

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

FRIDAY 24TH JULY

9 - 11.00 AM



Thank you for joining us and sharing this special morning with your grandchild.

YOU'RE INVITED TO GRANDPARENTS' DAY!

Grandparents hold a special place in our hearts and in our school community. We invite all grandparents and special visitors to join us for a morning of learning, celebration and connection, as we recognise the love, wisdom and support you bring to the lives of our students.

Friday 24 July

9:00 am – Visit your grandchild's classroom

10:00 am – Whole School Mass

10:45 am – Morning Tea

We look forward to celebrating this special day with you. [Grandparents Day Link](#)



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,
We come before You with humble hearts
as we gather to celebrate NAIDOC Week.
Teach us to walk together in friendship and deep respect,
to honour the rich cultures, histories and achievements
of our First Nations Peoples.
We thank You for the call to listen deeply
and to respect one another.
Guide our steps as we seek justice, healing and understanding.
May our school, our communities and our nation be places where all are valued
and heard, as we walk together in unity, peace and harmony.
Amen.*

Term 3 - 2026 Dates - April 21 - June 26

JULY

Monday, 21	'One' - School Production weekly rehearsals commences
Friday, 24	Grandparents' Day
Friday, 31	Jump Start Prep 2027 commences

AUGUST

Wednesday, 5	Prep 100 Days Celebration
Friday, 7	Australian Primary Principal Day
Wed, 19 - Friday, 21	Year 5/6 camp
Mon, 17 - Friday, 21	Bullying No Way Week
Friday 28	Book Week Dress Up Day & Parade
Monday, 31 - Sept 4	Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, 1	Book Week Incursion P - 6
Tuesday, 8	Whole School Photo
Thursday, 10	Father's Day Breakfast
Friday, 11	Father's Day Stall
Friday, 18	Footy Colours Day - Last Day of Term (1.00pm finish)



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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3!

It's been wonderful to see our students return full of energy, enthusiasm and ready to embrace the term ahead. The playground was buzzing with excitement and classrooms are already filled with focused learning and positive vibes. I trust everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday break.

During the holiday break, classrooms 3/4B, 3/4D, 5/6J and 5/6T underwent a wonderful refresh. Glass doors were installed; rooms were freshly painted and new pin boards were added. The classrooms now feel brighter, more welcoming and better suited to support student learning.

Thank you to Tony Noviello and the team at NOVCON for their professionalism and care in completing these improvements. Their work has enhanced our learning spaces and helped ensure our school continues to provide a vibrant and engaging environment for our children.

School Performance - We have some exciting news to share. On October, 15 our school will come together for a special performance called "ONE". During Term 3 children will be rehearsing for our St Paul's extravaganza. We have engaged Paige Burney, who will be at school each Monday, working alongside Miss Cobie, to support the children as they develop their performance skills and prepare for this wonderful event. This performance will be a celebration of our students' talents and creativity. It will be a great opportunity for our St Paul's community to come together and celebrate our children.

No Assembly in Term 3 - Due to preparation for the performance, which is taking place each Monday, assemblies will be on hold for Term 3. **Student Of The Week Awards** will be given out at Friday Morning Gathering.

During the second week of our school holidays, Australia celebrated **NAIDOC** week! NAIDOC Week is a time where we, as a nation, acknowledge First Nations' history, culture and achievements. It is an opportunity for all Australians to come together and celebrate! This year's theme is: 50 Years of Deadly! Miss T worked with all year levels this week to celebrate NAIDOC week and create a school collage.

Grandparents' Day - Next week Friday, July 24 we celebrate our beautiful grandparents and special older people in our children's lives. We have a morning of activities in the classrooms, mass and a special morning tea. Please complete the google form [Grandparents' Day Link](#) to let us know how many grandparents are joining us.

We extend our warmest congratulations to Emiliana (5/6H), Valencia (Prep P) and their family on the safe arrival of baby Lorenzo. May he be blessed with a lifetime of love and happiness.



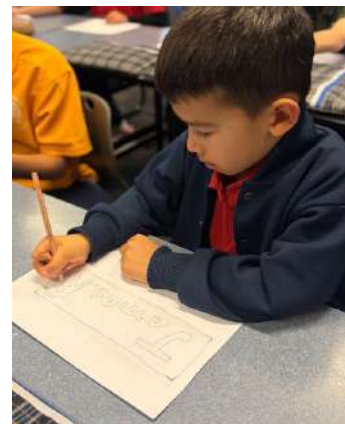
Welcome to new student, Eva W (1/2F) who has joined our St Paul's community. I know you will all welcome her with a smile and hello!

Have a fabulous weekend,
Maria Mercuri

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Saint Paul's Feast Day

Today we celebrated the feast of our school patron saint St Paul. The day started with learning about the life and mission of Saint Paul, with a particular focus on his conversion. Our school mass highlighted the work Saint Paul did in teaching people how to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Our students were encouraged to reflect on how they continue to follow Jesus in their actions every day. Their singing voices echoed beautifully throughout the church.



EDUCATION IN FAITH

Saint Paul's Feast Day



Faith on the Footpath - Chalk Drawing



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



JUNE

Amani Z - 22nd

Eva B - 28th

Brent C - 29th

Sofia K - 30th

Charlie R - 30th

JULY

Zoe C - 1st

Victoria J H - 2nd

Yianni K - 3rd

Harvey F - 12th

Rabgyal T - 12th

Patrick O'B - 16th

Alena S - 16th

Lukas W - 17th



READING AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following star readers!

25 nights	50 nights
Charlotte H - Prep T Dexter H - Prep T Oisin O - Prep T Declan N - Prep T Elijah M - Prep T Sofia E - 1/2C Annabelle H - 1/2C Kate H - 1/2C Giuliano T - 1/2C	Sofija B - Prep T Theone G - Prep T Sofia E - 1/2C Annabelle H - 1/2C Kate H - 1/2C Giuliano T - 1/2C Sebastian V - 1/2E Brent C - 3/4MH
75 nights	125 nights
Sofia E - 1/2C Kate H - 1/2C Giuliano T - 1/2C Atreya D - 1/2F Eddie C - 1/2F	Florence T - 1/2C



LITERACY

PAT Reading Data Story

St Paul's implemented a structured approach to teaching Literacy in 2024. This includes the explicit teaching of the key pillars of reading:

- Oral Language;
- Phonemic Awareness;
- Phonics;
- Fluency;
- Vocabulary;
- Comprehension.

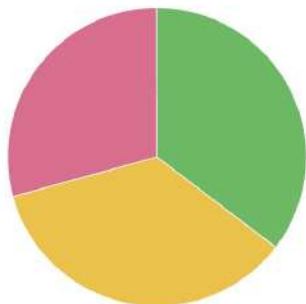
The aim was to build strong foundations in literacy skills and prevent reading difficulties, through closing the gap with early intervention.

PAT Reading is an assessment of reading comprehension administered twice yearly to students. Our data story highlights our commitment to explicit teaching and that St Paul's is closing the gap in Literacy.

PAT Reading - Whole School Data

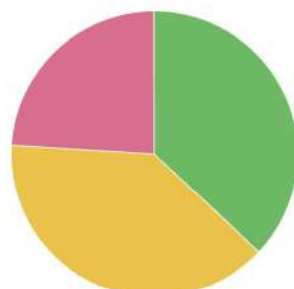
2023

29.29% working below the expected standard



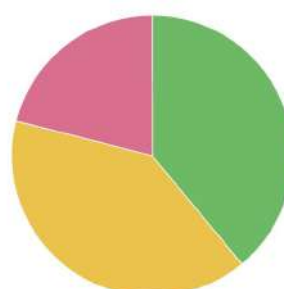
2024

24% working below the expected standard



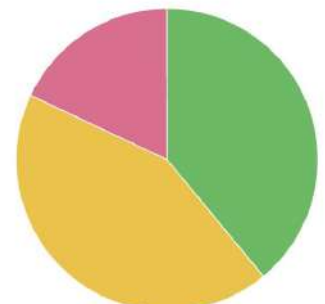
2025

21% working below the expected standard



2026

18% working below the expected standard



NUMERACY

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Fun Activities to boost maths skills

*Looking for fun ways to integrate maths skills at home?
Everyday maths experiences can help strengthen the skills your child is developing
in the classroom.*

Sophie James, Mathematics Leader

Daily routines

Master chef

Cook or bake together using measurements and fractions



1

Supermarket sweep

Estimate total costs at the shops and compare to the receipt



2

Family budget

Plan a family budget for a meal or day out



3

Weather watch

Graph the weather over a week



4

Savings jar

Sort and count coins together



5

Play and puzzles

Card games

Play strategy or number games like Memory, Uno, Monopoly, or Yahtzee



6

Interior designer

Measure furniture or spaces for DIY tasks or rearranging rooms



7

Logic puzzles

Have a weekly puzzle night with Sudoku, logic puzzles, or riddles



8

Bargain hunt

Compare discounts and percentages in catalogues or online



9

Dream team

Track sports statistics or scores and graph them



10

Outdoor & creative fun

Travel log

Track the travel time to and from familiar destinations like school, the shops or to a friend's place



11

Patterns in nature

Explore patterns in nature – count petals, spot symmetry



12

Lego

Build with LEGO using equal lengths and shapes



13

Geometry

Draw or cut out shapes and identify sides, angles or symmetry



14

Word problems

Turn daily situations into maths questions to solve



15

NAIDOC WEEK

This week St Paul's celebrated NAIDOC Week. This year's theme is "50 Years of Deadly."

The purpose of NAIDOC Week is to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and achievements. I went into each cohort and completed a range of engaging activities.

In Prep, we watched *Little J and Big Cuz* and discussed the different animals we saw throughout the show.

In Years 1/2, we watched and discussed how the Giringun people care for their Sea Country near the Great Barrier Reef. This linked to last terms Inquiry Unit, "Our Country Australia."

In Years 3/4, we had the opportunity to learn about different famous Aboriginal people, including Ash Barty, Charlie Cameron, Jessica Mauboy, Eddie Betts and Donnell Wallam.

We compared their qualities, such as kindness, determination, supportiveness and persistence, which helped them achieve their dreams.

In Years 5/6, we learnt about Rachel Perkins, a proud Arrernte and Kalkadoon woman who is a writer, director and producer of many movies, television series and documentaries.

We created a podcast discussing how we, as students, can support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, why different perspectives are important and the value of storytelling for First Nations peoples.

2026 NAIDOC THEME

is 50 years of
DEADLY!



Emma Toseland
Indigenous leader



HELLO FROM MR FARACI, SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

Today's topic is: walking our talk



Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 3! Earlier in the year, I had worked with the children on unpacking some of my “counselling philosophies”. I explained that a philosophy is a way of thinking that helps guide our behaviour, supports us in making wise choices and encourages us to treat others with kindness and respect.

I have included some philosophies that I have shared with the children in the pictures below.

What are some of your philosophies or guiding words of wisdom that you are hopeful your children will live out in their thoughts, words and actions?
How do you encourage your children to walk this talk?

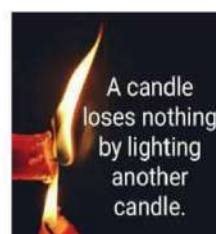
Happy Adventures,
Edward Faraci



WHICH THOUGHT STANDS OUT FOR YOU?



Treat others
the way
YOU
want to be
treated



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PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE



Congratulations to all our students who have been reading through the winter break for the Premiers' Reading Challenge!

I am proud to announce that our first whole school tally has reached a fantastic 872 books.

It's not too late to join the reading challenge and remember that every book read contributes to our school total.

The PRC is open to all students from Prep - Year 6.

Please email agangi@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au if you have not received your password.

Keep up the wonderful effort!

Ms Angela
Library

Congratulations to the following students who recently completed the Premiers' Reading Challenge:

3/4B:

Phoebe L
George C

5/6H:

Zoe C

3/4D:

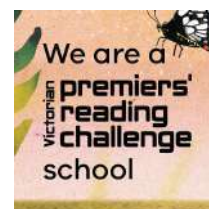
Miles S
Adam I

5/6T:

Henry V

3/4MH:

Harriet V
Anh L



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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 5 Open Now!

Get a \$10 Spotlight Voucher*

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

ISSUE 5 2026

ALL AGES PAGES 2-7

AGES 3+ PAGES 8-13 NEW/Bestsellers

001 My Body, My Rules
A fun and empowering story introducing young children to positive body boundaries.
32 pp. \$15.99
SAVE 81%

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A BOOK \$3

AGES 6+ PAGES 14-20

002 NEW! Snowy Rescue
24-pp hardcover. \$19.99
\$10 HALF PRICE

003 NEW! Adopt-A-Highland Cow
Adopt your own super cute Highland Cow! Plush is 15cm tall. \$24.99 **\$18**

004 NEW! The Budgie Smugglers
These budgie friends have caused absolute mayhem and are trouble!
176 pp. \$19.99
EDITOR'S CHOICE *****

Includes 2 rainbow BFF necklaces

Includes adoption certificate, nonfiction guide and highland cow plush

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Scholastic Book Club, **Issue 5** has been sent home with your child.

Orders are to be submitted by **Friday, 24 July at 3.30pm**

All orders are to be placed online via LOOP and paid by credit card.

Go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and follow the prompts.

Thank you for your support of Book Club which allows us to purchase exciting new reading and literacy resources for our school!

Ms Angela
Library



SAVE THE DATE



Thursday 15th October 2026

Based on the picture story book 'One' by Kathryn Otoshi.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

After a very active Holiday Program, with two excursions, two incursions and many other exciting activities at our service, it is time to return to our regular routine.

Lezley and I, are still here, and we are looking forward to another wonderful term together. We will do our best to make this term full of positive energy, engaging Experiences and meaningful learning opportunities for all of our children.

As always, our goal is to support children in growing into kind, confident, and respectful individuals. Through the activities we plan each day, we will continue to encourage this by fostering open communication, providing constructive guidance, celebrating achievements with plenty of praise and of course making sure we have lots of fun along the way.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

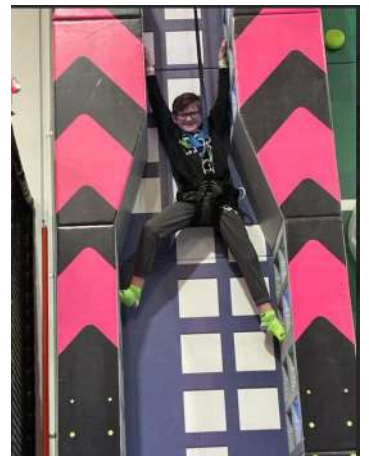
Just a friendly reminder that you can always reach us if you need anything. Feel free to call us on 0493 550 473 or email us at spcoburg@macseye.vic.edu.au.

We will also be sharing a few photos from our Holiday Program for you to enjoy!

We are always here if you need us.

Warm regards,

Rina and Lezley



SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is wonderful to see our students wearing their uniforms with pride. Our school uniform is an important part of our identity, fostering a sense of belonging for every child.

To ensure we all maintain these high standards, please take a moment to review our current guidelines:

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.

CHESS CLUB IN TERM 3, 2026.



Dear parents,

Wednesday lunchtime chess classes will commence on July 22nd and finish on September 9th. The fee for the classes will be **\$132** (\$120 + \$12 GST) per student for the term and is due by the second class (July 29th). The fee can be paid by cash at the school reception desk, or by bank transfer.

If you are paying by bank transfer, please make sure to include the name of your child so that I know who has paid and who hasn't. My bank details are as follows:

GRANT J SZUVEGES
BSB Number: 704191
Account Number: 18969

Please note that students who enroll for the term are expected to attend every session. Refunds will not be given for change of mind.

Students (and parents) often mention the chess sets they use at home. If you are buying a set (board and pieces) for your child, I highly recommend buying a standard, tournament sized chess set (like the ones we use in class). It is important that chess players train using this type of set – as this is the type of set used in competitions. Smaller sets do not help players to improve their 'sight of the board' (their ability to see threats, tactics, combinations across the entire board), and novelty sets (such as Star Wars sets etc) confuse new players. I can acquire brand new sets and chess clocks at discount rates, so if you would like to buy a set, please let me know.

If you have any other questions about coaching, equipment, admin or events, please feel free to give me a call on 0401 925 075, send me an email via grantszuveges@gmail.com or visit my website: www.gsches.com.au

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SCHOOL COMMUNITY NOTICES

Arts In Motion



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR YEARS 4-6 GIRLS

An exciting versatile four week dance program which will develop students' confidence, fitness levels, creativity, expressive skills and more.



BOOKINGS

www.trybooking.com/DNMIK

Monday 10, 17, 24 and 31 August 2026, 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Mercy College, 760 Sydney Road, Coburg 3058

\$25

Students must wear comfortable shoes and clothes

SNAPSHOT PROGRAM

Come & Try



**WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST
4:00PM - 5:00PM**

- Sport
- English



DISCOVER MERCY

Sunday 9 August 2026

10.00am

Monday 10 August 2026

9.30am and 6.00pm

📞 9319 9299

🌐 mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au



REGISTER NOW

mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au/discover-mercy

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

760 Sydney Road, Coburg (Enter at Gate 1)

Presentation and tour take approximately 90 minutes.



SAVE THE DATE

Parish Dinner

Friday, 16 October 2026

Join us for an
evening of fellowship,
joy, and community

All are warmly welcome

Details to follow