

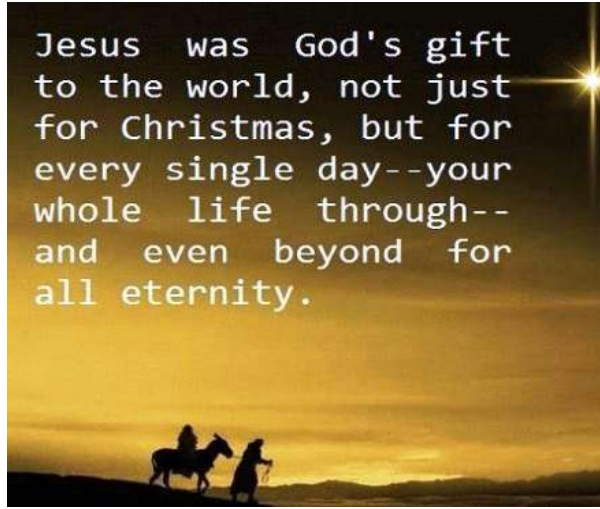


# ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*St Paul's Primary School is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community*



Jesus was God's gift  
to the world, not just  
for Christmas, but for  
every single day--your  
whole life through--  
and even beyond for  
all eternity.



## Dates To Remember:

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

2024

**JANUARY**

Wednesday, 31: First day of School 2024

### 2024 SACRAMENT DATES

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Thur 2 May 2024-11.40am & 6.30pm Liturgy (Families in the Church)

**FIRST EUCHARIST:** Sunday 4 August 2024 @ 12.30pm

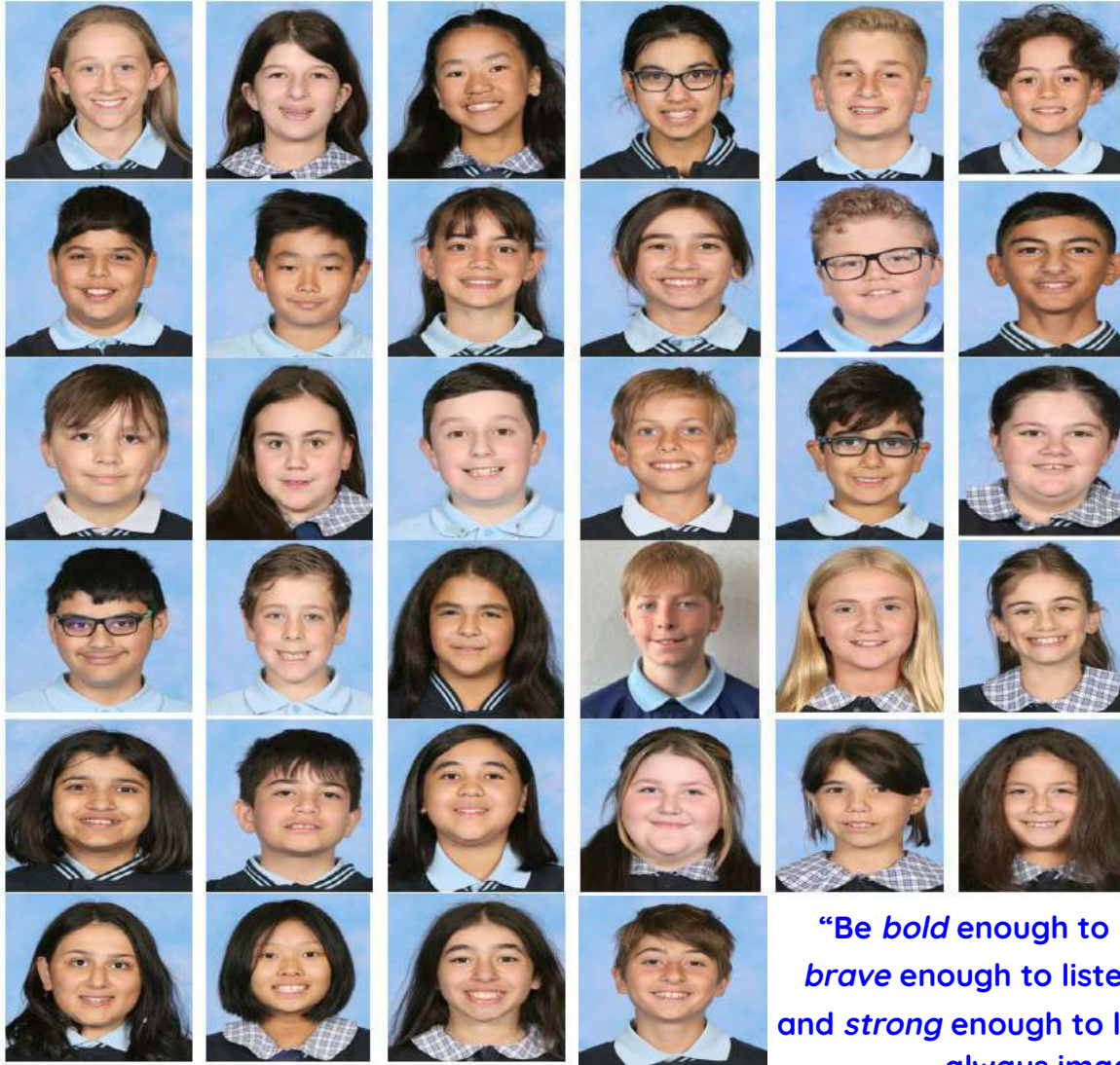
**CONFIRMATION:** Friday 18 October 2023 @ 7.00pm



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 congratulate our Year 6 students and wish them every success as they enter secondary school next year. They have been a great group of students in their seven years at St Paul's and they should be extremely proud of what they have achieved. We are confident they are ready, and more than equipped, to embrace the exciting challenges in the coming years. We feel privileged that we were given the opportunity to play a part in your education and lives, and in shaping the person that you have become.



Happy  
Graduation

CLASS  
OF  
2023

Congratulations!

*“Be bold enough to use your voice,  
brave enough to listen to your heart,  
and strong enough to live the life you’ve  
always imagined.”*

**Lord God,**

**We ask for your blessing to be upon our Year 6 children  
who are leaving St Pauls and moving on to Secondary school.**

**Bless their lives with goodness and love.**

**Help them to stay true to their dreams,**

**to use their gifts wisely,**

**and to walk into the future with**

**faith, hope, and great love.**

**Amen.**



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MARIA MECURI

We farewell families who will be leaving the St Paul's community at the end of this year – we thank you for all you have contributed to our school. We hope your time at St Paul's has been filled with lasting memories and friendships. We wish you all the best in the future. You will remain special members of our community and will always be welcome.

## Goodbye to Year 6 families ending their time at St Paul's:

Ali.C, Ali.S, Arena, Barresi, Bonnici, Cali, Cartwright, Colosimo, DeLosa, Ebale, Elezovic, Fakhoury, Gakis, Kardas, Masciantonio, Rai, Sciberras, Strawhorn, Santo, Srivastava, Stibilj, Tsamasiros, Wassouf, Zanon, Zhu, Zigouris.



## We also say goodbye to children who will be attending new schools in 2024:

Chloe H Louis N, Christian R, Sophie E, Georgia A, Swarnim K



## THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY!

**FATHER JAMES** - We thank Father James our spiritual leader for his support, and spiritual guidance. We are fortunate to have a Parish Priest who supports our school in many ways with classroom visits, celebration of Sacraments, class and school masses.

**PARENTS** - Thank you to all St Paul's parents and families for working in partnership with us to ensure we give your children the very best school, learning and emotional support. Thank you for trusting us with your children. I am inspired by the dedication and support shown by our parents and families. Your involvement in your child's education and your active participation in school events have made a significant impact on our collective success.

**PARENTS and FRIENDS** - A special Thank You to Audrey and all the parents who organised all our fundraising events this year. We raised \$30,078.33. Our wonderful parent community organised all our events which included: Sausage Sizzle; Hot Lunches; Colour Fun Run; Mother's/Father's Day stall; Raffles; Disco; Carols; Referendum sausage sizzle and cake stall. A great effort from everyone in our community for supporting our fundraising by purchasing at each event. This year we spent the money on **STEM resources, Reading Classroom Libraries, iPad & Chromebook upgrade** to provide exciting experiences for our children. Thank you for doing a great role bringing our community together and building community spirit.

**STAFF** - A huge thank you to all of our wonderful, committed, caring and dedicated St Paul's staff, for all the hard work they have put in this year. Our staff work together to ensure all the children have many engaging, targeted challenging and enriching learning opportunities and experiences. They are continually developing themselves professionally, so that the children in their care develop academically, emotionally, socially and spiritually.

Thank you to our Office staff for their important work in keeping our school running efficiently.

**OUR WONDERFUL CHILDREN** - are the reason we are at school each day. Our beautiful children come to school each morning, with energy, enthusiasm, care, smiles, a passion, and excitement for learning and friendships. Each of you has contributed in your own wonderful way to help make St Paul's the happy, warm and respectful school community. We have had the privilege to witness, share and influence their transformation and growth. We are most grateful to share in this partnership with our parents and look forward to celebrating more success in 2024.

I thank everyone in our wonderful school community and I continue to feel very privileged to be Principal. Wishing every family a very happy, safe and most Blessed and Holy Christmas with your children and families. We look forward to seeing everyone, along with our newest St Paul's school members, in 2024.

Maria Mercuri

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Wishing the following a  
blessed & joyful birthday!

## DECEMBER

Cassandra I - 10th

Maiya H - 13th

Michaela G - 15th

Henry V - 15th

Mrs Stephanie Stedman - 24th (Staff)

James O'B C - 27th

Charlie B - 29th



## CHRISTMAS

## RAFFLE

Congratulations to our winners and parent helpers!



# UNIFORM

## SPARTAN WORLD UNIFORM SUPPLIER HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS



**Website:** [www.spartanschoolworld.com.au](http://www.spartanschoolworld.com.au)

**Phone:** online shop 1800 815 557

**Email:** [onlineorders@spartanss.com.au](mailto: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.

**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 - [office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au)
- Packed and processed on a Wednesday only

**TheirCare**  
Where Kids love to be!

The place to be these holidays!

# Summer Passport

## Summer Holiday Program

**Movie Time**

**Splashtacular**

**Cultural Drumming**

**STEM Bubbles**

**Book now at [theircare.com.au](http://theircare.com.au)**

Save up to 90% with the Child Care Subsidy

## Holiday Program Important Information!

### 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
- ☐ Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details

### 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!
- ☐ Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.

### Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

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

### TheirCare provides

- ☒ Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- ☒ Sunscreen
- ☒ Water to refill bottles

### Child Care Subsidy

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.

### Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.

### Serious stuff!

#### Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- ☐ A completed Medical Management Plan with a 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 documentation or 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	Less than 5 days*	On the day
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.**

**TheirCare**  
Where Kids love to be!

**St Paul's Primary School, Coburg**

**Times** 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

**Location** 562 Sydney Road, COBURG VIC 3058

**Call** 0498 084 495

**Excursion** **Super Excursion** **Special Activities** **In-house Fun** **Public Holiday**

**\*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.**

**Excursion & Super Excursions days: Arrive at the service by 9:00 am. Pick-up after 2:30 pm. Wear runners & socks.**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>8 JAN</b>  <b>Spray Dye Panda</b> Hi Hao! Today we celebrate the wonder of China. You'll get to create and take home your own Tie Dye Panda! We'll get crafty with Tencel fabric, Day Marbles and Panda Bookmarks. Let's construct our very own Great Wall of China! Then it's game time with two trusted favourites, Red Rover and the Streets, Alleys and Lamp Posts. <b>From as low as \$8.00*</b> <b>Full fee \$80.00**</b>	<b>9 JAN</b>  <b>Movie Magic</b> Set in the kingdom of Rocas, where Aoba, a sharp-witted knight, makes a wish so powerful that it's answered by a cosmic force: a ball of boundless energy called Star. They confront the formidable King Magnificence to prove that when the will of one courageous human connects with the magic of the stars, wondrous things can happen. <b>From as low as \$10.33*</b> <b>Full fee \$103.26**</b>	<b>10 JAN</b>  <b>African Drumming</b> Feel the beat! Participate in an extraordinary African drumming workshop. Get ready to drum along to the incredible beats! The fun continues as get crafty with handprint art and paper plate activities. Then it's craft time and roll the rest group games! <b>From as low as \$8.22*</b> <b>Full fee \$82.22**</b>	<b>11 JAN</b>  <b>Ninja Warrior Quest</b> Gear up for an action-packed adventure at the Fighting Lions! Get ready to test your ninja skills as you navigate through an array of thrilling obstacle courses. Create your own mighty samurai warriors with Super Warrior Origami. Get creative with the Cherry Blossom Tree Craft. Then get into a group game of 30 Second Ninja! <b>From as low as \$10.33*</b> <b>Full fee \$103.26**</b>	<b>12 JAN</b>  <b>Mexican Fiesta</b> Hola! Immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of Mexico with a fiesta extravaganza! Enjoy a fun filled day with activities like the Paso Sumbro and Mexican Kick Ball! Unleash your creativity with your very own Mexican sombrero and Fiesta-taco craft activities. Then savour the day and making your very own DIY Nachos! <b>From as low as \$7.50*</b> <b>Full fee \$75.00**</b>

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>15 JAN</b>  <b>Summer Loving</b> Just dance! Summer is the time to rejoice in the delights of dance. The instructor will have you moving and grooving to the best in no time! Then it's time for musical hide and seek, make a pipe cleaner daily chain, create a beautiful handprint sunflower or build an extensive marble run. The only limit is your imagination! <b>From as low as \$8.22*</b> <b>Full fee \$82.24**</b>	<b>16 JAN</b>  <b>Vertical Ventures</b> Get ready to scale new heights with a thrilling rock climbing adventure! Challenge your limits and conquer the rugged terrain. But that's not all the fun we have in store! Channel your creativity with the Ninja Hat Craft, test your agility in the Marco Polo Group Games, and join in on an interactive group game of Freeze Tag. <b>From as low as \$10.33*</b> <b>Full fee \$103.26**</b>	<b>17 JAN</b>  <b>Matilda's</b> Let's go Matilda! Pay tribute to the iconic Australian Women's Soccer team. Decorate and take home your very own Matilda's branded sports bag and tag! Get soccer crafty with soccer finger puppets, soccer ball photo frame, soccer goal launcher and pom pom craft. Work up a sweat with an energetic game of soccer ball freeze tag! <b>From as low as \$8.00*</b> <b>Full fee \$80.00**</b>	<b>18 JAN</b>  <b>Pizza Party</b> Ciao a tutti! Let's dive into the art of pizza making and create your own delicious masterpiece. Then, take part in a fun and cultural Italian Colour Game, Stringa Comanda Colour! They join in on a Mexican take on Hide n Seek, Sardinia! Finally, cap off your day of adventure by crafting your very own Italian Mountain Climber! <b>From as low as \$10.33*</b> <b>Full fee \$103.26**</b>	<b>19 JAN</b>  <b>Scottish Charm</b> Och aye! Experience the charm of Scotland with an array of engaging activities! Engage in homemade Highland Games, craft Loch Ness Monsters from Playdough, create your very own Bonnie Bagpipes from paper bags and recycled gift wrap rolls. Dive into Tartan Paper Weaving and Loch Ness Monster Puppets. <b>From as low as \$7.50*</b> <b>Full fee \$75.00**</b>

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<b>22 JAN</b>  <b>Hawaiian Luau</b> Aloha! Dive into a Hawaiian adventure with a spirited Luau celebration. Craft Lei and imaginative Recycled Sea Creatures, then challenge friends to a lively game of Crab Soccer and Hula Hoop. To cap it off, whip up your own refreshing Tropical Punch. An island-inspired day of endless excitement awaits! <b>From as low as \$7.50*</b> <b>Full fee \$75.00**</b>	<b>23 JAN</b>  <b>What the Buzz</b> Bee buzz like a bee! Create your very own Bee House for these important insects! Dive into the rich Indian culture with geometric Mandala prints, intricate Diya lamp painting, craft lucky elephants, and create traditional Henna shape designs on your hands! <b>From as low as \$8.00*</b> <b>Full fee \$80.00**</b>	<b>24 JAN</b>  <b>Japanese Journey</b> Konichiwa! Get ready for an enchanting Japanese journey! Dive into the art of Sushi Making and Rice Paper Crafting. Embrace tradition with the mesmerizing Kabuki Dance. Adorn yourself in Kimono Art, and master the art of crafting Paper Ninja Stars. It's a cultural adventure like no other! <b>From as low as \$7.50*</b> <b>Full fee \$75.00**</b>	<b>25 JAN</b>  <b>Bowl-a-rama</b> Strike up an ar as Ten Pin Bowling! Put on your bowling shoes and put your skills to the test! In addition to awesome bowling fun, sike, strike and laugh in a group game of Human Bowling. Then let your creativity shine with crafted Paper Plate Lady Bugs and try Popcycle Stick Basket Weaving. It's a Bowlamama Bonanza! <b>From as low as \$10.33*</b> <b>Full fee \$103.26**</b>	<b>26 JAN</b>  <b>Public Holiday!</b>

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> Dec)

#### Nativity Play (LIVE animals)

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

#### Confessions

20 Dec	-	<u>Wednes</u>	<u>10.30 am</u>
22 Dec	-	<u>Friday</u>	<u>10.30 am</u>
23 Dec	-	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>10.00 am</u> (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

~Anon

*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!*

*Merry Christmas*

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You are warmly invited to a  
Christmas Celebration  
Featuring a:

### NATIVITY PLAY

With

Carols, Kings, Angels, LIVE camels, and a donkey, etc.

And followed by refreshments in the School Hall

At

St Pauls Catholic Church,

562 Sydney Road, Coburg

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Immediately after the

6.30pm Mass

Children are invited to bring  
their letters to the Three Kings

