



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

Loving God,
Bless St Paul's school community,
each of us bringing our own stories, cultures and traditions.
We thank You for the rich diversity within our community;
gifts that shape who we are and how we learn from one another.
Help us to create a spirit of harmony in our school: where every voice is valued,
where every culture is honoured
and where kindness guides our words and actions.
Open our hearts to listen deeply, to show respect even when we see things differently
and to recognise the dignity in every person we meet.
May our school be a place where we celebrate what makes us unique
and where we stand together in unity and peace.
Give us the courage to build bridges,
spread understanding
and be instruments of Your love in our world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Term 2 - 2026 Dates - April 21 - June 26

MAY	
Monday, 4	School Assembly - 3/4D presenting
Tuesday, 5	Mathematics Parent Workshop - 9:00am
Thursday, 7	Mother's Day Breakfast
Thursday 7	After school Yard Sale - 3/4 Inquiry action
Friday, 8	Mother's Day Stall
Monday, 11	School Assembly - 1/2F presenting
Monday, 18	School Assembly - 3/4MH presenting
Friday, 22	National Walk Safely to School Day
JUNE	
Friday, June 5	Pupil Free Day
Monday, June 8	King's Birthday (No School)
Friday, June 26	Last Day of Term (1:00pm finish)

SACRAMENTAL DATES

Tuesday, 19 May	Year 3 FIRST RECONCILIATION
Friday 23 October	Year 6 CONFIRMATION



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 and future.

Join us to celebrate our wonderful Mothers

Mother's Day

Thursday the 7th May, 2026

7:45

Breakfast

8:45– 9:20

Classroom visit with your child

9:30am

Mother's Day Liturgy St Paul's Church

Enjoy bacon & egg breakfast in the peppercorn yard
& a barista coffee (Beans Buskers)

We look forward to sharing this time with you!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MARIA MERCURI

ANZAC DAY RSL Dawn Service - On ANZAC Day, Saturday 25th April, our school captains attended the Dawn Service at Coburg RSL. Our school captains Matteo and Caitlin, joined by Gwen, lay wreaths with great respect, representing our school. Our students Miles, Lexi M and Eddie P were also in attendance.

Every year I am in awe of the number of people who turn up to the Coburg RSL Dawn Service. This is our second year attending and it is a very moving service to be part of. It is wonderful to see so many people coming together to honour and remember those who have served.



We are looking forward to our beautiful **Mother's Day** celebration next week. Please join us from 7.45am on Thursday morning for a BBQ breakfast, barista coffee and activities in the classroom, followed by a special Mother's Day Liturgy in the Church.



Mother's Day Stall: Friday 8th May

The P&F will be holding our annual Mother's Day stall on Friday, 8th May!

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to choose a special gift for their mum, grandma or a significant person in their life.

To help the day run smoothly, please ensure your child brings:

- **Money:** Gifts range from **\$5.00 to \$10.00**. We recommend sending money in a small, clearly labeled envelope or bag.
- **A bag:** Please provide a small bag so your child can carry their gift home safely.

Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers for making this event possible.



Kim Simpson, our Numeracy Leader, is running a parent Maths workshop **Tuesday 5th May at 9:00am.**

This workshop will explore how we teach Mathematics at St Paul's.

The workshop will address the following topics:

- Mindsets and Maths
- Maths Learning- more remembering and less forgetting
- Our Maths structure
- Assessment
- Building Fluency
- Numeracy at home

Please email:

ksimpson@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au

Have a fabulous weekend,
Maria Mercuri

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MARIA MERCURI

Winter Uniform - The weather is beginning to cool down. Beginning on Monday, 4 May, all children are required to be dressed in winter uniform.

Important Girls uniform update

Girls Winter Uniform pant - We have recently been in consultation with our uniform provider, Spartan School Supplies, regarding the girls' tartan trousers. Our school is the only one using this specific fabric and manufacturing costs have increased due to low demand.

Spartan will continue to supply the tartan trousers until current stock is exhausted. Please note that sizes 4 and 8 are currently unavailable.

To ensure we provide a more accessible and sustainable option, we are pleased to introduce new navy blue elastic trousers for our students at a significantly lower price point.

Uniform Options & Pricing

- Navy Blue Trousers: \$34.00
- Tartan Trousers: \$44.00 (Available while current stocks last)

Families are welcome to continue wearing the tartan trousers for the time being, but please be aware that these will be gradually phased out as stock runs out. We hope that offering the navy blue option provides a helpful, cost effective alternative for your family.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we manage this change. Please feel free to contact the school office if you have any questions.

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:



Jewellery - Only stud earrings can be worn. For safety reasons no dangling earrings to be worn. Necklace that displays religious symbols eg: crucifix, etc.

Watches - Smart watches must have connectivity switched off.

Hair - Hair of shoulder, or longer, length must be tied back with hair accessories in school colours - black or blue hair ties. Hair should not cover eyes.

Hair colour must be of natural colouring - no extreme hair colours.

All hair accessories (eg. clips, ribbons, headbands) to be blue, black or white in colour.

Decorative hair accessories must not be worn.

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

To place an order, please visit: [Spartan School World](#)



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

Email - office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for supporting our uniform policy.

STUDENT AWARDS

WEEKLY BE RULES

TO BE PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY ON
MONDAY, 4 MAY @ 2.45PM

This week's **FOCUS** is:
BE RESPONSIBLE

by following agreed classroom expectations.

Class	Name
Prep P	Tristan R Alyssa P
Prep T	Egle G Theone G
1/2C	Annabelle H Isaiah J
1/2E	Alexander B Leon S
1/2F	Eddie P Atreya D
3/4MH	Gianna P Alannah F
3/4B	Gabriella C Jack M
3/4D	Miles S Adam I
5/6J	Sadhbh Matteo
5/6T	Scarlett J Arion T
5/6H	Harrison P Noor S

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

Mabel P - 28th

MAY

Eddie C - 1st

Emily H - 1st

Matias M - 3rd

Aaliyah M - 8th



**Shop Small, Save Big,
Help the Planet!**

The Year 3/4s are hosting a Pre Loved Yard Sale!

- **Thursday, 7th May after school**
- On the Basketball Court

We have been learning all about the importance of reducing landfill as part of our Inquiry learning and now it's our turn to take action!

Come and purchase a pre loved treasure with a small voluntary donation. Let's work together to reuse, recycle and make a positive change!

St Paul's Yard Sale

Help Us Make a Difference!

LIBRARY

This week's Library Featured Read - ANZAC Day Edition

We are so proud of the enthusiasm for reading at St Paul's!

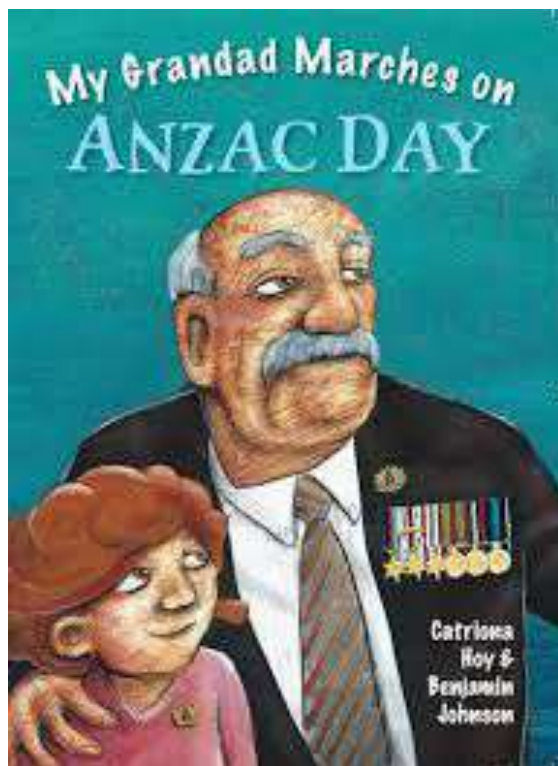
Each week, I spotlight a book that I'm excited for our students to discover—whether it's a brand new book, a cherished favourite, or something a little special to spark student's curiosity.

Ms Angela - Library

All of these titles are available in our school library, making it easy for students to discover new books and enjoy the joy of reading.

It was wonderful to see teachers and students exploring our school library's ANZAC Day collection this week.

Having just commemorated ANZAC Day, I wanted to highlight this beautiful picture book. *My Grandad Marches on Anzac Day* (Catriona Hoy). It is a perfect first introduction for young children attending their first dawn service. Told through the eyes of a little girl who wakes before dawn to watch her grandfather march in the parade with her dad, it gently explains the traditions and significance of the day in simple, accessible language. This is a must have and a must share in our collection, as a new generation continues to acknowledge the ANZAC Day tradition.



Please don't hesitate to contact me for any reading or book advice. I love talking about books!

"Everyone is a reader, some just haven't found their favourite book yet."

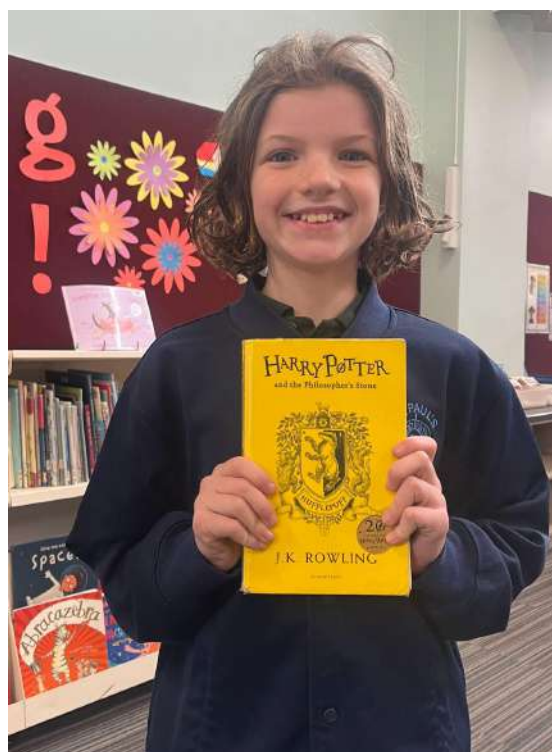
What We're Reading - Student Review

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

I really enjoyed reading this book because it's full of mystery and huge surprises. There are seven books in the series. The book is about an 11 year old boy who lives with his mean aunt, uncle and cousin (the Dursleys). Harry Potter is a wizard, but his aunt and uncle never told him.

He finds out he is magical and has many adventures with his friends, Ron and Hermione, at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Sadhbh G
5/6J



ITALIAN

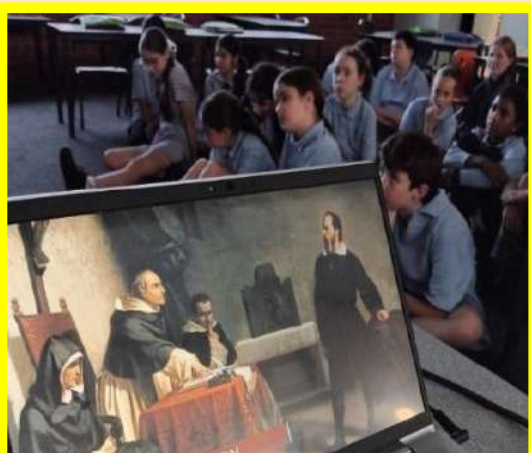


Prep and Year 1/2 read the story "La sorpresa" ("The surprise") and discussed Pasqua (Easter). We shared different traditions within their own family. We learnt and sang the song "Oggi e' Pasqua" (Today it's Easter)

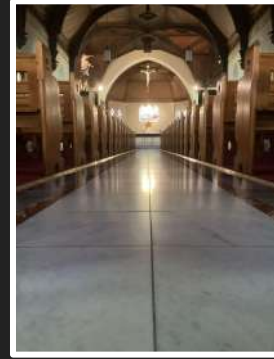
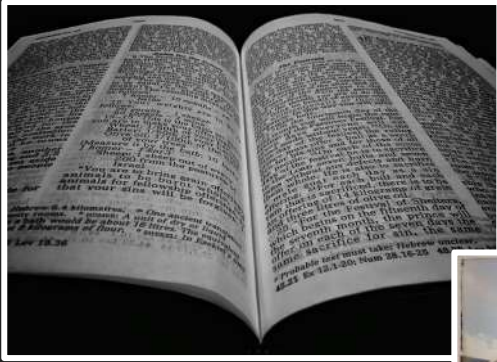
In Year 3/4, the unit "Giro d'Italia", the students are exploring famous landmarks, regions and places in Italy.



Year 5/6 are researching famous Italian inventors, scientists, and innovators. They are analysing the impact of Italian inventions and contributions.



VISUAL ARTS



Years 5 and 6 students explored photography through the RE theme *Lead Me, Guide Me, Walk Beside Me*. Their work creatively captures this theme, and it has been wonderful to see their ideas expressed so clearly through photography.

Year 3 and 4 artists have been using underglaze to paint their ceramic cups which they created in Term 1, inspired by different cultures in our community. They have carefully added colour, patterns and symbols to their ceramic pieces before they are fired in the kiln.



Year 1 and 2 artists have been exploring the artwork of Aboriginal artist Bronwyn Bancroft. Inspired by Bronwyn Bancroft, who uses symbols to share stories about her life and culture, students created their own symbols to represent their ideas and experiences.



This term, our Prep artists have been exploring organic shapes. They have been experimenting with line, learning that when a line goes for a walk and comes back to where it started, it makes a shape. Preps created their own organic shapes and coloured them using paint sticks in warm or cool colours.



PERFORMING ARTS

PREP

Students were introduced to **Tell Me a Story** music unit, exploring how sounds and actions can be used to tell a story through voice, movement and percussion.



YEAR 1/2

Students started **The Song Factory** music unit, learning that music is made up of high and low sounds, as well as long and short sounds.



YEAR 3/4

Students started **Music and the Elements** by focusing on water, creating music inspired by flowing, splashing and stormy sounds.



YEAR 5/6

Students commenced their **Contemporary Indigenous Music** unit, exploring how music can represent Indigenous pride, identity and culture.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

SSV District Cross Country Trials and Training

Over the last few weeks students have participated in regular training sessions in preparation for the SSV District Cross Country program.

The SSV District Cross Country program provides our students with the opportunity to participate in competitive training and trials, helping them develop their fitness, resilience and sportsmanship, while representing our school at the district level.

PREPARING FOR SSV DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

What is the “Beep Test”?

The Beep Test is a standard endurance assessment conducted over a 20 meter distance. Participants run between two lines in time with a series of audio signals. As the test progresses, the time between each "beep" decreases, requiring participants to increase their pace. This makes the test a challenging, yet also an effective way to measure cardiovascular fitness.

Who is participating?

Our Grade 3/4 and 5/6 students will complete two to three Beep Tests throughout the term. These sessions serve as both fitness training and selection trials for the upcoming SSV District Cross Country Carnival.

How can my child prepare for the SSV District Cross Country Carnival?

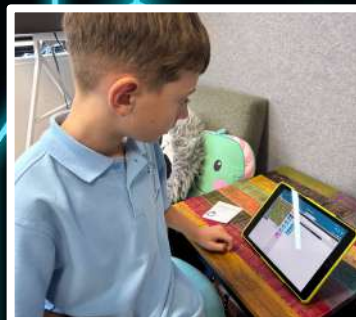
In addition to our school based training, we encourage students to follow the cross country training program distributed in Week 8 of Term 1. Consistent practice at home is the best way for students to build the endurance and confidence needed to perform their best on the day.



STEM

From Blue-Bots to Python...

In STEM, students across the school have launched into an exciting term of Digital Technologies learning. Our Prep students are developing early coding and directional language skills using Blue-Bots, practising commands such as left, right, forward and backward. Year 1/2 students are exploring coding through Code.org, completing tutorials and beginning to create their own projects. Year 3/4 students are learning to use Minecraft Education as a creative learning tool, while Year 5/6 students are designing and programming with BBC Micro:bit, using Microsoft MakeCode, extending their skills through Python and JavaScript coding.



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SUSTAINABILITY

**ACTIVE KIDS ARE
HEALTHY KIDS**



JOIN US
FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026



**Until they're ten, children must always hold
an adult's hand when crossing the road**



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St Paul's is taking part in National Walk Safely to School Day on

Friday 22 May 2026

Walk Safely to School Day also encourages positive environmental action, better use of public transport with reduced car dependency.

It encourages parents and carers to walk more, reducing dangerous traffic congestion around schools.

Remember - Active Kids are Healthy Kids.

So start planning your Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 22 May 2026!

Students will be offered a piece of fruit after their walk to school

Being active every day, including walking to school, can help make a difference for many Australians.

ONLINE SAFETY

FREE eSAFETY WEBINARS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Looking for practical tips to help your child stay safe online?

The eSafety Commissioner is offering free live webinars for parents and carers this term. Topics include: managing screen time, online friendships, the online experiences of boys and young men and how AI can be creating some new online risks for children and young people. These sessions are a great way to gain helpful advice and strategies for supporting safe and positive technology use at home. Please see below for more information and registration details.

(Link is embedded in the image)



Term 2, 2026

eSafety parents and carers webinars

Join eSafety's free live webinars for parents and carers.

Term 2 topics:

- **Navigating screen time: tools for today's families.** Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and lower secondary school.
- **Exploring the online experiences of boys and young men.** Suitable for parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.
- **How AI is influencing new online risks for children and young people.** Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.
- **The trust trap: navigating friendships, pressure and manipulation online.** This webinar is designed to support shared viewing and conversations between parents/carers and young people (13+).



For more information and to register now: [eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NOTICES



MERCY COLLEGE KITCHEN KAPERS

FOR GIRLS IN YEARS 4 TO 6

An exciting four week cooking program designed to spark creativity, build confidence and inspire new skills through fun, hands-on kitchen experiences.



WHEN Wednesday 3, 10, 17 and 24 June 2026
4.00pm - 5.00pm

WHERE Mercy College
760 Sydney Road, Coburg
(Entry via Gate 1)

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Saturday 23 May 2026

10.00 am

Tuesday 26 May 2026

9.30 am and 6.00 pm

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Meet our Principal and engage with current students and staff, gaining first hand insight into our educational offerings and extra-curricular activities.

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Presentation and tour take approximately 90 minutes.



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Electric bike subsidies for Merri-bek families



Electric bike subsidies for Merri-bek families

**\$500 off purchase or
50% off 3-month subscription**

A Ride & Stride initiative

- Available to Merri-bek residents with children at any childcare, kindergarten or primary school within Merri-bek
- Applies to a select range of e-bikes and cargo bikes (including new & refurbished) through local suppliers
- Limited number of subsidies available
- Offer ends 30 June 2026 or until allocation exhausted
- Visit www.zerocarbonmerri-bek.org.au/ebike-subsidies or scan the QR code to find out more

SCAN ME



CARGOCYCLES flex bike **Lug+Carrie**

Ride & Stride e-bike subsidies for Merri-bek families

We know the current fuel crisis is affecting Merri-bek locals, adding more cost of living pressure on families juggling trips to school and work.

Merri-bek City Council's Ride & Stride program wants to support families in Merri-bek to make the switch to more affordable and sustainable ways of travelling.

Switching from driving to riding an e-bike for the school run can save your family money and time on the morning commute, and it's great for kids' health and wellbeing.

*Working with two local bike shops, we're offering families **\$500 off the purchase price** of a new or refurbished bike, or **50% off a weekly subscription for 3 months** (up to value of \$500).*

Offer will go live from Monday 4th May 2026.

See the bikes on offer, review the eligibility criteria and reserve your subsidy today at:
<https://zerocarbonmerri-bek.org.au/ebike-subsidies/>