



# 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**

**Thank you**

**For all who are part of the Merri-Bek early years and school communities.**

**For all who work together to create to support the children in their care.**

**For allowing us to have the opportunity to build relationships in our**

**St Paul's and Merri-Bek Community.**

**Be with us as we listen and learn from one another**

**Give us encouragement, wisdom and peace to do our best.**

**Where we work together for the children of Merri-Bek.**

**AMEN**



## IMPORTANT DATES

**TERM 2 DATES - Monday 15 April - Friday 28 June**

**END OF TERM TWO** - Friday 28th June at 1pm.  
TheirCare will be available .



### JUNE:

- Monday, 17: Assembly - 3/4SP Presenting
- Tuesday 18: School Advisory Council Meeting - 6.30pm
- Monday, 24: Assembly - 1/2F Presenting
- Wednesday 26: **Learning Showcase 2.45-3.15pm**
- Thursday 27: St Paul's Feast Day Activities
- Friday 28: **Last day of school - 1pm finish**

**MONDAY,  
JUNE 17  
ASSEMBLY  
3/4SP  
PRESENTING**

### JULY:

- Monday, 15: Term 3 commences

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MARIA MERCURI

I hope all families had a relaxing long weekend and enjoyed the extra sleep in on Monday. Even though it is a shorter week, we have had a exciting week at St Paul's. We were out in the community, demonstrating what a vibrant school community St Paul's is. A huge thank you to all our staff who led these events.

Our Year 4 children are preparing to receive the **Sacrament of Eucharist**. On Tuesday, the children participated in the **Sacrament of Eucharist Family Evening** lead by Maria Forde. Families gained a deeper understanding of the meaning of this sacrament as the visible sign of God in this world. The children will receive the sacrament of Eucharist on Sunday, 4 August.

**Prep Bedtime Story** - On Wednesday evening our Prep children and their parents came to school in their pyjamas to hear a bedtime story read by their teacher at school. The children were so excited to be at school in their pj's with their friends. They enjoyed a cup of warm Milo and a teddy bear biscuit. It was a special school family event. Here are some of their favourite moments...

" I loved listening to the story The Gruffalo". Rafael

" I had fun listening to the story and drinking hot chocolate". Amani

" I liked bed time story time and eating teddy bear biscuits and drinking hot chocolate". Chloe S

" I loved listening to the Gruffalo story and dressing up". Florence



St Paul's hosted the **Merri-Bek Early Years Network** on Thursday afternoon. Forty Early Years educators from the Merri-Bek run centres, met in our staffroom to hear from our St Paul's staff about the work we are doing with children before they begin school. Our Prep teacher, Brunina spoke about transition to school and the connections we make with the kindergartens and childcare centres that our Prep children come from. Rita Ravida, who runs our **Playgroup** and is running our **Jump Start To Prep** program for the children beginning prep in 2025, spoke about school readiness. Nikki Ryan, St Paul's teacher who is training to be a Speech pathologist spoke about speech and language development. We also heard from Merri-Bek Occupational Therapist about the important fine and gross motor skills children need before they begin school. It was a great session hearing from the early childhood sector about the programs they are running and sharing the school experience. We made some great connections with the centres in the Merri-Bek area.



On Wednesday some of our **Year 6 Student Leaders** visited **Newlands Kindergarten** to run a STEM lesson using BeeBots. This was a lovely opportunity for our year six students to develop leadership skills and engage with younger children in our local community. Our children worked with small groups of kinder children to program the BeeBots. It was an awesome experience.

Rowan the centre coordinator was very impressed with our children she sent us an email... *"Just wanted to take the time to say thank you for your visit yesterday and just say I was blown away by the behavior and attitude of every single one of the students who attended. I was super impressed at their politeness but most importantly the way they approached the younger children in such a calm and caring manner. It can be hard to work with 3 and 4 year olds and every single person impressed me. The children in the group were talking about it for the rest of day and were so happy to tell their parents about it at the end of the day. We are so excited for organising some more visits"*

What a fabulous community we have!  
Have a great weekend,  
Maria Mercuri

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Wishing the following a blessed & joyful birthday!

Aston D'A - 7th  
Zovas P - 10th  
Isabella U - 11th  
Penelope B - 12th  
Chanelle M - 12th



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

### Weekly **BE** Rule

TO BE PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY  
ON MONDAY  
2.45pm in the hall

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

We are learning to be **resilient**  
by asking for help when we  
need it

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
FOLLOWING STUDENTS...



Class	Name
Prep T	Chloe M Giuliano T
Prep B	Chloe S Jack F
1/2 F	George C Gabriela JH
1/2 K	Antonio N Mason D-G
1/2 M	Phoebe L Pablo G
3/4 O	Emiliana S Nathaniel F
3/4 M	Chante O Tina N
3/4 SP	Anton M Elyssa D
5/6H	Nicholas Z Alessio N
5/6 MR	Alex C Vivian W
5/6 A	George S May T



# LITERACY

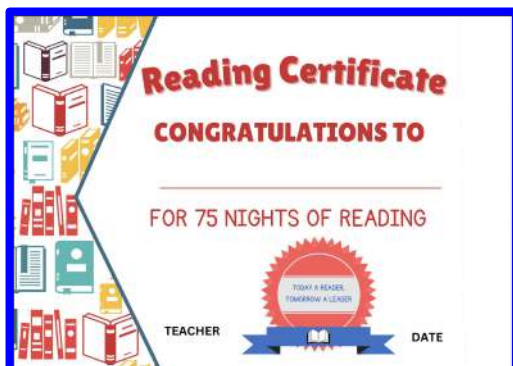
## READING AWARDS

What an exciting week of reading it has been!

Students mentioned in the previous week's newsletter will receive their Reading certificate during assembly on Monday June 17.

**This week we congratulate the following students!**

<u>25 nights</u>	<u>50 nights</u>	<u>75 nights</u>	<u>100 nights</u>
Sebastian C - 1/2F	Olivia W - 1/2K Adrian F - 1/2F Gianna P - 1/2F Dara J - 3/4M	Gabriella C - 1/2F George C - 1/2F Dara J - 3/4M	Archer U - 1/2F Zoe C - 3/4SP



# ST PAUL'S



# LEARNING SHOWCASE

*Wednesday June 26th*

*2:45 -3:15*



**We held a learning showcase for parents earlier this year and received great feedback.**

**We are excited to announce that we will be holding our second learning showcase of the year in our classrooms.**

**This event will provide you with the opportunity to witness firsthand the incredible progress and achievements of your child.**

**Your presence and support will mean a lot to them**

**At 3:15 we will ask parents to move outside ready for dismissal.**





# PERFORMING ARTS

As part of Reconciliation week, in Performing Arts we celebrated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture through song and dance.

Preps learnt 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' in Ghana language and grooved to the Torres Strait island rhythms of 'Taba Naba.'

1/2s learnt Indigenous dance moves by cultural educator Sermsah Bin Saad which represent Australian animals - Kangaroo, Emu, Brolga, Crocodile and Goana. They showed their rhythmic skills by sequencing their movements to music.

3/4s learnt about songlines in Aboriginal culture, and storytelling through traditional dances that represent the Kangaroo, Emu and Echidna. They participated in a contemporary dance piece led by Aboriginal choreographer Chantal Kerr.

5/6s were introduced to 2019 Young Australian of the Year Aboriginal Rap and Hip Hop artist Baker Boy, and followed along to a contemporary Yolgnu style Hip Hop instructional tutorial led by him.



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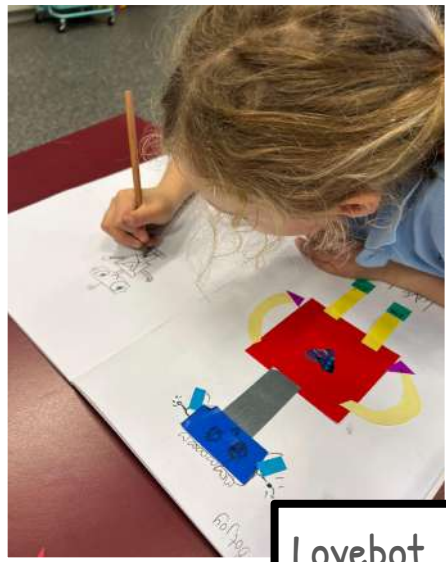


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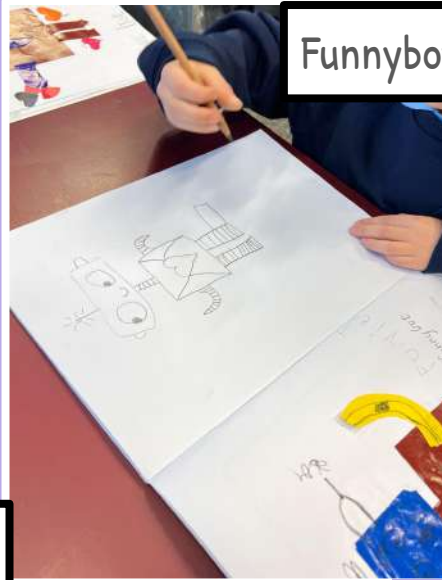




# VISUAL ARTS



Lovebot



Funnybot

Preps have delved into the fascinating world of artist Gary Hirsch and his incredible, BOTJOY creation! Our artists have designed their very own BOT using shape, a symbol was added to the body to represent its positive trait.

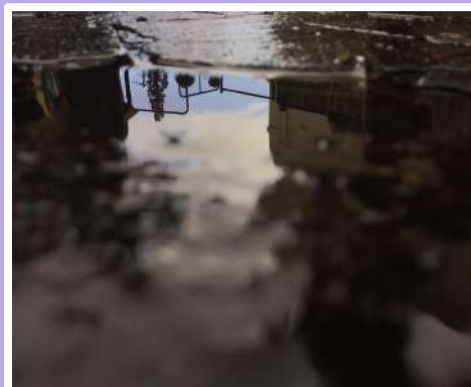


Artists from Year 1 & 2 were inspired by Hokusai's iconic masterpiece "The Great Wave of Kanagawa." Our artists used a curling technique to shape and manipulate paper to create the angry waves. They transformed flat pieces of hand painted paper into origami boats.



Year 3/4 artists used line, shape, and pattern to represent a special place they have connection to. Artwork was inspired by First Nation artist Betty Muffler.

Year 5/6 artists are exploring the world of photography, capturing compositions which showcase not only their creativity but their understanding of the art elements of line, shape, colour, texture and value.





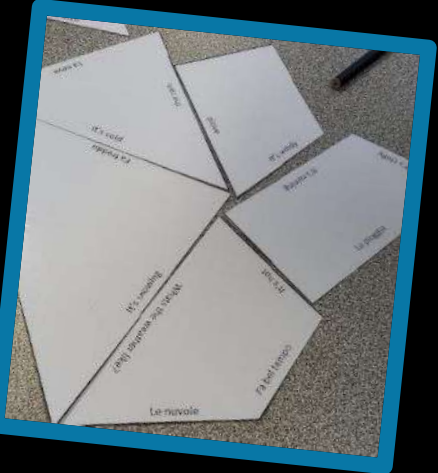
# ITALIAN

Preps are learning their colours, playing tombola and singing to Bob il treno.

1/2s and 3/4s have enjoyed hands on activities, recording and observing "il tempo".

5/6s completed their presentations on famous Italians. The real hit was the kahoot quiz they created to test their peers' knowledge!

Bravi!





# STEM

In our recent STEM classes, we've been learning about robotics with LEGO Spike and coding with Scratch Jr., making learning both fun and interactive. Our students are excitedly building robots and creating their own animations, gaining valuable tech skills along the way such as programming, problem-solving, and logical thinking!



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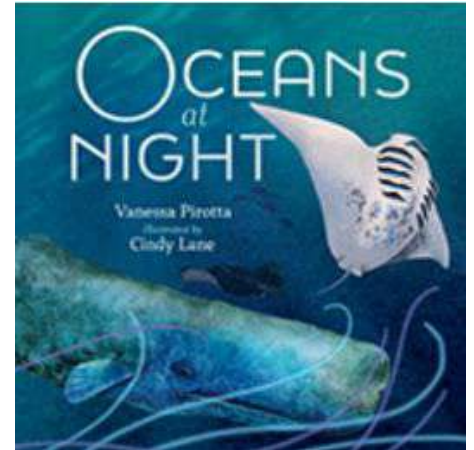




# LIBRARY

## NEW ON THE LIBRARY SHELF

As our world celebrated [World Ocean Day](#) last week, new in our library is *Oceans at Night* which explores the wonderful world under the waves which comes alive at night. Published by CSIRO Publishing, it explores the environment which makes up 70% of our planet and showcases the beauty and wonder of life below the sea, while we are sleeping! Written to inform young independent readers, and encompassing creatures from little penguins returning to feed their youngsters to the almost-mythical giant squid, this is one that could begin a journey that will last a lifetime about caring about our environment.



## PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE



The Premiers Reading Challenge has commenced and it's always so inspiring to see the students enthusiasm! I encourage students to keep a reading log of all the books they have been reading. Passwords will be issued by the end of term so books can be logged in online during the school holidays.

## LOOK WHO'S READING!



*The School of Monsters* are my favourite book series. They are a funny and silly range of books to read. They remind me a lot of the Andy Lee books "Don't Open the Page" series but with a twist. *The School of Monsters* Books are really colourful with cute friendly monster characters. The books are easy to read and follow. The characters in the series all explore either something silly, a difficult problem or fear, with the solution being fixed and overcome with laughter and kindness.

Reading these books have made me so excited to read, visit the library and to talk with my brother and friends about these super fun books.

But most importantly it has shown me that if a pretend monster character can overcome a tricky situation, a problem or a worry, than so can I.

**Gabriela 1/2F**






# FROM THE OFFICE

## REPORTING ABSENCES

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

-  **audiri**
- 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



Classroom Cuisine is our online lunch order system. It is convenient and user friendly service and provides 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](http://classroomcuisine.com.au)**

# UNIFORM

## WINTER UNIFORM

**WINTER UNIFORM** - All children are expected to be in Winter uniform.

**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)



## Spartan School World Lower Plenty

97 Main Road

Lower Plenty, 3093

### Trading Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

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Free School Delivery - weekly during school terms

Click & Collect

Postage to private address \$12.50



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Want to know what's happening at St Paul's Primary School?

Stay connected through our online platforms to be updated!

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#### Audiri

Our main form of communication. Keep up to date with timely notifications and latest news



#### Seesaw

Access your child's Online Learning Log (OLL) and receive important classroom information



#### Instagram

Stay up to date with our learning adventures by following us at:

[stpaulspscoburg](https://www.instagram.com/stpaulspscoburg)



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# TheiCare

where kids love to be!



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## Week 8 and 9

At TheiCare we always listen to the children's interests and ensure we incorporate their values, beliefs and traits into their play whilst attending.

**Week 8 –** This week we explored all about the Australian flora and fauna. The children did numerous activities in service like bottle brush art, dot painting, word searches, Australian animal art and more to expand their knowledge and familiarity to our native plants and animals.

**Week 9 -** Next week we are so excited to have a Disney week! The children have been busy preparing a delicious Disney themed menu and fun activities with miss Miranda. From fresh made pizza dough to Disney princess art we can't wait to explore and enjoy the week after a long weekend.

[www.theicare.com.au](http://www.theicare.com.au)

### Service hours.

**BSC: 7:00-8:45am**

**ASC: 3:30-6:00pm**

**Holidays: 7:00-6:00am**

#### Contact:

#### Email:

[Stpaulscoburg@theicare.com.au](mailto:Stpaulscoburg@theicare.com.au)

**Phone: 0498084495**





# INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

## HERE AT YOUR SCHOOL

At ABC Music, we're passionate about nurturing well-rounded students, and our music program plays a key role in that mission. From learning to play the guitar to mastering the piano, our students are immersed in the wonderful world of music, and the benefits are truly remarkable. Research shows that music education can significantly enhance a child's cognitive development, academic performance, and overall well-being. When students engage with music, they sharpen their focus, improve their memory, and develop enhanced problem-solving skills – qualities that undoubtedly translate into academic success.

**ENROL ONLINE DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS / ONLINE ENROLMENTS CLOSE 1ST WEEK OF THE TERM**

# INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS



We provide a range of musical instruments to learn, but this will differ from school to school. However, Keyboard and Guitar lessons are offered in all the schools we teach.

- Students can enrol for group, paired or private lessons
- Lessons are 30 min long every week during the school term
- We supply keyboards/guitars/drums for lessons (other instruments to be supplied by the student)
- Students progress reports are provided in term 2 and term 4
- Students concerts/performance run in term 4
- YES \*We can prepare students for AMEB Exams!
- New students are required to purchase a music book on enrolment, the book will be delivered in class
- Instrument hire or purchase is available via our website
- Enrolment is on a subscription basis, and fees are charged every 3 months (once per term) via direct debit

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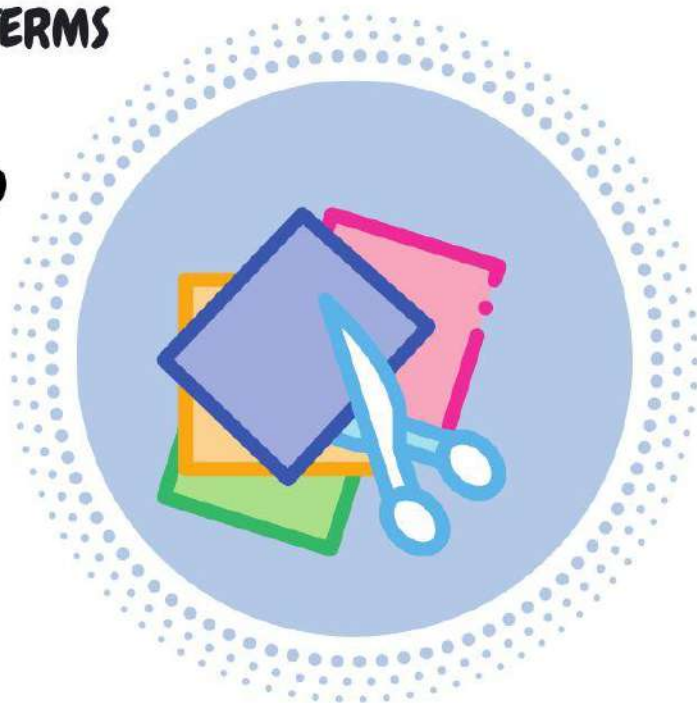


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# **JUMP START PREP!** ✓

- **WEEKLY 2 HOUR SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN STARTING PREP IN 2025**
- **PROGRAM HELD DURING SCHOOL TERMS**
  
- **INSTRUCTED BY EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER, RITA RAVIDA**
  
- **BUILDING ON:**
  - **FINE MOTOR SKILLS**
  - **EYE HAND CO-ORDINATION**
  - **FOCUS & CONCENTRATION**
  - **LITERACY & NUMERACY SKILLS**
  
- **8 WEEK TERM \$80**



**FRIDAY**

**12.30 - 2.30PM**

**START SCHOOL WITH  
CONFIDENCE, READINESS  
& MOTIVATION**

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