



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

Wednesday was the feast of **All Saints**,
the day when we remember all the people who have lived their lives doing good deeds for others
and who have died and gone to heaven.

On All Saints Day, we praise and thank God for what He has done for us through these holy people.
We ask the saints to pray for us that we may love God and our neighbour the way Jesus taught us.

Let's also think about how we can follow their example and live our lives as God wants us to.

God of life, we give thanks for all the holy men and women who have lived throughout the world.

*Help us too, to live as you would like us to by showing love to all,
bringing peace, and always trying to do what is right. Amen.*

HOLY SAINTS PRAY FOR US

Dates To Remember:

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

NOVEMBER:

- Monday, 6: School Closure Day
- Tuesday, 7: Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
- Thursday 9: Prep Orientation Session 1
- Monday 13: Assembly 1/2G
- Thursday 16: Prep Orientation Session 2
- Thursday 23: Prep Orientation Session 3
- Thursday, 30: ABC Music Concert 2pm

DECEMBER:

- Thursday, 7: Family Carols Evening
- Monday, 11: Year 6 Graduation Mass
- Friday, 15: Last Day of Term 4 for students



ASSEMBLY!
MONDAY,
13 November
1/2G
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

We are already in the month of November and the year is fast coming to an end. Once this long weekend is over we are full speed ahead with end of year activities. A reminder that school will be closed on Monday, 6th November and Tuesday, 7th November. Monday's school closure day is for report writing and Tuesday is a Public Holiday for the Melbourne Cup. I hope all families enjoy the extra-long weekend and find time to rest and enjoy some family time. TheirCare is open on Monday for families who require care for their children.

Prep Orientation - Next Thursday we welcome our newest St Paul's children, 2024 Preps, to our school. At these sessions children will meet their teachers and become familiar with our school. Parents will also meet to hear all about our vibrant school community.

End of School 2023 - School ends for 2023 on Friday, December 15 at 12.30pm.

Back to School dates, 2024 - In 2024 school begins on Wednesday, 31 January for children.

Staffing news - We have some staff leaving St Paul's at the end of this year: Miss Danielle is leaving St Paul's to work closer to home in Wollert, Mrs Gabi is leaving for a sea change, Mr Alex Conway is moving back home to Newcastle to be closer to family. We will farewell these teachers and thank them for their wonderful contributions to St Paul's at the end of term.

No newsletter next week, due to the shortened week.

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

School Advisory Council - On Wednesday we had our school SAC meeting. Information shared was about learning, the new EBA, the success of using St Paul's as a polling site for the Referendum, the new aftercare providers - TheirCare, the lease of the new restaurant (beside the school) and the process of updating student devices. The School Advisory Council plays a significant role in supporting the spiritual and educational welfare of the students at St Paul's. Together, the council supports the Principal and the Parish priest. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the SAC members for their continued support, valuable contributions and commitment to this council.

Thank you

Father James Puppady, Matt Sullivan, Christina Rosetti, Hadleigh Morrissey, Andrew Zavitsanos and Loretta Meilak

REMEMBRANCE DAY - On Friday November 10, we will gather as a school to mark Remembrance Day. Our Remembrance Day commemorative ceremony will explain the significance of this important day in the history of our nation. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month is a special time to remember those who have fought and died for our country. Our children will gather together wearing poppies to remember the sacrifices that those who fought and died in the war for us. We will also acknowledge anyone who has also fought for our country and died in conflicts since World War I. Our Mini Vinnies captains are selling poppies for \$2 at school.

I wish all families an enjoyable long weekend. We look forward to seeing all students back at school next Wednesday. **Maria Mercuri**

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

TO BE PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY, 13 NOVEMBER

Class	Name	Awarded for...
Prep D	Santiago H	For being SAFE by always following the BE rules, transitioning safely around the classroom and school and making others feel comfortable and cared for. Well done!
	Sasha M	For being RESILIENT by taking on feedback for her learning and using a growth mindset and positive attitude when faced with a challenge. Great job!
Prep B	Antonio	For building RESILIENCE. Well done Antonio for showing a growth mindset and a can do attitude when completing tasks in the class. Keep it up!
1/2 A	Emily H	For being PREPARED for learning and putting her best efforts into writing tasks, Well done!
	Jason W	For being RESPONSIBLE by listening to instructions in the classroom. Well done!
1/2 G	Joshua S	For his RESPECTFUL behaviour this week towards his teachers. Your manners have been impeccable this week Joshua.
	Emiliana	For her RESPECTFUL attitude during prayer sessions. Emiliana's Reverence and words are so peaceful and honest.
1/2 P	Tina N.	For being RESPONSIBLE for her learning and striving to do and be her best at all times. A fantastic effort Tin! Keep working hard.
	Fletcher M	For being RESPONSIBLE for his learning, especially for striving to improve his writing and spelling. An amazing effort Fletcher. Keep up the great work.
3/4 DM	Emma C	For being RESILIENT and determined to complete all her work to the very best standards while competing in 2 chess tournaments.
	Gwen S	For being a RESPONSIBLE and inquisitive learner. For always asking great questions and working responsibility in groups and independently. Well done Gwen!
3/4 M0	Namo	For being RESPECTFUL - Speaking politely to teachers and peers.
	Elyssa	Being RESPONSIBLE - Trying her best in all areas of school.
3/4 ST	Aoibheann O	For always treating her peers and teachers with KINDNESS and RESPECT . Thank you Aoibheann.
	Anica M	For being PREPARED to learn by focusing in class and challenging herself, especially during writing! Well done Anica!
Senior H	Jas K	For being a RESPONSIBLE learner by actively engaging in classes, putting your hard, and asking lots of questions! Well done Jas!
Senior ML	Evan D	For being PREPARED and ready to apply himself for all learning opportunities in class. Awesome effort Evan!
Senior O	Edoardo F	For being a RESPECTFUL member of the class who shows kindness to others.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Wishing the following a
blessed & joyful birthday!

NOVEMBER

Mark I	- 2nd
Phoebe L	- 2nd
Hamish S	- 2nd
Ms Christine (Staff)	- 3rd
Mr McLean (staff)	- 5th
Moria W	- 6th
Miss Elicia (staff)	- 8th
Ivalyn C	- 8th
Matteo V	- 8th
Miss Georgia	- 10th



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



New Ways November 2023

MONDAY



6 Try out a new way of being physically active

13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax

20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before

27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it

TUESDAY



7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire

14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about

21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them

28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card

WEDNESDAY

1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month

8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week

15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."

22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them

29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen

THURSDAY

2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way

9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"

16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love

30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times

FRIDAY

3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you

10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea

17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself

24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently



SATURDAY

4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community

11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way

18 Connect with someone from a different generation

25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way



SUNDAY

5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel

12 Find out something new about someone you care about

19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site

26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



This week we were lucky to attend an incursion 'Water Watchers' presented by Yarra Valley Water. We learnt about why it's so important to save water and all the different ways we can do it. Students took part in a range of fun activities and games, designed to build their water saving knowledge.

Here are our water saving tips:

1. Get out of the shower earlier – there are so many more fun things to do outside the bathroom.
2. Brush your teeth with the taps off – this will drive the Water Wasters crazy
3. Fill up the dishwasher before you use it – it's like Tetris for your plates.



Water Watchers Website: Get on and explore the Water Watchers Website. There are lots of activities and is a great way to become as water wise as Wwelly and her squad!

<https://www.yvw.com.au/water-watchers>



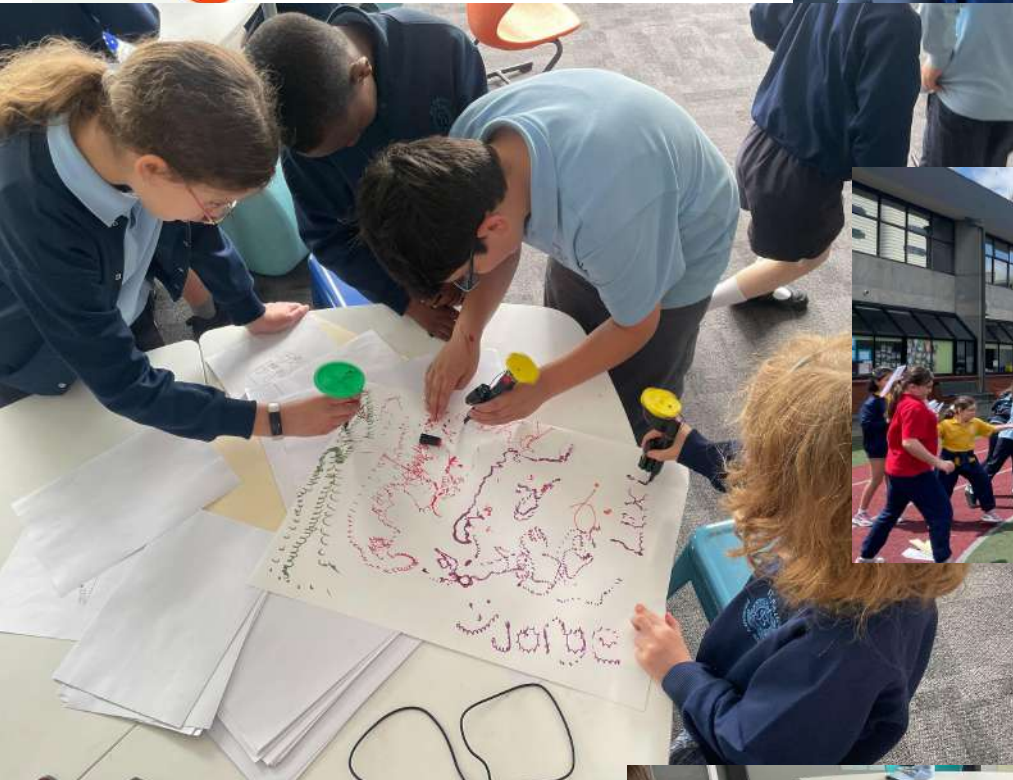
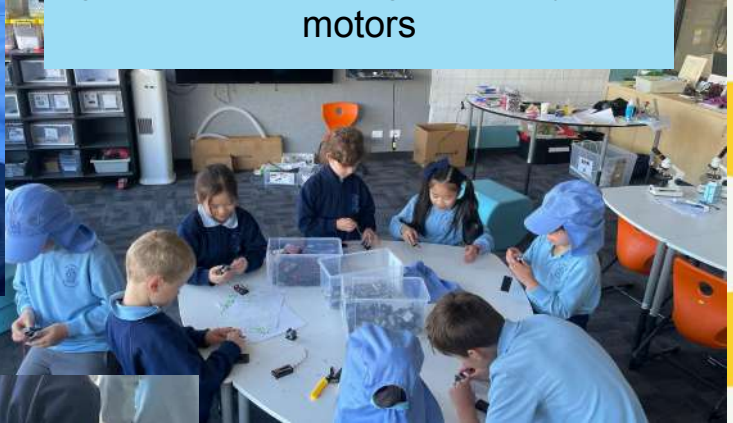
STEM

WELCOME BACK TO STEM!!

TERM 4



Term 4 we see Junior STEM club launch. The Junior students had a great time exploring electricity and motors



To throw a curveball to our 5/6s, they are given surprise challenges to see how they work together and their problem solving skills.

3/4s have been working on prototype wobble pens.

Maybe the next big Christmas toy?



COUNSELLOR

Dear Families,

Term 4 is speeding along and soon enough,
it will be time to wrap things up for another
end of a school year.



This term, I have spent time with children talking about the concept of change. We have explored the idea that **change is a constant in our life**. Some **changes are small; some are big**. Some changes are predictable and others are not.

As the children prepare themselves for upcoming changes next year, I thought it might be an idea for families to discuss the sentence starters provided below in order to explore both the children's understandings and feelings about upcoming changes.

I did explain to the children that a lot of thought, effort and collaboration goes into placing them into their 2024 class groups. Teachers make sure all children have at least one dependable friend in their class group next year who can help them both learn and feel safe and supported at school.

I want the children to also understand that although some things will change next year, many things stay the same. The children still learn about reading, writing and counting; they still have opportunities to learn about and celebrate their faith and they still interact in a familiar school space.

If children do feel a little nervous about next year, it is important for them to understand that this feeling makes sense. We all feel this way when we are unable to fully predict what will happen next! But like all things in life, this feeling will eventually change too!

Happy Adventures.

Regards,

Edward Faraci



COUNSELLOR

CHANGE

SENTENCE STARTERS:

- Things change because ...
- A change I have a say in is ...
- A change I do not have a say in is ...
- When things change I feel ... because ...
- When change happens I wonder if ...
- ... is an example of a change that I like
- ... is an example of a change I don't like.
- I feel ... about changing classrooms/year levels next year.
- A question I have about changing classrooms/year levels next year is ...



SUSTAINABILITY

This week the $\frac{3}{4}$ Students planted new plants in our garden beds



If you have any watering cans, shovels, or kids gloves being unused at home, we would be very grateful for donations to maintain our gardens. Please bring to the Peppercorn courtyard and place them under the seedling box.



We are still supporting the KIMBE project! This project organises shipping containers to be sent to Papua New Guinea to support their educational programs and health needs. Please continue to bring used, but good quality educational resources that you no longer need. The collection bin is upstairs outside 5/6ML.





SAVE THE DATE

Thursday
7th December
2023

Christmas Carols



ST PAUL'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL
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SCHOOL COMMUNITY



If finding out about your child's day at school is most days a mission impossible. As parents we're dying to hear all the classroom gossip, but as far as they're concerned, the school day is over, and they don't want to think about it any more, thanks very much.

Asking the right questions – rather than the all-encompassing 'What have you done today?' can encourage them to part with snippets of information.

Try these alternatives to 'How was your day?' and see what your child has to say.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What made you smile today?• Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?• What was the book about that your teacher read?• Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?• What did you do that was creative?• What was the best thing that happened today?• Did you help anyone today?• What made you laugh?• Did you learn something you didn't understand?• Who inspired you today?• What was the peak and the pit?• What is something you heard that surprised you?• What is something you saw that made you think?• Who did you play with today?• Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.• What is something that challenged you?• How did someone fill your bucket today?
Whose bucket did you fill? | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Did you like your lunch?• Rate your day on a scale from 1-10.• How were you brave today?• What questions did you ask at school today?• Tell us your top two things from the day (before you can be excused from the dinner table!).• What are you looking forward to tomorrow?• What are you reading?• What was the hardest rule to follow today?• Teach me something I don't know.• If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?• (For older kids): Do you feel prepared for your test?" or, "Is there anything on your mind that you'd like to talk about?"• What made you feel happy?• What made you feel proud?• What made you feel loved?• Did you learn any new words today?• If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?• What is your least favorite part of the school building? And favorite?• If you switched places with your teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class? |
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UNIFORM

SUMMER UNIFORM - All children are expected to be wearing Summer Uniform this term .
'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)

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.



**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

TheirCare would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today. I would also like to pay my respects to Elders past and present.

Week 4 & 5

At TheirCare the children have been super busy over the past couple weeks. We've had two fun themed weeks which included a 'Space' week and a 'Monster' week which aligned with Halloween.

In Space week the children participated in space craft which included planet colouring, rocket ship making, space word searches and word finds. This also allowed the children to develop upon their already known knowledge around different planets and space craft.

In Monster week we had heaps of fun creating fake blood icing to decorate our monster cupcakes, the children enjoyed this so much we then made green playdough the following day so they could mix the ingredients together and be included within the process of the dough making. Monster Arts and crafts were enjoyed and sports inside and outside.

Reminder.

Next week we will be running a program on Monday for the pupil free day from 7:00am-6:00pm before everyone enjoys a day off for the Melbourne cup Tuesday.



Cupcakes



Clay models



TIMES

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

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Parish Annual Picnic

St Paul's & St Oliver's Parish & School
Annual Volunteer & Family Picnic Day

You are welcome to bring a plate to share
Fun Games & Sports for the children



Time:
11 AM
Until 2 PM



Saturday

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Dec 2023



St Pauls Hall
562 Sydney Rd
Coburg



Please RSVP to coburg@cam.org.au or
pascoevale@cam.org.au 9354-1564



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
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DAY
Friday 22 March 2024