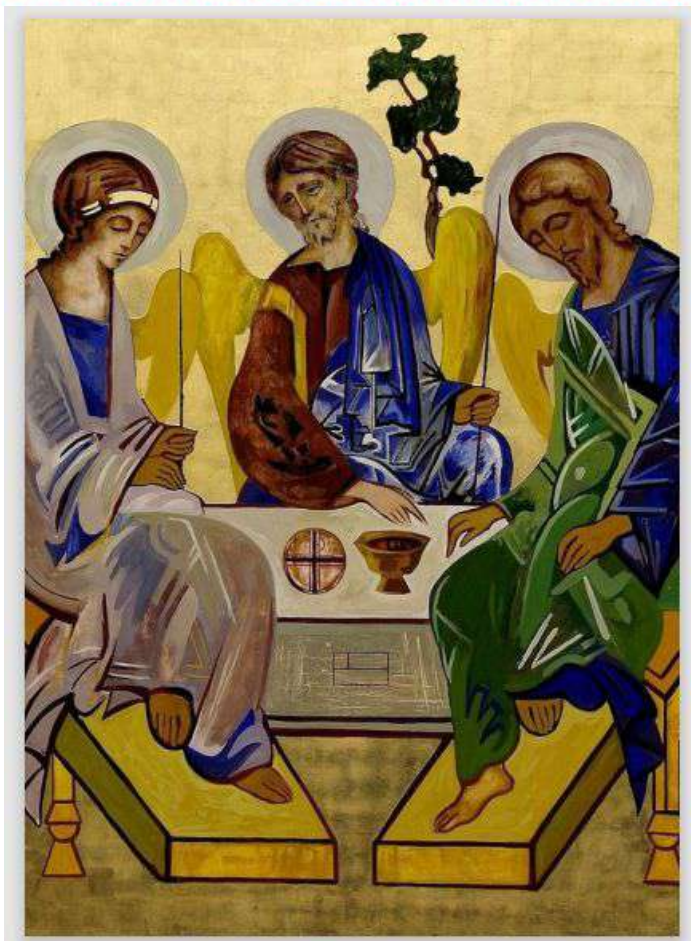
CONTACT HEAD OFFICE

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PARISH NEWS



CHRIST IS RISEN AND HE LOVES YOU!
COME AND LISTEN TO THE GOOD NEWS!

Talks on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS
beginning 2nd of October at 7:30 pm

Location: St. Paul's Catholic Church
562 Sydney Rd Coburg VIC 3058 in the Hall,
O'Connor Building

Enquiries Call:
Colin 0407346413
Fr. Joseph 0409585806

For Further Information



Free Babysitting Provided Upon Request

COBURG CRICKET CLUB WOOLWORTHS JUNIOR BLASTERS PROGRAM

**FOR ALL 5-10 YEAR OLD
BOYS AND GIRLS
COME AND HAVE HEAPS
OF FUN!**

register at PlayHQ

<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/60333b>

or contact

BILL TUCKNOTT

0422 954 325

tucky1856@gmail.com



GO GIRLS



GO Girls Program

GO Girls is a fun, social football program for 8-16 year old girls.

Specifically designed for any and every girl, no matter their skill level.

GO Girls is non-competitive and you will learn skills whilst having a lot of fun.

Come along or bring a friend and get a taste for the game with a FREE 5-Week program through Football Victoria and Merri-Bek City Council!

Location: Clifton Park, 377 Albert Street, Brunswick VIC, 3056

Dates: Thursdays 5/10/2023 - 2/11-2023

Time: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Cost: FREE

REGISTER HERE



#FootballHerWay

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
INFO@GOFOOTBALL.COM.AU | GOFOOTBALL.COM.AU



MERCY COLLEGE

ABSTRACT EXPLOSION ART PROGRAM

FOR FOR GIRLS IN YEARS 4 TO 6



An exciting four week art program where students will be creating an abstract painting as a way of understanding various painting techniques.

WHEN

THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER AND
THURSDAY 2, 9, 16 NOVEMBER 2023
4.00PM - 5.00PM

WHERE

MERCY COLLEGE
760 SYDNEY ROAD COBURG 3058
ENTRY VIA GATE 1

COST

\$20.00



BOOK NOW

WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CMKMG

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Poster competition!

Our National Ride2School Day poster competition is back so it's time to get creative!

We're asking students to help us design our official poster for National Ride2School Day on **Friday 22 March 2024** by showing us their favourite way of actively travelling to school.

The winning student's design will be shared with schools across Australia - **plus they'll win a brand new bike and helmet!**

Download the flyer below and share with your students to get started.

Entries close Thursday 30 November 2023.

ENTER NOW



How to enter

1. Simply show us your favourite way to get to school (ride, walk, scoot or skate) by drawing in the box on Page 2.
2. Make sure you fill in your details so that we can contact you and your school if you win.
3. Scan the completed form (Page 2 only) and email to ride2school@bicyclenetwork.com.au or mail to Bicycle Network, 4/246 Bourke Street Melbourne 3000

Competition closes Thursday 30 November 2023 and winner will be notified via contact details provided.

Terms and Conditions of this competition can be found on Page 3.

National Ride2School Day poster competition



Student name: _____

School: _____ Year level: _____

Teacher name: _____

Teacher email _____

NATIONAL
RIDE2SCHOOL
DAY
Friday 22 March 2024

Each child at St Paul's is invite to design a Christmas card that our local member Anthony Cianflone will use to send to the community this christmas. Please return the drawing to the office by 1 November.



DRAW A
CHRISTMAS
CARD

THEME: 'Peace joy and love this Christmas.'

The winning design will appear on a Christmas Card and message to be distributed across the community. With full credit given to the winning student.

PRIZES

- \$100 book voucher for the illustrator of the winning design
- \$100 book voucher for the school with the winning design
- \$50 book voucher for the illustrator of the best design in every school
- Certificate for every student who participates

STUDENT NAME

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME:

STUDENT ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

SCHOOL:



Please submit your design to your school office by the **1st Of November 2023**

Anthony Cianflone MP

State Labor Member for Pascoe Vale

 anthony.cianflone@parliament.vic.gov.au

  [AnthonyCianfloneMP](#)

 180 Gaffney Street Coburg North, 3058

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YOUR DRAWING HERE ↘