

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

AS WE BEGIN ADVENT WE LIGHT THE FIRST CANDLE AND PRAY . . .



Christ our Light,

Shine in our lives with hope and promise.

Give us right vision so that we remain attentive

to this holy season.

Remind us to look for you in small acts of kindness and love.

We await your coming with wonder.

AMEN

Dates To Remember:

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

DECEMBER:

Monday 4: Year 6 Leavers Speeches 2pm

Wednesday 6: Year 6 Leavers Speeches 2pm

Thursday, 7: Family Carols Evening

Friday, 8: Last day for Classroom Cuisine Lunch & Zooper Dooper Orders

Monday, 11: Year 6 Graduation Mass 5.30pm

Monday, 11: Parent Helper Morning Tea - 11am

Tuesday 12: Nativity play (Church) 11..50am

Thursday 14: End of year school Mass and farewells 9.30am

Thursday 14: Christmas Raffle drawn

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

SEASON OF ADVENT - This Sunday we begin the Season of Advent, a time for us to reflect on our lives and to prepare to celebrate the gifts given to us through the birth of Jesus at Christmas. In the first week of this time of preparation, we are called to be people of **JOY and HOPE** – **JOY** in all that has been given to us and to have **HOPE** in our daily lives, knowing that God is always with us. The Advent Wreath focus is on our preparation for the great celebration of Christmas. The candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world and that his coming brought new hope to the people. As Christians, we believe that Jesus has come into our world bringing the good news of the Father's love. He continues to come into our lives, inviting us, through the day to day interactions we have with each other, to recognise and reflect God's love. As we enter into the season of Advent, take some time with your family to reflect on the true and wonderful meaning of Christmas and how each of us can bring joy and hope to others.

This week St Paul's school community was a hype of activity giving our children many opportunities to highlight their talents. We have shared many pictures of our wonderful week. Enjoy reading!

On Monday the Year 6 students had a day at **Urbnsurf**, surf park in Tullamarine where they were given surf lessons. It was great to see the children's faces as they stood on their surfboards, some for the first time.











SCHOOL DISCO - On Tuesday, Eloise our School Captain organised a disco for all the students. The hall was decorated as a disco venue with flashing disco lights (generously donated by Miss Gabi). Everyone *busted out their disco moves!*. There was lots of fun and dancing by children *and teachers!* The smiles on our children's faces was priceless. Thank you to Miss Olivia for organising this event.



Thank you to our wonderful parent community who generously volunteered their time on Tuesday to cook sausages for our children after the disco. We have a wonderful parent community whose dedication and commitment to our school is immensely appreciated.

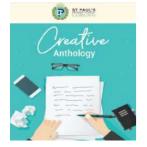


ABC MUSIC CONCERT



On Thursday we had a performance by all our students who have ABC Music lessons. We certainly have some very talented musicians at St Paul's. I was in awe of their musical talents. We even had a solo singing performance by Meghna and keyboard performance by Antonio.





Our Senior children have published a book. Angela, our awesome librarian and Senior teachers have worked with author Mary Anastasiou to support children to write narratives. The senior students have accomplished writing pieces. Ange has great relationship with many authors through the Author Pen Pal program. Mary chose our school because of the rapport she has with Angela and our school. Mary visited our school on Friday to present the book of the Seniors work titled 'Creative Anthology'.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

And there is still more to come...

Christmas Carols

There is one week to go for our Christmas Carols evening, next <u>Thursday</u>, <u>7 December</u> beginning with a sausage sizzle from 5pm-5.45pm. Carols begin at 6pm. As this is the final event for the year we are hoping that all our families will join us to celebrate the end of another wonderful year of learning. Families are invited to bring picnic rugs, picnic chairs and join in with the singing as the students present a simple Nativity story. It looks like it will be a lovely evening weather wise for us to enjoy our last community event together. It will be great to see all families together to end the year.

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA

TUESDAY, 11 December @ 11AM

All parents who have helped in our school in any way this year are invited to join us for a morning tea. Please come and join teachers in the staffroom for a Thank You Morning Tea.

<u>School Uniform</u>. We expect all children to be in correct summer uniform each day, especially school shoes and runners only on the PE days.

2024 Back to School dates

In 2024 school begins on Wednesday, 31 January for children.



The last day for ordering Classroom Cuisine & Zooper Doopers will be Friday 8 December



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.



We will be opening from the 18th-20th of December before closing for Christmas and reopening on the 8th of January. The holiday program bookings are now live on the website.

Have a great week Maria Mercuri



Thank you morning tea

Parent Helpers 2023

TUESDAY 11th OF DECEMBER

Please join us on Tuesday 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Wishing the following a blessed & joyful birthday!

NOVEMBER

Isabella E - 27th Caleb S - 27th Benjamin C - 28th

Sophie E - 28th Michael F - 29th



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



DECEMBER

Joshua N - 1st Prithvi T - 3rd

DECEMBER KINDNESS

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY SATURDAY

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

Be generous.

Feed someone

with food, love or

kindness today

Leave a positive

message for someone else to find

See how

many different

people you can

smile at today

Share a happy memory or inspiring

many people as possible today

thought with a loved one

Say hello to and brighten up their day

Spread

kindness and

share the

December

calendar with

others

Do something

helpful for a

friend or family

member

Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

Contact

someone you

can't be with

to see how

they are

Notice when

you're hard on

yourself or

others and be

kind instead

to others without judging them

Listen

wholeheartedly

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

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

item and donate

it to a local food bank

Contact someone who 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



ecember Kindness 2023

Treat everyone with kindness oday, including yourself!

Get outside. Pick up litter or do something

kind for nature

Call a relative have a chat

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



Happier · Kinder · Together





UNIFORM

SUMMER UNIFORM - All children are expected to be wearing Summer Uniform ths 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.



20% Discount on Whole School Sports & Co-Curricular Group Photos available until 13/12/2023

Dear Parents.

These Whole School Photos, school sports and co-curricular groups were photographed on 1/11/2023:

Whole School (L)
Whole School

You can now view and purchase the group images listed above and if you place your order before 13/12/2023 you will get a 20% early order discount. Just click on the link below. Please note the discount will be automatically applied at checkout.



Images can also be viewed by visiting www.advancedlife.com.au entering the code: 5LD N5N REH and clicking on "Group Photos"

Important

- Whole School, Sports and co-curricular group photos can only be purchased online, PLEASE
 DO NOT return payment to your school
- If your child's group or team is scheduled to be photographed at a later date, you will receive
 an additional email notification when the images are ready to be ordered
- Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after the discounted early order period has closed
- Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups are also available at your school's advancedorder and your child's advancedyou photo sites

advancedlife would like to express our appreciation to St Paul's Primary School for placing your trust in us. Please remember we offer a 100% money-back guarantee on our products to ensure your peace of mind. We would also love to receive your feedback or resolve any issues you may experience, to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your advancedlife experience, please contact us at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

DRED

As we say goodbye to our Prep Year 6 Buddies we want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible journey our students have had together.

Our final session was a culmination of fun, games and laughter. Our prep students engaged in various activities with their Year 6 buddies. The joyous atmosphere was a testament to the bonds that have been forged throughout the year.

We are immensely grateful for the fantastic role models that the Year 6 students have been to their prep buddies. Your support, guidance, and friendship have made a lasting impact on the younger students, shaping their experience in this formative year. The relationships formed between our Year 6 and Prep students have been a source of inspiration for us all.

A heartfelt thank you to all the Year 6 students who embraced their roles as mentors with enthusiasm and kindness.







Chantelle: Celine & Amelia

"I enjoyed playing with you both during buddy time, thank you for being my buddies this year."

James: Mikayla

"I am going to miss you next year and I hope you have a great time at high school. Thank you very much for being my buddy."

Selena: Summer

"I will miss you so much and thank you for always helping me during our buddy time, you are so funny."

Adam:Hamish

"I liked it when you played outside with me during our buddy session, you are the best buddy and thank you so much."

Gabriella: Chanel

'I liked going to visit my buddy, doing activities and making things for the new Preps. I also loved talking with my buddy.'











SENIORS



This week our senior students enjoyed a surf lesson at Urbn Surf as part of our swimming program.

































RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mini Vinnies

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

As we know, there are many families experiencing hardship and these gifts will provide them with much joy, especially this Christmas season. A big thank you to all for the generous contributions and donations towards this appeal. We greatly appreciate all your support. Final day for donations: Tuesday, December 5.





Please join us for our Nativity Musical.

When: 11:50am, Tuesday, December 12

Where: St Paul's Church

We have been working very hard over the past few weeks; learning our lines and practicing our songs to make sure we are prepared.

The play tells the traditional nativity story of Mary and Joseph going to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to the baby Jesus and receives visits from shepherds and wise men.



Please join us: End of Year Mass

Please join us as we celebrate the conclusion of the 2023 school year at the End of Year Mass. This whole school celebration will occur on

Thursday, December 14 at 9:30am in St Paul's Church.



NUMERACY

At St Paul's, we understand that every family is different and has their own routines, especially over the holiday period. If you would like your child to continue their Math learning over the Christmas break, Essential Assessment is a great option,



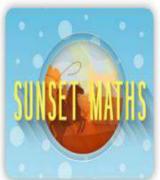
Our teachers use Essential Assessment to assess each child's development. Once this is established children have access to a variety of My Numeracy learning tasks where they earn stars to show mastery of concepts, in order to move to the next level in their learning.

This program also gives them access to **Sunset Maths**, which is a rapid recall activity to build up automatic response in the 4 processes (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

Sunset Maths

Sunset Maths is an application aimed at developing the student's mental maths skills. This is available through the games icon and sets up based upon the student's pre-assessment results. The student will work through curriculum aligned content to develop their knowledge in each operator in alignment with their learning.





MATH

Math Facts: We definitely want to keep children's math facts fluent, even over holiday break. So play mental math-counting games in the car, have a math family game or use Sunset Maths on Essential Assessment.

ABC MUSIC END OF YEAR CONCERT













































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

LAST WEEK FOR CLASSROOM CUISINE LUNCHES FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER





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





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.

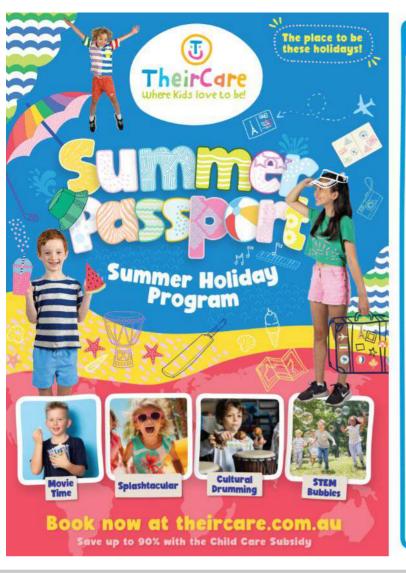
During School Holidays & Pupil Free Days the service will operate from 7:00 am until 6:00pm.

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



A labelled drink bottle for water 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 or 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 Lecc 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.



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

St Paul's Primary School, Coburg

Times 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Location 562 Sydney Road, COBURG VIC 3058

Call 0498 084 495

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.















12 JAN

8 JAN



Movie Magic

Full fee \$80.00



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



om as low as \$10.35° Full fee \$100.26***

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















