



# 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*



Lord,  
 We pray for women all over the world,  
 especially those challenged by poverty and other injustice.  
 Stir us to know women's dignity.  
 Quieten us to listen to women's voices.  
 Awaken us to see women's realities.  
 Strengthen us to stand for women's rights.  
 Fill us with hope to make a better future together.  
 Amen.

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

### TERM 1:

#### MARCH:

- Monday 11: Labour Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- Wednesday 13: School Advisory Council Meeting - 6.30pm  
Sausage sizzle lunch
- Thursday 14: Year Prep Coffee & Chat - 9am
- Friday 15: Year 5/6 ML - Mass 10am  
Harmony Week whole school gathering 2.45pm
- Monday 18: Year 1/2F - ASSEMBLY
- Friday 22: Year 3/4M - Mass 10am  
Colour Fun Run - 2pm
- Monday 25: Year 1/2M - ASSEMBLY
- Monday, 26 March - Wednesday, 28 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
- Thursday 28: Last day of Term 1 (1pm finish)

MONDAY,  
11 March  
Labour Day  
Holiday -  
NO SCHOOL

### TERM 2:

#### APRIL:

- Monday 15: School Resumes for term 2
- Thursday 25: ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY (NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL)
- Friday, 26: PUPIL FREE DAY (NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL)

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MARIA MERCURI

Today is **International Women's Day**. It is a day to express your gratitude to the important women in your life, and to think about how we can embrace equality within our world, school, work & community. The theme for **International Women's Day 2024** is **Inspire Inclusion**. When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world. And when women themselves are inspired to be included, there's a sense of belonging, relevance, and empowerment. Collectively, let's forge a more inclusive world for women. I was very privileged to be invited by our local member Anthony Cianflone to attend *Celebrating Great Women of Faith* at Parliament House for morning tea. I was joined by three principals from our local area, we heard from Lizzie Blandthorn and viewed an exhibition of portraits of Great Women in Faith such as Mary Glowrey, Mary MacKillop and Eileen O'Connor.



**Harmony Week**-Next week our school community will celebrate **Harmony Week**. During this week we celebrate our cultural diversity; each class will make a commitment to ensuring we are all inclusive and respectful of one another.

**Harmony Week** celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Throughout the week, the children at St Paul's will be immersed in lessons that focus on inclusiveness and our multicultural backgrounds.

Join us on **FRIDAY, 15 MARCH** for **WHOLE SCHOOL GATHERING** - At 2.45pm parents are invited to the grass area where students will share their how they celebrated diversity and how we at St Paul's are an inclusive community.

Children to wear a **SPLASH OF ORANGE** - on their uniform (hair tie, wristband ribbon, etc )

Wishing the following a wonderful birthday!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



**MARCH:**

**Anica M - 8th**

**James P - 9th**

**Patrick L - 12th**

**Monday, 11 March - Labour Day Public Holiday- NO SCHOOL**

Have a great long weekend  
Maria Mercuri

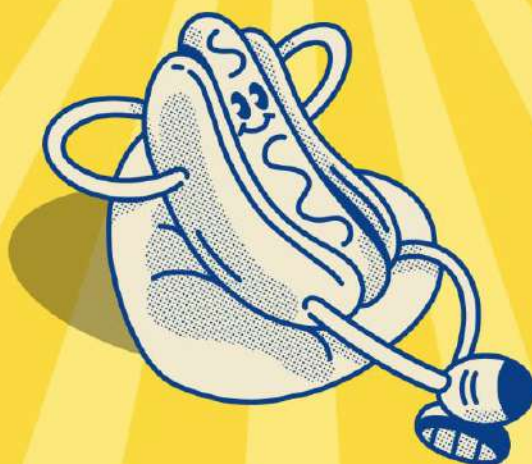


# Wednesday Lunch Orders

**13TH OF MARCH  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**SAUSAGE IN BREAD \$3 EACH.**

**SAUCE PROVIDED. (COLES/WOOLWORTHS BRAND  
BREAD & SAUSAGES)**



**PLEASE PLACE YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH ORDER ONLINE  
THROUGH CDF PAY  
BY MONDAY 11TH MARCH.**



We're already two weeks into our fantastic fundraiser and the excitement is palpable! Our upcoming Crazy Colour Day promises to be a whirlwind of vibrancy as we have a day of fun in the sun! But it's not just about the spectacle; it's about making a difference.

Through your efforts so far, we have raised **\$3,819.00** to go towards the refurbishment of the school library, 3D printer and student devices.

Congratulations to Prep B for being the class with the most profiles in the first 2 weeks of fundraising! They have all received an icy pole.

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

Please register your child

<https://www.schoolfunrun.com.au>

School name-type in:

Saint Paul's Primary School Coburg - Coburg

At our next assembly we will draw the winner of the \$50 voucher. The first 100 students to register will go into the draw.

We have added a surprise!!!

**SLIME THE TEACHER**

The child who raises the most money in their class can

**SLIME THE TEACHER**

If you would like to volunteer on the day please email;

Brunina - [bmoreno@stpaulscoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bmoreno@stpaulscoburg.catholic.edu.au) or

Jo Villella [jvillella@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jvillella@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au)

*Thank you for your ongoing dedication and commitment to the St. Paul's community!*



# PARENTS & FRIENDS OF ST PAUL'S

## HOT LUNCH WEDNESDAYS!

St Paul's **Parent and Friends Hot Lunch Wednesdays** will take place again this year! Our first sausage sizzle last week was run by our amazing parent community and was a huge success. We have organised a delicious menu for the year sure to satisfy our children's taste buds.

March 13th	Sausage sizzle
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 rolls
November 13th	Sausage sizzle



**Hot Lunch Wednesday's** will take place once a month.

**We are seeking 4 volunteers on a rotating schedule to be available between 12pm-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.

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



# SUSTAINABILITY

## Every day is **NUDE FOOD DAY** at St Pauls!

Well done to all families who pack nude food lunches for their children. Nude food lunch is a packed lunch that uses no single use plastic.



This term we have a brand new team of student sustainability volunteers in our school. The new team have been taking on 'waste warrior' initiative changing classroom bins and noticing the waste from each class.

Meet the team:

In 1/2 we have Anthony, Mason, Sebastian, Lucas, Joshua, Alessio, Sammy, Chanelle and Alannah.

In 3/4 we have John, Henry, Isaac S, Emily, Ava, Nathaniel, Noor, Zra and Annabel.

In 5/6 we have Evan, Panos, Daniel, Talia, Mia, Prithvi, Hirad, Grayen, Julian, Orlando, Dylan, Charlie, Clara, Aston and Leo.

Supported by Alessandro and Hugh our Sustainability captains.





# LITERACY

## ENGLISH ONLINE INTERVIEW

The English Online Interview (EOI) is a mandated online tool for assessing the English skills of students from Prep and Year 1. All students in Prep and Year 1 will engage in the EOI this term. It provides teachers with valuable data across the three modes of English: Reading and Viewing, Writing and Speaking and Listening. This data is used to generate reports that provide an overview of student achievement and allow the teachers an entry point when planning to cater to individual student needs.



## FLUENCY

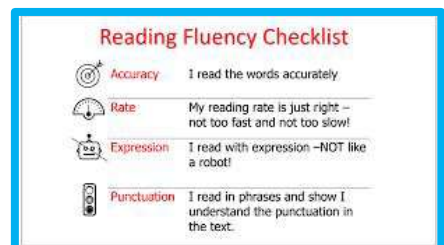
Fluency is an important precursor to reading comprehension. When students read fluently, they are better able to understand the text they are reading. Fluency requires practice through repeated readings of the same text.

The students in Year 3 - 6 have been focusing on developing reading with fluency and accuracy. Reading accurately and fluently involves:

- decoding
- reading smoothly
- attending to the punctuation
- using expression *and*
- pace (not too quickly and not too slowly).

One evidence-based fluency instruction strategy that the students have been engaging in is Echo Reading. In Echo Reading, the students listen to the text being modelled and read aloud by the teacher. The students read the the same text and receive quick positive and corrective feedback. This cycle can be repeated three times. Students can also practice this fluency instructional strategy with a partner, known as paired or partner reading.

**This could be something you can try with your child at home, to continue to develop reading fluently and accurately.**



# NUMERACY



**EssentialAssessment™**  
Assessment and Curriculum made easy

## Parent Platform

As you are aware our school currently partners with Essential Assessment to complement student learning in Numeracy.

As part of this initiative, we are able to provide you access to the Essential Assessment parent platform. The Essential Assessment parent platform allows our school to share your child's progress, as we work through each topic of their learning throughout the year. This information provides a summary of the specific Numeracy skills that we are currently developing with your child and also provides practical examples of these skills to assist with their continued learning.

**The information provided in each update can consist of:**

**Areas of success:**

This provides a summary of what your child currently understands within this topic of learning

**Areas for improvement:**

This provides a summary of what we are currently working on with your child within this topic of learning.

**Areas of growth:**

This provides a summary of new learnings from your child from a completed topic of learning

**Examples of learning:**

A summary of what we are currently working on with your child within this topic of learning with examples of this content

**Assigned My Numeracy activities:**

A summary of the online My Numeracy activities that have been assigned to your child to complement their learning.

**This platform can be accessed at the following location with your unique school code and parent pin.**

[www.essentialassessment.com.au/parent](http://www.essentialassessment.com.au/parent)

**Your unique school code and parent pin remains the same each year.**

**If you have forgotten or would like a copy of you code and parent pin, please contact your child's teacher**

**If you have any questions please contact me**

**Kim Simpson** [ksimpson@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ksimpson@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au)

## Mathematics Online Interview (MOI)

All students in Prep and Year 1 will engage in the MOI this term.

### Why use the MOI?

Spending one-on-one time with students helps teachers to identify their ways of thinking, the methods they use, any misconceptions they may hold and their ability to explain their thinking. The MOI provides teachers with the opportunity to observe student thinking and behaviours and to listen to the strategies and language students use, in order to gain a sense of a student's mathematical understanding. This information informs teaching and learning and assists with the monitoring of student growth and progress over time.



# INQUIRY

## INQUIRY BASED LEARNING

Inquiry based learning allows students the opportunities to pose and respond to questions. It fosters curiosity and encourages them to become active participants in their own learning.

The Prep - 2 students will focus on developing an understanding of how their choices impact the wellbeing of themselves, others and the environment. The learning in Years 3 - 6 will involve exploring and investigating rules, laws and their implementation at various levels. These include rules at school, laws in the wider community and legislation at both a state and federal level.

Excursions have a sound impact on Inquiry learning. Students acquire knowledge and skills at school, however the experiences that a school offers are what students will remember, many years after their primary school education has been completed. The Year 5/6 students will engage in such an experience through their upcoming excursion to Parliament House on Monday 25 March. I took the time to ask some students from 5/6H about how they are preparing for this excursion and how it links with their Inquiry learning.

**Moira** - I have been learning about the three levels of government and I am excited about our excursion because I have never been to Parliament House.



**Emma** - My question is ....*when was Parliament House built?*

**Tyra** - I would like to find out how often Parliament meets?



**Valentina** - I am wondering when women were first allowed to vote?



**Daniel** - I want to learn more about the what the three levels of government do and when Parliament House was built.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Holy Week



**Monday, 25 March - Wednesday, 28 March.**

**ST PAUL'S - "THE WAY OF THE CROSS" - STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT SCHOOL**

**Doors open at 8:30 am - 8.50am each morning**

Each class at St Paul's are creating their own Stations of the Cross. The children and teachers are working together to make a representation of the Station in a way that is meaningful to them. We invite children and families to walk around to each Station of the Cross to view and pray together.

The Stations of the Cross are one of the most important parts of our School Church Calendar.

The stations depict the journey Jesus made from being condemned to death by Pontius Pilate, to his crucifixion and death, ending in his resurrection.

We kindly ask parents must leave the building at 8.50am when learning begins

**Tuesday, 26 March - 9:15am.**

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MUSICAL PLAY - "THAT WE MIGHT LIVE"**

This will be performed by the students in the Church. This is a whole school musical and dramatic interpretation of the events leading up to and including Jesus' death and resurrection. All families are welcome to join us.

**Please come along as we celebrate these events as a School Community**

# SACRAMENTS

Our Penance Family Evening is on **Tuesday March 12 at 6:45pm**. This is an Important preparation session for children and their families. This session will be delivered via zoom.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE SERVICE (Children and Families)**

**Thursday 2 May 6:30pm**

If you have any questions please contact me

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



# 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.





Website: [www.kellysports.com.au/inner-northern](http://www.kellysports.com.au/inner-northern)  
 Contact: Shane Oliver  
 Email: [shane@kellysports.com.au](mailto:shane@kellysports.com.au)  
 Phone: 0432 522 829  
 Facebook: Kelly Sports Inner Northern  
 Address: 760 Sydney Rd, Coburg - Enter through Gate 2

# EASTER 2024 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

MERCY COLLEGE, COBURG

**Who can attend:**

Kids aged 4-12 years old.

**General Information:**

We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

**What do you need to bring:** Appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

**Food:**

Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12.30pm to 1.30pm each day.

**Programme activities:**

Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers.

**Payment details:**

Payment is required up-front within 2 hours of your booking. A receipt will be issued when a completed booking is received. All details will be included on the receipt.

**Please note:**

Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Sports accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst on the programme.

	Mon 1st April	Tues 2nd April	Wed 3rd April	Thurs 4th April	Fri 5th April
<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>PROGRAMME NOT ON TODAY</b>	<b>DYNAMIC DODGEBALL</b> Dodge, duck, dip, dive and... DODGE! Our annual Dodgeball Tournament is back. Our friendly competition will help improve your throwing and catching skills!	<b>NINJA WARRIOR DAY</b> It's time for your kids to bring out their inner Ninja for our first Ninja Warrior day. The kids will have a great time completing our Ninja course in individual and team challenges.	<b>FOOTY FEVER DAY</b> Show off your team colours at our Kelly Sports Footy Day! You'll be sure to get a kick out of our games, activities and challenges. Wear your favourite AFL colours!	<b>PROGRAMME NOT ON TODAY</b>
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>PROGRAMME NOT ON TODAY</b>	<b>BASKETBALL BLITZ</b> Do you love basketball? Dribble, zig zag, shoot and slam dunk your way into our Basketball themed day.	<b>SUPER STAR SOCCER</b> Do you love to play soccer? Do you love scoring goals? You'll get a kick out of today's session! Dribble, weave and pass your way through our program today.	<b>DYNAMIC DODGEBALL</b> Dodge, duck, dip, dive and... DODGE! Our annual Dodgeball Tournament is back. Our friendly competition will help improve your throwing and catching skills!	<b>PROGRAMME NOT ON TODAY</b>

**FULL DAY: \$55**  
Mon - Fri, 8:00am - 5:30pm

**EARLY BIRD PRICE \$50**  
If booked and paid by Friday 8th March.  
\$55 per day if paid and booked after that date

**HAT, LUNCH, SNACKS AND WATER BOTTLE REQUIRED!**

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT

**KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU**

**Kids Easter Holiday Sports Program**  
2nd - 4th & 9th - 11th April

Get your kids off the couch and out of the house at our Easter Holiday Sports program. They'll enjoy footy, soccer, basketball, hockey, cricket, obstacle courses and tons of fun games each day.

Venue: Mercy College, 760 Sydney Rd, Coburg, Enter through Gate 2

For more information & daily schedule visit [www.kellysports.com.au/inner-northern](http://www.kellysports.com.au/inner-northern)

Contact Shane Oliver  
0432 522 829  
[shane@kellysports.com.au](mailto:shane@kellysports.com.au)

**St Marks Calisthenics Club**  
**FIRST TWO CLASSES FREE\***

*If you love to dance, sing, perform and have fun, then come along*

**Tots 3-5 years Saturdays 9am-10am**  
**Tinies 6-7 years Saturdays 10am-11:30am**  
**Subbies 8-10 years Saturdays 11:30am-2pm**  
**Juniors 11-13 years Wednesdays 5:00-8:00pm**

5/159 Newlands Road Coburg North  
 St Marks Calisthenics Club  
 @stmarkscc  
 stmarkscc@hotmail.com

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN!**

**Sports include:**  
 Netball | Soccer | Tennis | Dodgeball | Science | Robotics | Lacrosse | Table Tennis | Badminton | Fencing | Ultimate Frisbee | Basketball | Cricket | Hockey | AFL | Rugby!

**\*NEW\* Downball, Jump Rope & Karate**

**Program details:**  
 Dates: 3 to 12 April  
 Timings:  
 • Drop-off from 8:30 am.  
 • Activities from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
 • Aftercare from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
 Location: Melbourne University Sports Precinct, Parkville

**REGISTER NOW BEFORE SPACES FILL UP**

More information Register here   
[holidayprogram-sport@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:holidayprogram-sport@unimelb.edu.au)  
[sport.unimelb.edu.au/programs/sport-camps](http://sport.unimelb.edu.au/programs/sport-camps)  
[go.unimelb.edu.au/yzn8](http://go.unimelb.edu.au/yzn8)

**PROUD TO BE WEST COBURG**

**PLAYERS WANTED**  
 U8, U10, U12 MIXED  
 U14 & U16 BOYS  
 U16 GIRLS

**COME ALONG & JOIN THE WEST COBURG TEAM**

ENQUIRIES  
[contactus@wfc.com.au](mailto:contactus@wfc.com.au)

REGISTER HERE