



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



Peaceful God,
As we celebrate Bullying NO WAY week...
We pray for peace and harmony in our school
and throughout our community.
Help us to treat one another with kindness,
respect and understanding.

May we celebrate our differences, listen to one another
and always choose compassion over conflict.
Give us the courage to stand up for what is right,
to forgive when we are hurt
and to reach out to those who may feel alone.
May our school be a place where everyone feels safe, valued,
welcomed and included.



Guide our words, our actions and our choices
so that we may bring peace to those around us.
May we work together to build a community
filled with friendship, respect and hope.
Amen.

Term 3 - 2026 Dates - July 13 - September 18	
AUGUST	
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
Thursday, 3	Father's Day Breakfast Father's Day Stall
Friday, 4	Book Week Story-Sings Incursion - P -2
Tuesday, 8	Whole School Photo
Friday, 18	Dress Up in you Favorite team Colours Hot Lunch 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



Bullying No Way: National week of action 2026

This week our school is taking part in the **Bullying No Way: National Week of Action**, which encourages students to stand up for kindness, inclusion and respectful relationships. This year's

theme is **Small Acts, Big Impact**. Small actions can make a big impact in building respectful relationships, both online and in real life and contribute to a positive culture that helps prevent bullying. Actions don't need to be big to change someone's world. Throughout the week, students participated in activities and discussions that explored what it means to be a good friend, how to respond when someone is being treated unfairly and the important role we all play in creating a safe and welcoming school community. As part of the week, our students also participated in **Australia's biggest online safety lesson**, delivered by the eSafety Commissioner. This gave our students the opportunity to develop practical skills for staying safe and respectful online, including learning how to recognise and respond to cyberbullying.

We encourage families to continue these conversations at home by talking with their child about kindness, respectful behaviour and what they can do if something online makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. **Together, we can help make sure every child feels safe, included and supported, both online and offline.**

St Paul's is proud to join Australia's bullying prevention initiative and create positive action with students, school staff and our community.

At St Paul's, we are proud to be part a community where everyone belongs, diversity is celebrated and bullying is never accepted.

You can see all the great work from the children in the classroom items in this newsletter.

Get Ready for Book Week 2026!

Stories, costumes and creative fun are taking over our school next week. We have a fantastic lineup of activities planned across the week to celebrate our love of books.

The Main Event: Dress Up Parade

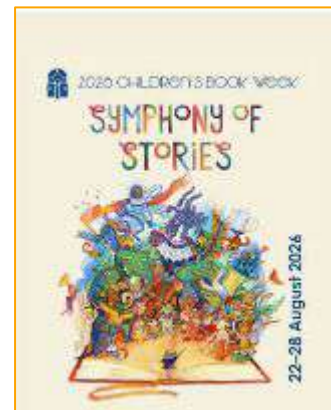
When: Friday 9:00am 28 August

Where: Playground (weather permitting)

Students are invited to dress up as their favorite book character!

Families are welcome to join us and younger siblings are invited to dress up.

Library family Reading Afternoon - families are invited to our wonderful school library after school to enjoy reading a book together.



Our senior students are enjoying their camp experience at **Alexandra Adventure Resort**. Not even the wet weather could not dampen their spirits, participating in archery, rock climbing, low ropes, laser sport, gaga pit, giant swing, flying fox, orienteering, golf and of course kitchen duty!

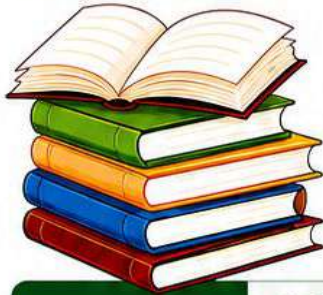


*Have a fabulous weekend,
Maria Mercuri*

BOOK WEEK



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BOOK WEEK

CELEBRATIONS
A Symphony of Stories



TUE 25
AUGUST

LIBRARY FAMILY READING AFTERNOON

@ 3:30 – 4:00PM

Families are invited to visit the library and enjoy a book together.



WED 26
AUGUST

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THU 27
AUGUST

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FRI 28
AUGUST

WHOLE SCHOOL DRESS UP PARADE

@ 9:00AM – OVAL



TUE 1
SEPTEMBER

WHOLE SCHOOL BOOK WEEK INCURSION

Something Special



FRI 4
SEPTEMBER

PREP – YEAR 2 BOOK WEEK STORY SINGS INCURSION

Anna Manuel 🎵



SWAP A BOOK GIVE A BOOK



This year we are introducing a book swap as part of our Book Week celebrations.

Students are encouraged to bring a book that they are happy to donate and swap for another book.

Trade your used book for a new read!

ART COMPETITION

Students from Prep – Year 6 are invited to create an artwork based on the theme *A Symphony of Stories*. Let your imagination run wild! Draw, paint, collage or create a digital artwork that captures the magic of stories.

ENTRIES ARE DUE **MONDAY, 31 AUGUST.**

Let's celebrate the joy of reading and make every story count!



Dina Rubini and Angela Gangi

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

SAVE THE DATE

FATHER'S *Day Breakfast*

3RD SEPTEMBER

7:30 - 8:30AM



NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK



 **national science week 2026**
15 - 23 AUGUST scienceweek.net.au



Seeds of Science: Nurturing Knowledge for all.

National Science Week is an annual event that celebrates students' curiosity, questioning and problem-solving. In this year's theme, 'Seeds of Science: Nurturing Knowledge for all', the idea of "seeds" is explored in many ways. It invites us to think about how ideas begin, how they are tested, and how they grow when shared. It reminds us that ideas, knowledge and scientific understanding emerge from tiny beginnings, like a seed, and need the right conditions to grow and flourish. Other things grow from a 'seed' too, such as pearls, crystals, snowflakes and even planets.



During National Science Week, our students in STEM have been busy exploring science through hands on investigations! Preps tested different materials to discover which would make the best waterproof raincoat, while Year 1/2 investigated Earth and our place in the Solar System, Year 3/4 got messy investigating the unusual properties of oobleck and Year 5/6 explored whether salt can be recovered after it has dissolved in water. Lots of predicting, experimenting, observing and discovering has been happening in STEM!



Here are 7 science experiments for **National Science Week 2026** with an instruction sheet and a video showing how to do these experiments at home.

Red Cabbage Indicator

Use cabbage to create colourful solutions

- [Red Cabbage Indicator Instructions](#)
- [Red Cabbage Indicator Video](#)

Ninja Ruler Snap

Use the power of air – and dramatic ninja skills – to snap a ruler in half

- [Ninja Ruler Snap Instructions](#)
- [Ninja Ruler Snap Video](#)

Invisible Fire Extinguisher

The most creative way to extinguish birthday candles

- [Invisible Fire Ext. Instructions](#)
- [Invisible Fire Extinguisher Video](#)

Upside-down Water

See surprising effects of air pressure and surface tension. Don't get wet!!

- [Upside-down Water Instructions](#)
- [Upside-down Water Video](#)

Egg in a Bottle

Use air pressure to push an egg into a bottle, no fingers required

- [Egg in a Bottle Instructions](#)
- [Egg in a Bottle Video](#)

Rainbow Skittles

Explore diffusion in this sweeeeeet experiment

- [Rainbow Skittles Instructions](#)
- [Rainbow Skittles Video](#)

Shouting Bowl

Use the power of sound – and your best operatic voice – to make salt dance

- [Shouting Bowl Instructions](#)
- [Shouting Bowl Video](#)



STUDENT AWARDS

Student of the Week

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEK'S CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

Class	Name
Prep P	Georgia M
Prep T	Johnny G
1/2C	Jesslyn G
1/2E	Mariah P
1/2F	Raf M
3/4MH	Harriet V
3/4B	Giulio L
3/4D	Miles S
5/6J	Year 5/6J class
5/6T	Year 5/6T class
5/6H	Year 5/6H class

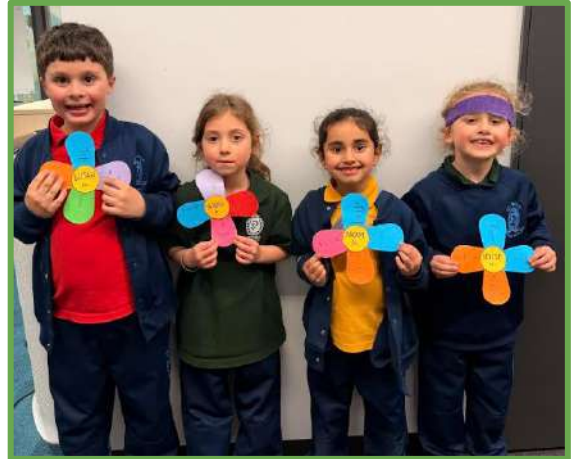


AUGUST
Alyssa P - 18th
Zoe C - 20th
Harrison G - 23rd

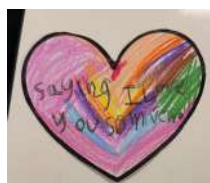


PREP

During **Bullying No Way Week**, we had lots of conversations about ways to show **small acts** of kindness that make a **big impact**.



We created our very own kindness flowers highlighting the positive attributes we see in our classmates.



Every time we saw someone show an act of kindness to a friend we wrote it down and made kindness chains and kindness wreaths !

- ♥ We are kind.
- ♥ We listen and include others.
- ♥ We help and support each other.
- ♥ We use kind words.

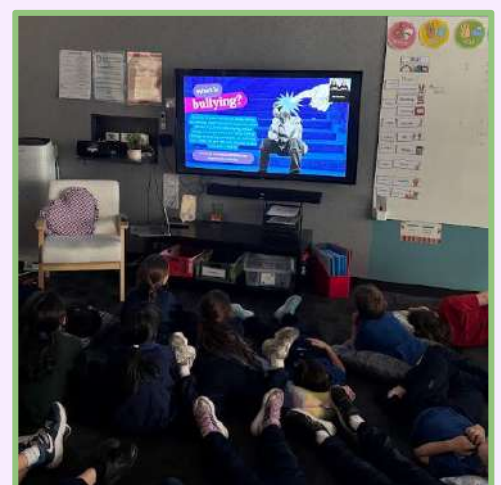
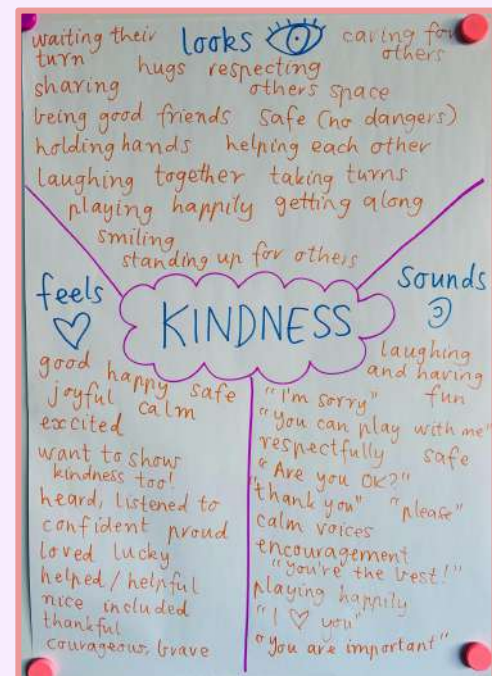


YEAR 1/2

During **Bullying No Way Week**, our Year 1/2 students took part in daily activities focused on kindness, respect, friendships and positive relationships. They learnt how to recognise and manage emotions, treat others with care and help create a safe and inclusive classroom where everyone feels valued.



Monday	NOTICE Theme: Kindness starts with noticing.
Tuesday	INCLUDE Theme: Everyone belongs.
Wednesday	CONNECT Theme: Our words build relationships.
Thursday	ACT Theme: Be an Upstander.
Friday	GROW Theme: Small acts build a kinder community.



YEAR 3/4

Small Acts, Big Impact:



This week, our Grade 3/4 students took part in Bullying No Way Week, exploring this year's theme, "Small Acts, Big Impacts."

As a class, we discussed kindness, inclusion, empathy and standing up for others. We also watched a special Zoom session from *Kids Helpline*, where students learnt more about bullying, how it can affect others and what they can do if they experience or see bullying.

Students reflected on how small actions, such as including someone, using kind words, checking in on a friend or speaking up, can make a big difference.

Our Grade 3/4 students were reminded that we all have a role to play in making our school a safe, kind and inclusive place for everyone.

3/4s visit Melbourne Zoo

Our Year 3/4 students had a fantastic day at Melbourne Zoo exploring animal habitats! They observed a variety of animals and discovered how their habitats help them find food, shelter and stay safe. It was an exciting opportunity to bring our classroom learning to life!



TODAY'S TOPIC IS: WHO IS YOUR ARROW BUDDY?



Dear Families,

During a Wellbeing Workshop, I asked the children in year 5/6 to name someone who is one of their helpers - someone who helps them feel better when they have experienced a setback.

These two boys chose each other. May all of our children at school be blessed with an "arrow buddy" to help them through the "not so good" times!

Regards,
Edward Faraci

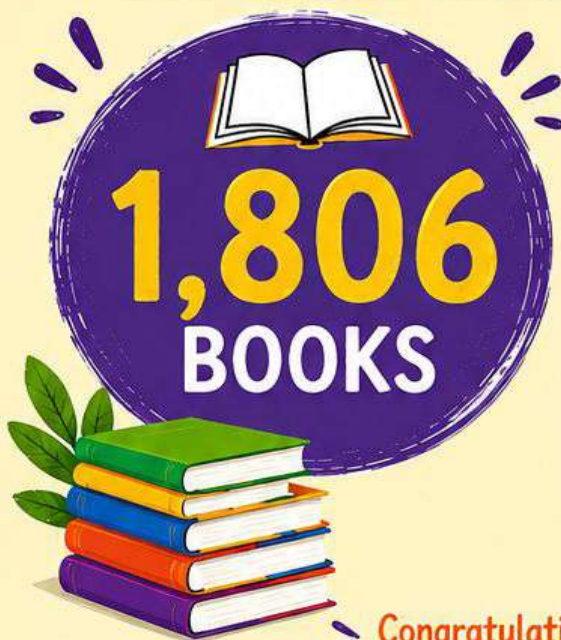


LIBRARY

PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

Our students continue to show great enthusiasm for the PRC! Each book they read adds to our school's overall total and gives them the opportunity to discover new stories, ideas and exciting worlds. Well done to all our wonderful readers - keep it up!

Our latest whole school book tally is **1806 books!**



There has been a fantastic response to the PRC this week & our school book tally continues to rise!



Thank you to all students who are taking the time to read and log in their books.

Thank you to families for your support!

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the PRC!

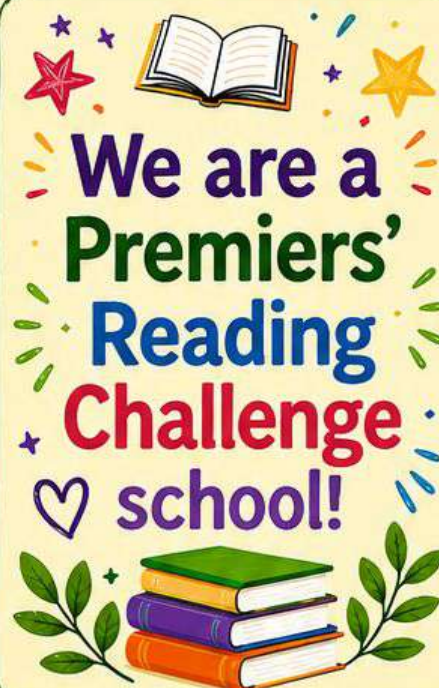
PREP P: Aleksander F Ciara O'D Saksham L	1/2F: Edward P
3/4D: Miles S Adam T Samantha G-O Gabriela J H Harrison G Adam T Riva B Alexander N	3/4B: Phoebe L George C Chantelle L Gabriella C Luca L N Archer U
5/6H: Zoe C Isabella U	3/4MH: Harriet V Milania P Anh L
5/6T: Henry V Gwen S	5/6J: Aoibheann O'D Alexander P

Have you signed up for the PRC?

Please contact me if you don't have your PRC login details & would like to join the Challenge!

Ms Angela - Library

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LET'S GET READING!

Every minute of reading counts towards our goal! Keep exploring, keep reading, and keep adding to our total!

We Completed the PRC!



State Government



Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week, we completed an important task to ensure our safety in case of an emergency, which is part of our regular term requirements. We showed the children the emergency map, explained why it is important, what to do in an emergency situation and answered any questions they had.

When it came to activities, we made the most of the sunny days and took our activities outdoors. Sports activities have been particularly popular with the children over the past two weeks, along with board games. When the rain arrived and we couldn't go outside, we created a cosy atmosphere indoors with popcorn, movies, creative workshops and more.

We are looking forward to Spring so we can spend more time participating in activities outdoors.

Thank you for your continued trust and support!

Rina and Lezley



Spring Festival

School Holiday Program

21 Sept - 2 Oct

September school holiday fun is coming!

Get ready for two weeks of fun, adventure and creativity
with the MACSEYE Holiday Program.

From exciting excursions and sports to creative activities,
STEM challenges and special experiences, there's
something for everyone!

Not enrolled with MACSEYE yet?

Enrol now so you're ready to
book when Holiday Program
bookings open.

Stay tuned for
more details!

**Coming
soon!**



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.

PARISH NEWS

St Paul's & St Oliver's

Parish Dinner

Faith
Community
Celebration

 Northern Golf Club, 97 Glenroy Rd, Glenroy

 Fri Oct 16, 2026 • 6pm for 6.30pm start



Adults:

\$75

Children
Under 12

\$35



3 course meal



DJ & Surprise
Dance Recital



Drinks at
bar prices

RAFFLE

Raffle tickets can be
purchased on the night.
3 for \$5.



Major raffle prizes include:
32" Google Smart TV,
portable induction hotplate,
garment steamer



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SCHOOL COMMUNITY NOTICES



Growing Up Online

Addressing the issue of
cybersafety for parents



Join Susan McLean from Cybersafety Solutions

- Reality & Risk - The reality of the online world.
- What are kids doing online? - Learn which apps and platforms your kids use.
- Online Grooming - What is it, and when/how does it occur?
- Cyberbullying - What it is, where it happens, what it looks like, how to prevent it and what to do if it occurs.
- Problematic Gaming - How to manage digital devices in your home to avoid problems
- Top Tips - how to assist the children in your care to stay safe online with rules, parental controls and restriction passcodes

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER TIME: 7 PM

ADULTS-ONLY EVENT \$10

BOOK VIA [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/DPAGB](https://www.trybooking.com/dpagb)

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WE OFFER:

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- Junior Mixed and All Girls teams
- Senior Men's and Women's teams

JOIN NOW!

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www.pascoevallesc.org.au.

REGISTRATION:

www.play.cricket.com.au

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