



# 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

**Heavenly Father,**

**We give thanks for the precious gift of grandparents in our lives.**

**We are grateful for their love, wisdom and the joy they bring to our families.**

**Bless them for the role they play in shaping the lives of  
their children and grandchildren.**

**Thank you for the stories, experiences and faith they generously share with us.  
May we always recognise and cherish the invaluable presence they hold in our lives.**

**We celebrate the beautiful bonds that connect generations through their care.**

**Thank you for their unconditional love, warm hugs and gentle guidance.**

**May their homes always be places of welcome, comfort and treasured memories.**

**Help us to honour and appreciate them, today and always.**

**Amen**



| Term 3 - 2026 Dates - July 13 - September 18 |                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| JULY                                         |                                                      |
| 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) |
| 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

Dear Parents,

Our week began with rehearsals for our production, **ONE**. Mrs Cobie, our Performing Arts teacher, introduced Paige Burney, our performance coordinator, to every class to outline the songs and dance moves. There was so much excitement in the school on Monday from both the children and our teachers.

To support the dance moves and rehearsals and to help children move comfortably, they may wear sports uniform each Monday. We can't wait to share our production with you next term.

## Celebrating Our Grandparents

One of our favourite days of the year is our **Grandparents and Grandfriends** celebration. We enjoyed a very special morning and had a wonderful opportunity to honour the love, wisdom and faith that grandparents and special elderly friends bring to the lives of our students and our community.



**GOOD LUCK** to our Senior Netball Team.

The girls will be competing against four primary schools from around Melbourne on Tuesday 28 July. They are ready to go, after plenty of lunchtime practice with Mrs Michelle and Miss T.

*Good Luck*



RE Symposium:  
Inspired by Faith



### Religious Education Symposium, *Inspired by Faith*,

This week Dina and I attended the two day MACS **Religious Education Symposium, *Inspired by Faith***, which brought together Catholic school leaders, educators and faith leaders from across the Archdiocese. The event focused on the new Religious Education curriculum and featured keynote presentations from international and national experts, as well as local Religious Education leaders. Across the symposium, we participated in a range of engaging keynote sessions and workshops,

exploring contemporary approaches to Scripture, effective pedagogy, Catholic identity and our shared mission of excellence across MACS Catholic schools. The insights gained will be valuable as we continue to strengthen the faith life of our school community and share our learning with staff and students.

### PLEASE REMEMBER:

**NO** Monday assembly in Term 3 due to our production rehearsals.  
**Student Of The Week** will be awarded at Friday Morning Gathering.

Have a fabulous weekend,  
Maria Mercuri

# SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## Celebrating Our Grandparents



### Grandparents' Day

What a wonderful morning we had celebrating Grandparents' Day at St Paul's!

It was lovely to welcome so many grandparents and special people into our classrooms, before coming together for mass and morning tea. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the morning so special.

A big thank you to our staff for all their work in preparing for the day and creating such a warm and welcoming celebration for our families. We hope everyone enjoyed the morning as much as we did!



**Happy Grandparents' Day!**

***Buona Festa dei Nonni!***

***Χαρούμενη Ημέρα Παππούδων και Γιαγιάδων!***

***عيد أجداد سعيد!***

***Среќен Ден на Бабите и Дедовците!***

***Büyükanne ve Büyükbaba Günü Kutlu Olsun!***

***Feliz Día de los Abuelos!***

***Sretan Dan Baka i Djedova!***



**Celebrating the special people who help shape our community.**

# SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## Celebrating Our Grandparents



## A Special Morning Tea to Celebrate Our Grandparents



## INSPIRED BY FAITH

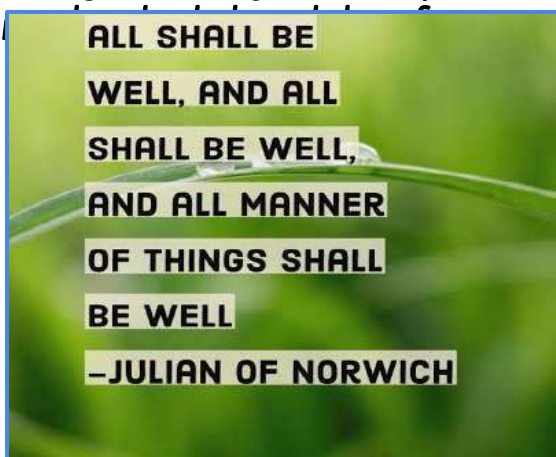
The Religious Education Symposium highlighted the theme *Inspired By Faith*. Archbishop Commensoli initiated the first day with a focus on students being created by God and that as educators we have the important role of growing a 'who' and not just teaching students the 'what', through content, knowledge and skills.



The work of St Francis of Assisi was presented by the Franciscan brothers and a personal key takeaway for me was considering prayer as an invitation to stop, reflect and bring ourselves before God. The crucifix of San Damiano was examined and the symbols and imagery explained.

The new Religious Education curriculum will be implemented systemwide by 2030. The three pillars of the curriculum are: God, Christ and Church. God is revealed to us through the person of Jesus Christ and we encounter Him through the Church and its people.

Author, Anne Kertz Kernion, facilitated a session centred around the Science of Learning & the Science of Human Connection. She spoke about practising HOPE and making time to replenish, settle and connect. Anne gave some tips for classrooms including reflection, moments of silence before learning, focusing on breathing and nurturing creativity. She quoted an historical Catholic female figure, Julian of Norwich, who said: "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well." in God:



*"All shall be well, and all shall be well,  
and all manner of things shall be well".*

# STUDENT AWARDS

## Student of the Week

Student of the Week awards begin in Week 2. Each Friday, the names of students receiving an award will be published in the newsletter.

Student of the Week awards will be presented at our Friday Morning Gathering at 8:45am.

Be sure to check our Friday newsletter each week to see if your child's name is featured.

Families are welcome to attend the Friday Morning Gathering at 8:45am.

| WEEK 2<br>CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEK'S<br>CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Class                                                              | Name        |
| Prep P                                                             | Alyssa P    |
| Prep T                                                             | Sofija      |
| 1/2C                                                               | Mariella S  |
| 1/2E                                                               | Sebastian V |
| 1/2F                                                               | Eddie C     |
| 3/4MH                                                              | Selena      |
| 3/4B                                                               | Olivia W    |
| 3/4D                                                               | Lucas Z     |
| 5/6J                                                               | Leonard D   |
| 5/6T                                                               | Ally Z      |
| 5/6H                                                               | Caitlin L   |

| WEEK 3<br>AWARDS PRESENTED ON FRIDAY<br>MORNING 31 JULY |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Class                                                   | Name      |
| Prep P                                                  | Liliana C |
| Prep T                                                  | Elijah M  |
| 1/2C                                                    | Sofia M   |
| 1/2E                                                    | Oscar C   |
| 1/2F                                                    | Martin    |
| 3/4MH                                                   | Destin    |
| 3/4B                                                    | Maiya H   |
| 3/4D                                                    | Liyan J   |
| 5/6J                                                    | Daniel R  |
| 5/6T                                                    | Ava B     |
| 5/6H                                                    | Kiki T    |



| JULY            |
|-----------------|
| Max C - 20th    |
| Ava D - 22nd    |
| Ava B - 23rd    |
| Waleed G - 23rd |
| Elyssa T - 25th |



# SCHOOL PRODUCTION

## Performing Arts Term 3



### What an exciting week in Performing Arts!

On Monday, we officially began our journey towards St Paul's first ever whole school production 'ONE', based on the inspiring picture storybook by Kathryn Otoshi.

We were thrilled to welcome Paige Burney, our production consultant, who met with our Year 3–6 students and shared her wealth of experience in directing school productions.

Our Year 5/6 students also auditioned for lead roles and we were blown away by the talent, confidence and enthusiasm on display. Every student who auditioned should be incredibly proud of themselves.

The excitement around the school is building and we can't wait to share more as our production journey continues!





SAVE THE DATE



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2026

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



# VISUAL ARTS

Year 1 and 2 artists began the term by painting their ceramic plates using watercolour paints. They will explore colour, pattern and decorative details to represent the cultural influences of their designs.

The Year 5 and 6 artists will create small food sculptures inspired by the culture represented on each plate.

Year 5 and 6 artists have commenced the term by completing their air-dry clay crosses, using a range of techniques including painting and mosaic decoration to add colour, texture and detail.

Students are now designing menus and preparing for their Foodie Art unit, where they will create small food sculptures inspired by the cultural ceramic plates created by the Year 1/2 artists.

Prep artists began the term exploring the colour wheel and are learning about the primary colours. They will use watercolour pencils to develop their skills and experiment with different materials, preparing them to mix primary colours to create secondary colours next week.

In Visual Arts this term, Year 3 and 4 artists will build on their construction skills they developed last term.

Students will also create their own bird sculptures, exploring texture, colour and construction techniques. They will wrap and overlap yarn around cardboard bird shapes, adding details such as feathers to complete their sculptures.



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## Division Netball Championships

### Girls' Netball Division Finals

Over the past few weeks, the St Paul's girls' netball team has been training hard during recess, lunch and PE lessons in preparation for the Division Finals, which will be held at **Narrandjeri Stadium, Thornbury on Tuesday 28 July.**

The team has participated in a range of drills to strengthen their passing, shooting and teamwork. There has also been a strong focus on moving the ball effectively from the attacking third into the goal circle, with an emphasis on quick ball movement, player positioning and communication.

We are incredibly proud of the girls' commitment, teamwork and determination throughout their preparation. We wish them all the very best for the Division Finals and look forward to cheering them on as they strive to progress to the next stage, the Regional Finals.

## LEST'S GO ST PAUL'S



### Did You Know?

Regular physical activity helps children build confidence, improve concentration in the classroom, develop teamwork skills and support their overall wellbeing.



## PE SNAPSHOT

### Grades 3/4

Students have completed their athletics trials and have now commenced an AFL unit. Throughout the unit, they will be developing their understanding of the rules of the game while building the skills needed to play AFL.

### Grades 1/2

Students have continued developing their drop punt and handball skills through a range of engaging drills. They have also been practising shooting at targets (goalposts) and applying these skills during modified AFL games.

### Prep

Our Prep students have commenced an AFL unit and are currently learning the fundamentals of the drop punt. They have enjoyed developing their skills through fun and active learning experience.

# ITALIAN

## Per i Nonni!

CELEBRATING OUR NONNI IN AUSTRALIA

♥ In Australia, our Nonni share the best of both worlds – Italian traditions and Aussie life!

They tell stories, teach us recipes, and fill our lives with love.



### Frase della settimana

Ti voglio bene, Nonna!

Ti voglio bene, Nonno!

I love you, Grandma! I love you, Grandpa!

Nonni are...

♥ Speciali

☆ Amorevoli

♥ Importantissimi!

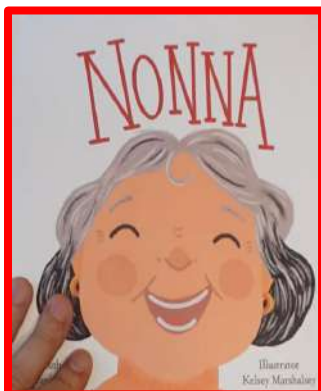
Auguri a tutti i nonni nella nostra comunità di St Paul.

Well wishes to all the grandparents in our St Paul's community.

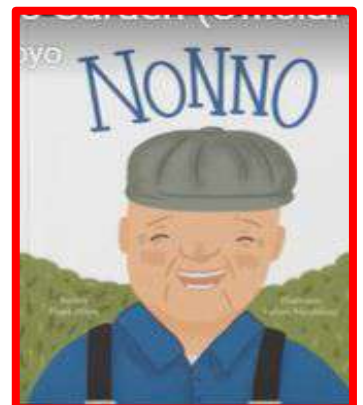
To listen to these stories online, copy the link shared below:

[NONNA Kids Book Read Aloud with Frank Moyo](#)

[Nonno's Garden \(Official Lyric Video\)](#)



Enjoy these bi-lingual stories, by Frank Moyo, about his Nonni. These books have been purchased and I am looking forward to sharing them with the children.



# STEM

In STEM, students explored materials, the sky and states of matter through hands on investigations. Preps identified materials in everyday objects and made binoculars for next week's scavenger hunt. Years 1/2 observed changes in the sun, moon and stars. Years 3/4 compared solids and liquids and tested the viscosity of different liquids, while Years 5/6 investigated which states of matter can be compressed using particle theory.



# 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](mailto:office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au)

Thank you for supporting our uniform policy.

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



## REGISTER NOW

[mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au/discover-mercy](http://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

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Details to follow