



# 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 all mothers with Your love and care.

Give them joy in their hearts, peace in their homes,  
and strength each day.

May they always feel your presence,  
and may our Blessed Mother Mary guide and protect them.

Thank you for our mothers who love us and take care of us every day.

Thank you for their kindness, their hugs, and their prayers

Help us to show them love and respect, just like Mary showed love

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Term 2 - 2026 Dates - April 21 - June 26

### MAY

Monday, 11	School Assembly - 1/2F presenting
Monday, 18	School Assembly - 3/4MH presenting
Monday, 25	No School Assembly
Friday, 22	National Walk Safely to School Day

### JUNE

Monday, 1	School Assembly - 1/2E presenting
Friday, June 5	Pupil Free Day
Monday, June 8	King's Birthday (No School)
Monday, 15	School Assembly - Prep presenting
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.

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MARIA MERCURI

What a wonderful feeling filled St Paul's yesterday as we celebrated our beautiful mothers, grandmothers, and special women in our children's lives. The rain could not dampen the joy in our school.

It was a special day for all the mums who were invited to enjoy egg and bacon rolls and coffee served by Gabe, our wonderful barista. Followed by classroom visits where children shared fun activities with their mums. We finished the morning with a Mother's Day blessing for all our mums, and the children shared special poems they had written.

**Happy Mother's Day** on Sunday to all the mums, grandmothers and mother figures. I trust that you will enjoy a very happy day surrounded by much love and happiness. You all deserve to be truly spoilt on this special day.

A big thank you to our Parents & Friends who ran a very successful Mother's Day stall today. The children were so excited to purchase a gift for their mum or significant other. We hope you all enjoy your special presents on Sunday... *if the children have managed to keep them a secret!*



## Welcome To St Paul's!

**We welcome new students**

Waleed Year 1 and Mariam Year 2

We welcome Back Naomi Year 5

*May your time at St Paul's be blessed and filled with new learning experiences, friendships and laughter.*



# St Paul's Mural

## Our Mural Artwork Begins Next Week

Our Mural artwork begins next week with Katherine Gailer, our artist.

Katherine is known for her vibrant public murals and installation work.

Katherine gathered all the ideas for our school mural from student workshops held during Art lessons. She has created a beautiful design that incorporates the children's suggestions and creativity.

You will see the design come to life next week in the peppercorn yard.

We will have a scissor lift on site with many safety measures in place, including supervised access and protective barriers around the work area.

We can't wait to see this vibrant transformation in our school!



**Have a fabulous weekend,  
Maria Mercuri**

# PRINCIPAL NEWS



School success starts  
with attendance

## Every Day Counts

### The Importance of Regular School Attendance.

Regular attendance is one of the strongest predictors of student success - **academically, socially and emotionally.**

#### Why it Matters:

- **Learning:** Students who attend regularly are more likely to stay on track, perform better and graduate.
- **Friendships:** Being at school helps students form positive relationships and feel connected.
- **Life Skills:** Daily attendance builds routines, responsibility and resilience skills that last a lifetime.
- **Wellbeing:** School provides safety, structure and important emotional support.

#### The Impact of Absenteeism:

- Missing **1 day every 2 weeks = 4 weeks lost per year**—a full term over 4 years.
- **Continued absence** (missing 10%+) increases the risk of falling behind and disengaging.

#### What Families Can Do:

- Prioritise attendance—**every day counts.**
- Book appointments/holidays outside school hours when possible.
- Contact us early if your child is struggling, we are here to help.

**Please contact your child's teacher or Maria Mercuri if you need support with your child's school attendance.**

### Arriving at school on time:

**School gates open at 8.30am each morning all children enter the classroom at 8.45am.** We are noticing that many children are arriving after 9.00am each morning. The morning routine is an important part of the day. It gives children time to check in with their teachers, hear important information, settle into their learning, and connect positively with their classmates before lessons begin. Please make every effort to have your child at school on time.

**PLEASE REMEMBER School Closure Days - Friday, June 5  
MACSEYE will be available. BOOKINGS OPEN**

# STUDENT AWARDS

## WEEKLY BE RULES

TO BE PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY ON  
**MONDAY, 11 MAY @ 2.45PM**

This week's **FOCUS** is:

**Be Responsible**

by following agreed classroom expectations.

Class	Name
Prep P	Sofia L Georgia M
Prep T	Prekshya T Oisin O
1/2C	Kate H Oliver P
1/2E	Rabgyal T Chloe S
1/2F	Sofia C Zach D
3/4MH	Adrian F Elyssa T
3/4B	Giulio L Archer U
3/4D	Chanelle M Mason D
5/6J	Tina N Aiobheann O
5/6T	Santiago C Gabe G
5/6H	Conor H Sofia K



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**



MAY

Penelope M - 4th

Eve T - 5th

Reynash B - 7th

Aaliyah M - 8th





Happy  
Mother's  
Day





Thank you  
mum!









Happy  Mother's Day 



thank you 

Yesterday we celebrated our wonderful mums with a delicious breakfast and barista coffee before spending some special time together in the classrooms. It was lovely to see our students proudly sharing their learning and enjoying these moments with their families.

To make the day even more meaningful, each mum received a heartfelt poem written by their child. Thank you to all the mums and special people who joined us to celebrate such a beautiful morning together.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**



**Fingerprint poem**

My dirty little fingerprints  
I've left on every wall,  
And on the drawers and table tops,  
I've really marked them all.  
But here is one that won't rub off,  
I'm giving it to you,  
Because I'm oh so thankful for a mother just like you!

**M**um's the best at hugs  
**O**nly one mum for me  
**T**he best in the world  
**H**appy all the time  
**E**very thing is about you  
**R**eally kind

Happy Mother's Day  
Dear mumma  
Marvellous  
Understands me  
Makes me calm  
Magnificent  
Amazing

from HSG  
I love you

Happy Mother's Day  
Extra ordinary at buying stuff  
Intelligent at making me feel better  
Awesome at taking me to school  
Outstanding for making delicious food  
Joyful at making me laugh  
Unique at making creatin things  
Always loving me!

I love you

★ Happy Mother's Day ★  
Makes me smile  
Unbelievable  
Makes me grateful to have her  
Makes the best food!  
You care for me.

Love Gabrielao

I love you

Dear Mum,  
You make me smile when you hug me.  
You make me laugh when you tickles me.  
You make me happy because you hug me.

Happy Mother's Day!

**M**um's the best at hugs  
**O**nly one mum for me  
**T**he best in the world  
**H**appy all the time  
**E**very thing is about you  
**R**eally kind

You are the best

chloe anna

Dear mum,

**Awesome**  
**nice**  
**neat**  
**Amazing**

Love from: chloe.m

Terrific at evrything  
Helpful always  
Everlasting love  
Responcible at working  
Enthusiastick  
Super star  
Energetic

Dear mum,

Happy mothers day!  
Thank you for always  
caring for me and  
making me laugh you  
are the best mums.

Love from: Jesslyn

# SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The Parents & Friends Committee warmly invites all mums and special women in our community to a special Mother's Day Luncheon.

Come along for some well-deserved time to relax, enjoy good food and conversation, connect with other mums, and help build our wonderful school community.

We would love to see you there!



## MOTHER'S LUNCHEON

Saturday, 13 June 2026 at 2pm

Come join St Paul's P&F committee to celebrate  
Mother's Day and fundraise to support our school

**La Botte Pascoe Vale**

Tickets \$65 per person

included shared pizza, pasta and much more

drinks at bar prices

<https://www.trybooking.com/DLXMI>



# LEARNING & TEACHING

## Changes to Student Reporting

Each semester, families receive a school report that provides an overview of their child's learning, progress and growth at school. Reports are sent home twice a year online, in June (Semester One) and December (Semester Two) these are supported by opportunities for parent-teacher conversations throughout the year.

All Catholic schools in Victoria follow reporting guidelines set by the Victorian Catholic Education Authority (VCEA). Student reports are based on the Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 2.0, which outlines the learning standards and expectations for each year level.

Your child's report includes information about each learning area, including Religious Education. It outlines:

- how your child is progressing against the expected standards for their year level;
- the learning growth they are making over time;
- strengths and next steps for learning;
- a personalised teacher comment about your child's learning and engagement at school.

### **What's New:**

This semester, your child's report in **English** and **Mathematics** will include a five-point scale. This scale will show how your child is achieving compared to the expected level for their year level in the Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 2.0.

The purpose of the five-point scale is to give families a clearer understanding of their child's learning and progress. It will help families see:

- whether their child is working above, at, or below the expected standard;
- how confidently they are demonstrating their knowledge and skills based on reporting outcomes;

Overall, the five point scale will provide families with a more accurate understanding of their child's achievement and growth in **English** and **Mathematics**.

**Further information explaining this change in greater detail will be communicated with families this term.**

**Dina Rubini**  
***Learning and Teacher Leader - Literacy***

# 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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Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids, so start planning your Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday, 22 May, 2026!

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

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

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

# ONLINE SAFETY

## THE DIGITAL AWARENESS GAP

**65%** of parents support the under 16 social media ban, only **29%** intend to fully enforce it.

**63%** agree with monitoring of social media, but many experience conflict over screen time.

While parents recognise risks, such as inappropriate content and cyberbullying, **1 in 3** have never sought official online safety advice on helping their child stay safe online, often relying on trial and error.

**84%** of 8-12 year olds use social media/messaging.

Around **80%** of children set up social media accounts with help from a parent or adult, yet there can still be a gap in how closely these accounts are monitored over time.

Talking regularly with your child about their online world is one of the most effective ways to keep them safe.

Source: [eSafety Commissioner \(2025\)](#)

# FROM THE OFFICE

**Winter Uniform** - The weather is beginning to cool down 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, 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](mailto:office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au)

Thank you for supporting our uniform policy.

# ST PAUL'S PLAYGROUP



**Playgroup  
returns on  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup>  
February 2026**

**GOLD COIN  
DONATION**

**9.30am-11.00am  
(During School Terms)**

**Includes sensory play, art and craft, pretend play, block play,  
books, story/song session and outdoor play.**

**For Inquiries: Call 9354 8970 or  
[playgroup@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:playgroup@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au)**

**Held in the School Hall**

**Parking in school grounds-Enter via Sydney Road**

**Facilitated by Rita Ravida (Early Childhood Teacher)**

**BYO: drink bottle, snack and sun hat.**



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are already at the end of Week 3. The days are passing very quickly in our centre. We are doing our best to include as many activities as possible. This week, we mainly focused on our recycling activities, we used paper rolls to create interesting items such as butterflies and little monsters.

We also spent time outdoors, making the most of the beautiful weather. As this week is dedicated to Mother's Day, we worked on colouring cards for our mums. On this occasion, we would like to wish you a *Happy Mother's Day!*

We would also like to inform you that our service will be open on the following pupil-free days:

- **Friday 5 June (Pupil-Free Day – prior to the King's Birthday public holiday)**

Bookings are already open.

Thank you very much for your trust.

RINA,  
St Paul's MACSeye Coordinator



# 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)

**COST** \$25.00

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# DISCOVER MERCY

Saturday 23 May 2026

10.00 am

Tuesday 26 May 2026

9.30 am and 6.00 pm

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[mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au](http://mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au)



## REGISTER NOW

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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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