

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

This week is the second week of Advent and as life gets busier leading up to Christmas, we remember that Advent is a time of reflection and peace. This week we light the Peace candle. Part of the Christmas message is that Jesus brings us peace, we pray for inner peace and peace with others. We Pray ...

Lord,

we ask You to grant us peace.

Peace in our homes, peace in our churches, and peace in our hearts,

when the world all around us spins out-of-control.

Help us to stay focused on You, this Advent season and alware Thank You for loving the whole world enough

to send the greatest gift, Your Son,

so that we might truly have a very merry Christmas.

Amen.



Dates To Remember:

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

DECEMBER:

Monday, 11: Year 6 Graduation Mass 6pm

Monday, 11: Parent Helper Morning Tea - 11am

Tuesday 12: Nativity play

Thursday 14: End of year school Mass and farewells 9.30am Friday, 15: Last Day of Term 4 for students 12.30pm finish

2024

JANUARY

Wednesday, 31: First day of School 2024







A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MARIA MECURI

Advent is a time of waiting. During the season of Advent we are invited to be still and reflect on our lives. While we wait for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, we experience God's presence in what is happening around us. This week we had the privilege of listening to the **Year 6 students** reflect on their time at St Paul's. Each child presented a **Leavers Speech** about their memories of their time at our school. Of course, each child thanked the teachers for the education and learning achievements, but what stood out in their speech were their memories of a moment, an experience, an interaction with a teacher or friend and they spoke about the way it made them feel. Each child is waiting in anticipation for what lies ahead when they go to secondary school next year. It was beautiful to watch each child's uniqueness and individuality come out in their presentations. We are very proud of each and every one of our Year 6 children and humbled to know we have been a part of their young lives so far.



Father James has confirmed our Sacrament dates for 2024 **First Reconciliation**

- Thur 2 May 2024 @ 11.40am (Students)
- Thur 2 May 2024 @ 6.30pm (Families in the Church)

FIRST EUCHARIST

Sunday 4 August 2024 @ 12.30pm

CONFIRMATION

• Friday 18 October 2023 @ 7.00pm

PARENT HELPERS THANK YOU MORNING TEA

We want to show our appreciation to all parents who have helped in the classroom and at school this year.

Please come along and join staff for a cuppa on:

MONDAY. 11 DECEMBER 11:00AM - 11:45AM IN THE STAFFROOM

CLASS LISTS 2024

Class lists are now finalised and students will have a Step Up / Orientation session to meet their 2024 teacher and classmates on Tuesday, 12 December. Over the past couple of weeks, teachers have spent some time placing students in their 2024 classes. Many factors are taken into consideration when groupings are formulated, such as gender, academic ability, class dynamics, etc. Teachers place children where they believe they will work best (not necessarily with their friends). Please talk to your children to prepare them for their 2024 class grouping, allow them to ask questions and assure them that their teacher is there to help them. Each child has filled in a Sociogram where they reflected on themselves as a learner and identified children they learn best with. Teachers are discussing 2024 with their classes as part of their Wellbeing sessions.

Last Day of School Friday 15 December @ 12.30pm.

With a farewell to our Year 6 students from 12pm in the yard.

TheirCare will be open from 12.30pm.

Have a great week Maria Mercuri

Christmas Carols 2023

Our Christmas Carols last night was a fabulous community event. The sun shone bright for our evening of carols. It was wonderful to see our families with their picnic hampers enjoying a night of energetic and lively singing from our beautiful children. Our finale was Unspeakable Joy, otherwise known as Joy to the World. To hear our whole school sing Feliz Navidad as well was a memorable moment. Thank you Mrs Leah Marino and all our staff for preparing the children. Thank you to everyone in our St Paul's community. Enjoy the photos and highlights of the evening in this newsletter.













A big thank you our wonderful parents for their incredible help in cooking and selling sausages last night! Your dedication and hard work truly made a difference, and we are so grateful for your support. We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to **TheirCare** for their generous donation of all the sausages. Thank you to Miranda and Nicole for helping out on the night. **O'Heas Bakery** for their generous donation of bread. Everyone's collective efforts have not only contributed to the success of our event but have also made it a memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone. Once again, thank you for being such fantastic parent helpers. Your commitment and enthusiasm is truly appreciated!















To be drawn,

Thursday 14th

December 2023, at Assembly

Prizes Include:

- * Instax Camera with Film
- * Essential Oil Diffuser
- * Go Climb Voucher
- Christmas Food Hampers
- * Jewellery Vouchers
- * Food & Beveridge Vouchers
- * Swimming Lessons
- * Accessories

& much more



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS





St Paul's Primary School

Christmas Raffle

Proudly supported by the following businesses:





























A special thank you to our school families:

Bianca Papageorgiou from 'Graze My Table'
Gianna - Prep D

Poppy & John Papage orgiou from 'PJ My Gem Fine Jewellers'

Gianna - Prep D

Bianca Bonett from 'Luniva Collection'
Riva - Prep D







FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2024 Classroom Teachers

Year Level	Teacher		
Prep	Miss Sophie Taylor		
	Mrs Brunina Moreno		
	Mr Dominic Mioni		
Year 1/2	Miss Laura Fortunato - New teacher		
	Miss Kirsty Looker - New teacher		
Year 3/4	Ms Melissa Murphy		
	Mrs Stef Marin Ms Pat Villa		
	Ms Olivia Boyd		
Senior -	Miss Alex McCalman		
	Mrs Maria Bonarrigo & Mrs Lisa Rivellese		
	Miss Polly Hine		

STAFF NEWS

STAFF FAREWELLS: We have a number of staff leaving St Paul's at the end of the year:

Danielle DeRango - came to St Paul's as a student teacher in 2016 and was so impressive she was employed as a classroom teacher. Danielle has taught many children in their junior years as their Prep, year 1 or year 2 teacher. She is loved by all the students and staff at St Paul's and has made great connections with students families and staff and will be missed by all. Danielle will be teaching at Glowrey Catholic PS.

Leah O'Shea - has been at St Paul's since 2014 and has taught many children in all year levels. We thank Leah for her care and passion in education. Leah brings a lot of positive energy to school and her students always look forward to the days she is teaching. Her passion, love of children and teaching enthusiasm will certainly be missed. Leah will be teaching at St Mary's Greensborough, a school closer to home.

Alex Conway - Alex has been at St Paul's for two years, he started as an LSO and is our STEM teacher. Alex introduced STEM to St Paul's and inspired children to uncover their problem solving, coding, robotics interests and improve their computer skills. Alex will be moving back to his hometown of Newcastle with his baby Griffin and wife Caroline.

Gabi Terry - Gabi has been with us in 2023, her vibrant personality will be missed by all at St Paul's. In her short time at St Paul's she has made connections and built relationships that have made a difference. The children and staff are thankful for her contributions to the school. Gabi will be making a seachange in 2024.

We are very grateful to these staff for the great work and contribution to St Paul's and wish them every blessing in their future endeavours.

<u>NEW STAFF:</u> We welcome: **Kirsty Looker** and **Laura Fortunato** as classroom teachers. **Dina Rubini** as Literacy Leader / Learning & Teaching Leader. **Nicki Hunt** as Learning Diversity Leader

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to our Year 5 students who were awarded positions of leadership in 2024. Our student leaders play a very important role in our school community. They are ambassadors and role models for our school and participate in many and varied activities from leading assembly each week, guiding school tours and sporting events. As part of the Year 5 program, students participated in a Leadership Program. I would like to acknowledge and thank our current Year 6 school leaders who have been exemplary role models to all students in our school community. We are very proud of the leadership potential and development of our students and the school values they display in their interactions and leadership roles.

2024 Student Leaders	School Captains Patrick Eloise Vice Captains Graysen Clara	Mini Vinnies Charlie Isla	Sustainability Leaders Hugh Alessandro
O'Hea - Red	Howlett - Yellow	O'Riley - Green	McAuley - Blue
House Captains	House Captains	House Captains	House Captains
Pari	May	Sofia	Sebastian
Leo	Julian	Alex	Mia

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Thank you morning tea

Parent Helpers 2023

MONDAY 11th OF DECEMBER

Please join us on Monday 11th of December at 11:00am for a special morning tea to celebrate a wonderful year, and so we can say thank you for support and generosity to the students and staff at St Paul's.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Mini Vinnies

Our Mini Vinnies have done a great job of collecting goods and donating them to those less fortunate. On Wednesday they shared their donations with St Vincent de Paul and assisted in preparing the goods for delivery.







Wellbeing during the holidays

It is important to always remember to keep our mental health in check during the school holidays. Please see these handy hint to support family wellbeing over the holidays...

- Exercise boosts mood and mental health make it fun!
- Nourish your brain by eating healthily it will also improve your mood
- Prioritise sleep to support mental and emotional wellbeing
- Explore relaxation techniques and coping strategies
- Stay in touch and catch up with friends and loved ones
- · Make time to do things you enjoy
- Practice positive self-talk and remember you are not alone

For any further support for family wellbeing during the break, please refer to the following link

https://www.vic.gov.au/mental-health-supports-students-over-school-holidays





Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas. I look forward to seeing you in 2024 to do it all again. Stephanie

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Wishing the following a blessed & joyful birthday!



DECEMBER

Sienna A - 4th

Noor S - 6th

Ms Stefanie Marin - 6th (Staff)

Lola C - 7th

Cassandra I - 10th

Maiua H - 13th

Michaela G - 15th

Henry V - 15th

Mrs Stephanie Stedman - 24th (Staff)

James O'B C - 27th

Charlie B - 29th





DECEMBER KINDNESS

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Spread

kindness and

SATURDAY

Contact

someone you

can't be with

to see how

they are

SUNDAY

help someone who is facing difficulties at



Support a charity, cause or campaign you

really care about

Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely



Leave a positive message for someone else to find



Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

share the December calendar with others

Do something helpful for a friend or family member

Notice when you're hard on others and be

kind instead

Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

Buy an extra

food bank

Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

See how many different people you can smile at today

Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day

Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

may be alone or feeling isolated

Help others by giving away something that you don't need

Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

give or receive the gift of forgiveness

Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

Call a relative who is far away to say hello and

Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2024



ecember Kindness 2023

Treat everyone with kindness oday, including yourself!





UNIFORM

SPARTAN WORLD UNIFORM SUPPLIER HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

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

SCHOOL WORLD

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.

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:



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

- \$10 an item
- Email <u>office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au</u>
- Packed and processed on a Wednesday only

DRED

THANKYOU



Thank you for helping us grow this year! We have had the best first year of school and we could not have done it without you.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Prep B and D,

Congratulations on making it through your very first year of school. We are so proud of all of the things you have learnt and how much you have grown! You are such wonderful little people who have a special place in our hearts. We are sad to see you leave but we know that you are going to be amazing in Year One. We will miss our special Prep family. Love Miss Danielle, Mrs Brunina, Miss Elicia and Miss Georgia







Year 1/2





















Thank you students for a wonderful year of learning in Year 1 & 2.

We are so proud of all you have achieved & the memories we have created together!

Thank you to our awesome families for your support throughout the year! Wishing you joy this Christmas! Ms Alex, Ms Pat & Ms Gabi

YEAR 3/4



























SENIORS

Congratulations to the Graduates of 2023. Your journey has just begun, and the future is full of endless possibilities. Dream big and soar high!

























SENIORS

















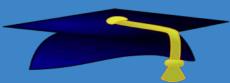












GRADUATES

SENIORS

2023



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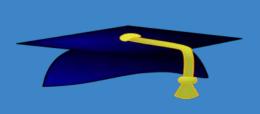




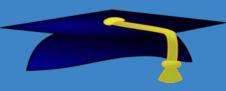














Performing Arts

What a wonderful year it's been in Performing Arts!

In Prep we role played characters from popular fairy tales, we learnt different dance styles, we practised keeping the beat and learnt simple rhythms. We explored activities that taught us about the musical elements, especially dynamics, rhythm and pitch.

In 1/2 we created drama performances based on friendship. We learnt and performed dance sequences to Wombat Stew by Marcia Vaughan and Pamela Lofts. We learnt about different cultures through music from around the world, and instruments and dances we had never seen or heard of.

In 3/4 we scripted and created drama performances. We were introduced to sign language through story! We choreographed and danced, focussing on the six elements of dance - Body, Action, Space, Time, Energy and Relationship. We explored our musical creativity on bucket drums (thanks Bunnings Coburg) playing rhythm and sharing ideas with friends.

In 5/6 we wrote and performed a three part play to an audience. We danced through the decades exploring elements of different dance styles from the 1960's to 2010's. We virtually watched and analysed full orchestras playing our favourite compositions including Harry Potter, Star Wars, Indiana Jones and more! And we composed our own soundtrack to a silent film scene using instruments.

And in the end we all came together to share our learning in song and dance, and to tell the story of Christmas to our family and friends at our annual Christmas Carols Concert. What a wonderful way to end a fabulous year in Performing Arts!

Merry Christmas to All!



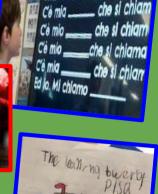


ITALIAN



Che anno fantastico!!



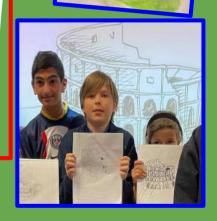


La mia famiglia.

Nella mia famiglia siamo in ,



Wishing you all a magical Christmas.
A presto
Signora Tina

















SUSTAINABILITY

What a great year for the Sustainability team it has been!

A HUGE thank you to all of the volunteer waste warriors that we have had this year! I really appreciate all of your help with completing all sorts of jobs to help our school to be a more sustainable place! I am looking forward to another fabulous team in 2024!

A special thank-you to Ruben and Rick for being our 2023 Sustainability leaders, you guys have done a fantastic job leading our school this

year!







Poyntons Nursery donated 3 new Native plants to our new school garden beds!

- Dwarf banksia
- Small wattle tree plant
- Kangaroo Paw

Thank-you so much Poyntons for the generous donation!
They look fantastic in our garden beds!





LIBRARY



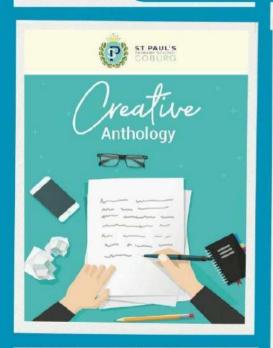






















ST PAUL'S PLAYGROUP

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ST PAUL'S PLAYGROUP 2023



















































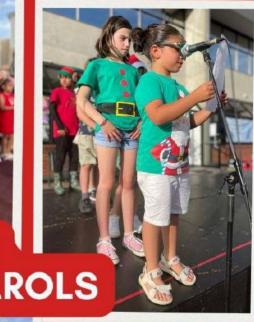




































CHRISTMAS CAROLS























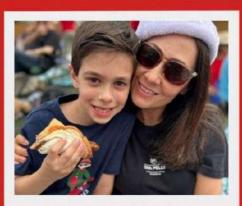








































Their Care are proud to work in partnership with St Paul's Primary School Coburg to provide quality

Outside School Hours Care to your school community, commencing in Term 4 2023.

Learn more at <u>www.theircare.com.au</u> 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.





What to bring

A healthy morning tea and lunch





Suitable clothing for an active day - closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold

SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays



Don't forget!

Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe

Do not include food items that need to be reheated

Label all items with child's name!

Personal belongings

TheirCare provides

Water to refill bottles Child Care Subsidy

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility. Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours, not the hours attended by the child.

due to unforeseen circumstances such as sever weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to relect this.

Unexpected changes

(T) TheirCare

to activities

Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only.

For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.



Serious stuff!

Medical Management Plan € Medication

condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

a completed Medical Management Plan with colour photo

necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate docu medication or medication not be supplied.

Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 6:30am – 9:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.



Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days | Lece than 5 days | On the da No Charge \$10.00

Full Fee

*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session).

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.









If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.



St Paul's Primary School, Coburg

Times 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Location 562 Sydney Road, COBURG VIC 3058

Call 0498 084 495













12 JAN

"With the maximum CHILD CARE SUBSIDY. ""Without the CHILD CARE SUBSIDY.

We will be opening from the

18th-20th of December before

closing for Christmas and re-

opening on the 8th of January.

The holiday program bookings

are now live on the website.

8 JAN



Movie Magic

Full fee \$80.00



10 JAN



From as low as \$8.22* Full fee \$82.24**



om as low as \$10.33* Full fee \$102.26**

🙀 25 JAN

From as low as \$750* Full fee \$75.00**

🕮) 26 JAN



16 JAN











22 JAN







24 JAN









From as low as \$8.00° Full fee \$80.00**

St. Paul's Church Coburg

CHRISTMAS 2023



Advent Morning Prayer COBURG

Weekdays 6am (Week 1), 5.45am (Week 2 onwards) St Pauls Coburg (begins Mon 4th Dec)

Nativity Play (LIVE animals)

Saturday 16 Dec after 6.30pm Vigil Mass (St Pauls)

Confessions

20 Dec - <u>Wednes</u> 10.30 <u>am</u> 22 Dec - Friday 10.30 am

23 Dec - Saturday 10.00 am (St Olivers)

24 Dec. - Sunday

Vigil Mass: 7.00 pm Christmas Carols: 11.40pm Midnight Mass: 12.00 am

25 Dec. - Monday

Christmas Day:

English Mass - 9:00 am Italian Mass - 10.30 am

Note: Saturday Vigil Mass as usual, however due to Christmas Vigil Mass falling on Sunday, there will be only one Sunday morning mass 24/12 at each church. 8.45am Pascoe Vale & 10.30am (Italian) Coburg

Christmas

~Anoi

Every time a hand reaches out To help another....

that is Christmas!

Every time someone puts anger aside And strives for understanding...

That is Christmas!

Every time people forget their differences And realize their love for each other...

That is Christmas!

May this Christmas bring us Closer to the spirit of human understanding Closer to the blessing of peace!







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Sunday 25 February 10am 2pm

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