



# 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 for St. Patrick's Day

May the strength of God pilot us,  
 may the wisdom of God instruct us.  
 May the hand of God protect us,  
 may the word of God direct us.  
 May thy Salvation, O Lord,  
 be always ours this day and for evermore.  
 Amen.

## KEY DATES for term 1: Wednesday, 31 January - Thursday, 28 March

### TERM 1:

#### MARCH:

#### WEEK 8

Monday 18: Year 1/2F - **ASSEMBLY**  
 Friday 22: Year 3/4M - **Mass** 10am  
**Colour Fun Run** - 2pm

#### WEEK 9

Monday 25: Year 1/2M - **ASSEMBLY**

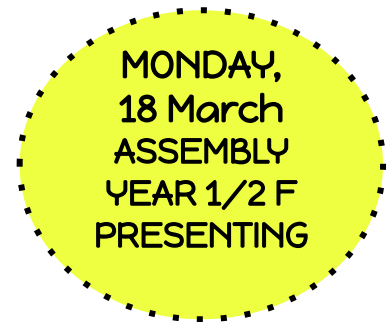
Monday, 25 March - Wednesday, 27 March:

ST PAUL'S - "THE WAY OF THE CROSS" - STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT SCHOOL  
 Parents invited from 8:30 am - 8.50am each morning.

Tuesday 26: Holy Week & Easter Musical Play in the Church @ 9.15am

Wednesday 27: Learning Showcase - all classrooms open from 2.45pm

Thursday 28: Last day of Term 1 (1pm finish)



### TERM 2:

#### APRIL:

Monday 15: School Resumes for term 2

Friday 24: Wednesday hot lunch - Burgers

Thursday 25: ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY (NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL)

Friday, 26: PUPIL FREE DAY (NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL)

**Thursday, 28 March - Last day of term 1 - School finishes at 1pm**  
**TheirCare available**



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MARIA MERCURI

**Catholic Education Week** - This week, Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne are celebrating Catholic Education Week. The theme for this year's celebration is **In the Light of Christ**, celebrating life, faith and education. Here at St Paul's we play our role by being a welcoming community, honouring and promoting our Catholic Identity whilst being respectful and learning from other faith traditions. It is so crucial that we find ways to bring 'light and hope' to all within our community. Showing others kindness, respect and welcome brings 'light and hope'. It is our Christian calling and is crucial to building a vibrant community. Thank you to everyone for all you do in your various roles in our community.

As part of the week's celebrations, our Student Leaders attended Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral with Mrs Simpson, followed by a Concert in the Park at Treasury Gardens.



**NAPLAN** - Our Year 3 and Year 5 students commenced NAPLAN testing this week. This is an annual test for students in Australia, and it provides a snapshot of student proficiency in literacy and numeracy skills. It is important to remember it is one of the assessments we use to assess our children's learning. As we know there is so much more to our children that NAPLAN doesn't assess, all of the things that make each child unique and special – such as artistic and sporting talents, their resilience and problem solving abilities, or how caring and kind they are as a friend. We know our Year 3 and 5 children will do their best in this test.

**Harmony Week**- This week we celebrated **Harmony Week**. On Tuesday we gathered to acknowledge our diversity; with multi-age activities. The children have communicated the importance of our cultural diversity, encouraging values, promoting participation and establishing fun ways to learn.

This afternoon we came together as a whole school where students shared how they celebrated diversity and how we at St Paul's are an inclusive community. Each class made a pledge striving to include everyone by being respectful and treating each other with kindness. We continue to create a culture where everyone feels valued and appreciated.

Children wore a **SPLASH OF ORANGE** on Friday as orange relates to new ideas, giving us the freedom to be ourselves.



Have a great weekend  
Maria Mercuri







**SLIME THE TEACHER**  
 The child who raises the most money in their class can SLIME A TEACHER!

## ONE WEEK TO GO!

With everyone's efforts we have now hit **\$5,414.00** to go towards our much needed library refurbishment, 3D printer for students and chromebooks. Also, a reminder students with most funds raised will get to *slime a teacher*.

Great work to everyone who has raised money so far. It is not too late to get involved, simply create a profile at [funrun.com.au](http://funrun.com.au).

**Congratulations Prep B for being at the top of the class leader board once again!**

Leaderboard			
Rank	Class	Profiles	Total
1	Prep B	12	\$1675.00
2	Prep T	11	\$740.00
3	1/2 F	12	\$669.00
4	1/2 M	11	\$560.00
5	1/2 K	8	\$505.00

**Remember, there's still time to get involved!**

Please register your child at <https://www.schoolfunrun.com.au>

School name-type in:  
 Saint Paul's Primary School Coburg - Coburg



We will draw our winner of the \$50 voucher at Mondays assembly next week. The first 100 students that registered are in the draw!



# SCHOOL COMMUNITY

This morning's parent coffee chat was a lovely time, and we want to say a big thank you to all the parents who came. It was great to see everyone together, chatting, and getting to know each other better. These moments are really important because they help us all feel like we're part of one big family.

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce that in the next term, we'll be hosting similar coffee chats tailored for other year levels, further enhancing our sense of unity and collaboration.

We hope to see you there!

Thanks again for being a part of our community.



***"Involved parents make a world of difference in a child's education."***



***"A child's education is a joint venture between school and home."***

***"When parents are involved, students thrive." - Anne T. Henderson***



Parent & Family Engagement

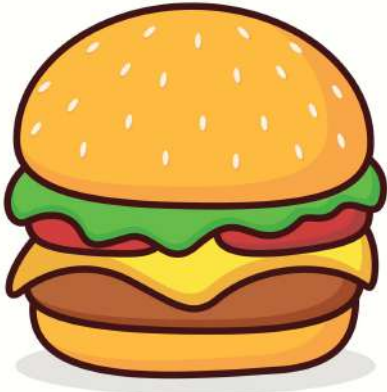




# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## HOT LUNCH WEDNESDAYS

BURGER LUNCH COMING YOUR WAY!  
WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL



- Cheese burger
- Cheese & lettuce
- Veggie burger

All \$6



**We are seeking 4 volunteers on a rotating schedule to be available between 12.30 pm-2pm to assist on the day.**

If you can assist on any of the above dates & times please email: -

[office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au)

The children love seeing their mums and dads at school and this reinforces the connection between the home and school.

April 24th	Burgers
May 15th	Sausage Sizzle
June 5th	Lebanese Pastries
July 24th	Sausage Sizzle
August 7th	Pizza
September 4th	Sausage Sizzle
October 16th	Pies & Sausage Sizzle
November 13th	Sausage Sizzle

**Please Note** - *If we are unable to fill the volunteer numbers, unfortunately we will not be able to run the Hot Lunch Wednesday's.*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Wishing the following a  
blessed & joyful  
birthday!

## MARCH:

Joshua B - 17th  
Giuliano T - 17th  
Fletcher M- 18th  
Shivans A - 19th  
Santiago C - 19th  
Arion T - 19th  
Mia H - 20th  
Jason W - 20th



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

TO BE PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY  
ON MONDAY, 18TH MARCH  
2.45pm in the hall

This week's BE RULE is:  
**BE RESPECTFUL**

We are learning to be **respectful** by  
caring for all property

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
FOLLOWING STUDENTS!



Class	Name
Prep T	Kallia L Reyansh B
Prep B	Rafael M Ayla I
1/2 F	Archer U L Z
1/2 K	Olivia C Jason W
1/2 M	Charlie R Alannah F
3/4 O	Charlotte F Kiki T
3/4 M	John A Ava B
3/4 SP	A Z Lachlan M
5/6 H	Leo G Daniel F
5/6 MR	Nikolaos K Cassandra I
5/6 A	May T OC

St Paul's Primary School

**EASTER**

Egg Raffle

Raffle to be drawn on

**March 27th 2024**

\$2 a ticket

Tickets will be sent home with your child

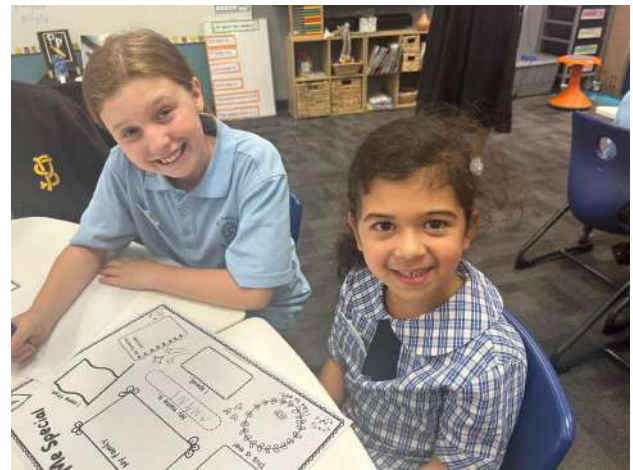
**Egg-cellent prizes**



# DREP



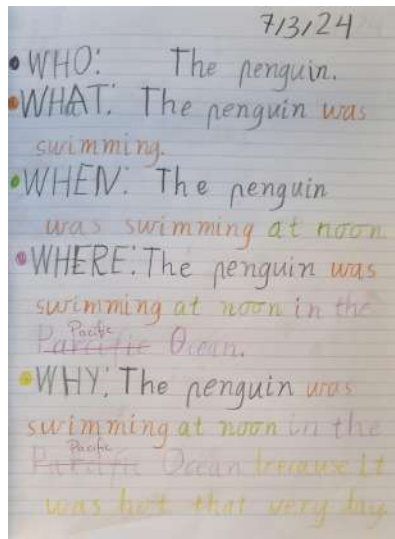
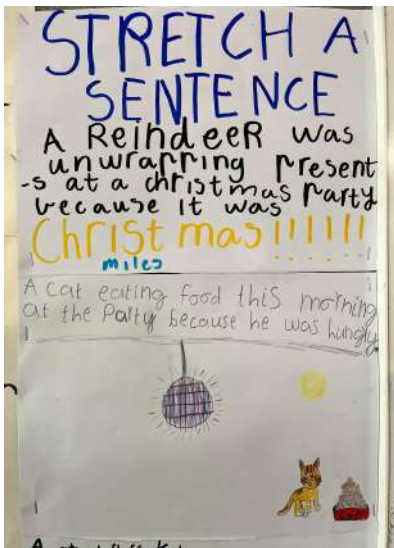
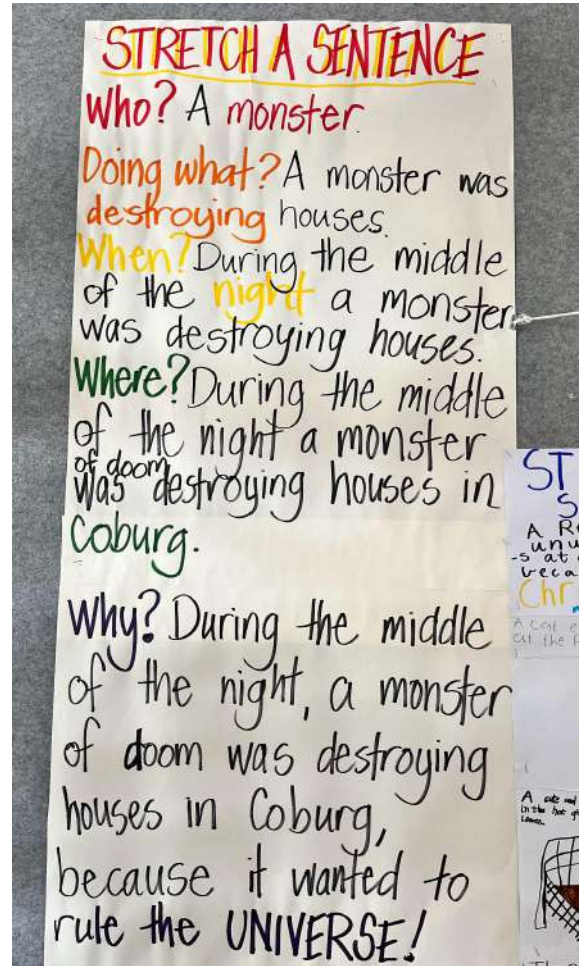
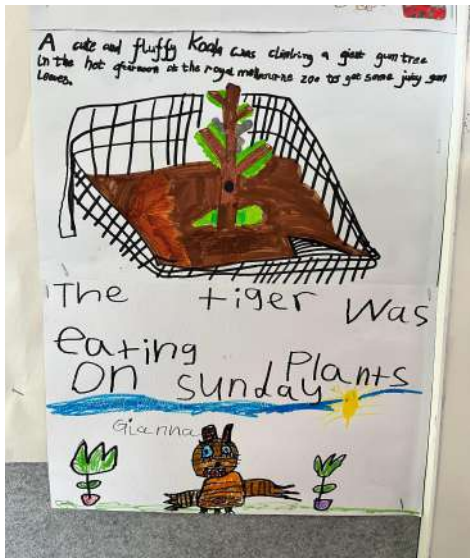
We had our first buddies session last week and it was so much fun! Together we created an 'all about me' piece. This allowed the buddies to chat and get to know each other. A little better





# YEAR 1/2

In Year 1/2 we have been learning how to stretch a sentence to make it sound much more interesting by adding more detail. We used the five W's:  
**Who? What? Where? When? And why?**



We have been using our creative brains to think of adjectives to describe characters like the 'Gingerbread Man'. Using adjectives in our writing makes it exciting!



# YEAR 3/4



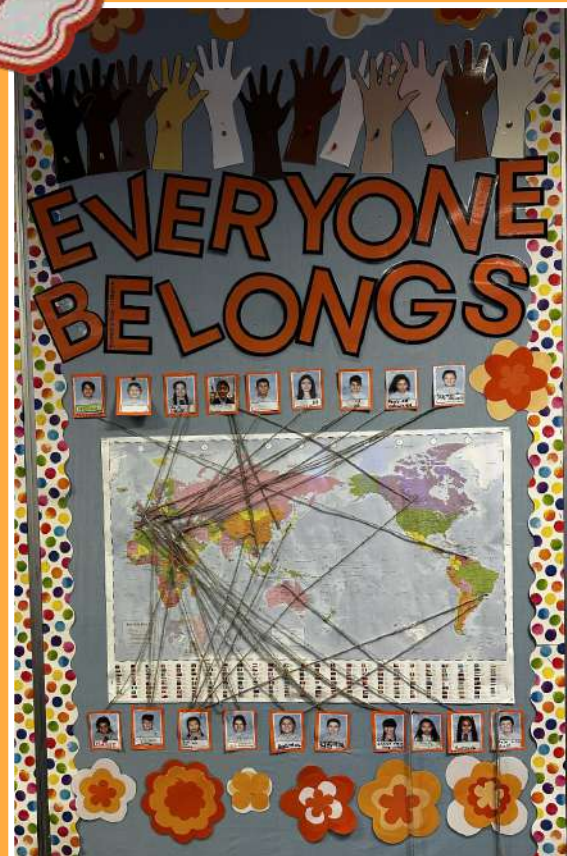
In grade 3/4 we have been learning about the different cultural backgrounds of each person in our class. We represented this on a world map. Look at how many cultures are represented.

### Harmony Week Class Pledge

As members of 3/4SP, we pledge to be a great friend to everyone, no matter how different we are.

We'll celebrate what makes each of us special and treat each other with kindness and respect.

In 3/4SP, everyone is welcome and valued.



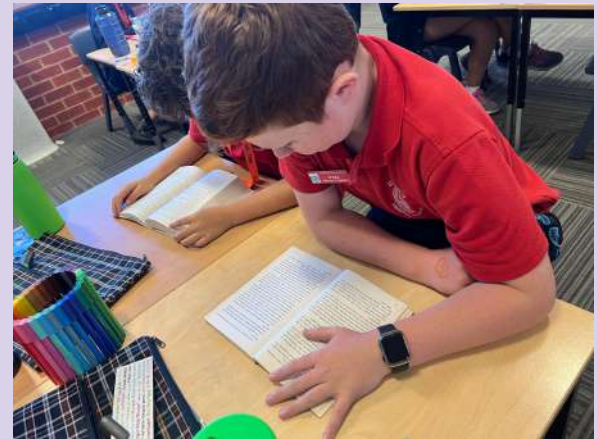


# SENIORS

In year 5/6 our focus is reading fluently. There are four areas of fluency that we have been working on:

1. Accuracy
2. Rate
3. Punctuation
4. Expression

We love choosing our own books from the library to read at home or in class!



# FROM THE OFFICE

## CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students



Please contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form.

## REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, please let the school, know. You can report absences in the following ways:

- Online form
- Email: [office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au)
- Phone: 9354 8970 Option 1: Leave a message with the reason



**SUMMER UNIFORM** - As part of the Summer Uniform and **SUNSMART** all children must wear their hat. **'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.

**SECONDHAND UNIFORMS - \$10 an item** - Packed and processed on Wednesday only

Email - [office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au)

## NEW UNIFORMS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM SPARTAN WORLD UNIFORM SUPPLIER

**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.



# Family Fridays at Pentridge



EVERY FRIDAY 3PM TILL 7PM  
1 DEC 2023 TO 22 MAR 2024



# Celebrate Easter *at Pentridge.*



SATURDAY 30 MARCH, 11AM - 3PM

- Easter Bunny
- Children's Activities & Craft
- Egg Hunt



# Makers Market

AT PENTRIDGE

SUNDAY 24 MARCH  
10AM TILL 3PM



PENTRIDGE  
EST. 1851



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