



EPISCOPAL VISIT – ARCHBISHOP PETER A. COMENSOLI

St Paul's & St Oliver's Parishes



FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER – (Venue: St Paul's Church)
MINISTERS & COMMITTEES

3.45pm • Meeting with ALL parish ministers and parish committees from both parishes



SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER –
ST OLIVER'S PARISH PASCOE VALE



9.30-11.30am • Both Parishes Forum
(Lunch in St Oliver's Parish Centre, (Register via QR Code)
no 10am confessions
4.30pm • Youth & Young Adults Meeting
5.00pm • Archbishop celebrates Vigil Mass



SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER –
ARCHBISHOP PARISH MASSES

9.00am Mass • **St Paul's**
Light refreshments in Parish Hall afterwards
10.30am Mass • **St Oliver's**
Light lunch in Parish Centre afterwards



All parishioners are warmly encouraged to participate in these special gatherings with Archbishop Peter during his pastoral visit. You are welcome to bring a plate on Saturday or Sunday to share. (not compulsory)



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



We celebrate Carlo Acutis Feast Day on October 12

Carlo Acutis was a gamer, coder, football lover and Pokémon fan who lived in jeans and sneakers and lived for Jesus. Born in 1991, he was not famous, a priest or a miracle worker during his life. Instead, he chose to live every moment for God. Carlo attended mass daily, created a website about Eucharistic miracles and said, "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven." He died of leukaemia at just 15, challenging us to live fully, love boldly and choose what truly matters.

PRAYER FOR SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

God our Father,
guide us with your Spirit, as we reflect upon the
life of Blessed Carlo Acutis.
May we be inspired by him
and trust in his presence in heaven,
as we ask him to intercede for us.
We ask this through Your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen

Term 4 - 2026 Dates - Monday, 5 October - Tuesday, 15 December	
OCTOBER	
Monday, 19	Confirmation Retreat Day
Monday, 19	Year 3/4D assembly 2:45pm
Friday, 23	Year 6 CONFIRMATION 7:00pm
Friday, 30	Australian Teachers' Day
NOVEMBER	
Monday, 2	School closure day
Tuesday, 3	Melbourne Cup Day public holiday
Wednesday 4	Sausage sizzle Wednesday
Thursday, 5	Year 1/2 Excursion - Botanical Gardens
Thursday, 5	Prep Excursion - ACMI
Thursday, 12	Prep 2027 orientation - session 1
Wednesday 18 - Friday 20	Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday 19	Prep Orientation - session 2
Thursday 26	Prep Orientation - session 3
Friday, 27	Senior excursion - Melbourne Museum
DECEMBER	
Tuesday, 1	ABC School Concert
Wednesday, 2	Year 6 graduation speeches - church
Thursday, 3	Year 6 graduation speeches - church
Monday, 7	Year 6 graduation speeches - church
Tuesday 8	Year 6 Graduation
Friday, 11	End of Year mass
Tuesday, 15	LAST DAY TERM 4 - 12:00PM 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

We had the most amazing **ONE** performance evening last night. Our children shone bright with pride, joy and confidence. They filled all the roles for this production from actors, backstage helpers, narrators and performers. It was an incredible effort from everyone in our St Paul's community. Thank you to parents for supporting us with preparing costumes, buying tickets and encouraging your children. Thank you to our St Paul's staff for your teamwork behind the scenes. Thank you Mrs Cobie for making this performance come to life as part of our Performing Arts Specialist program. Thank you to Paige Burney, our production consultant, who gave us the confidence as a school to live our dream of having a whole school performance. WELL DONE EVERYONE!



The creative minds behind the magic!



Praying for Pope Leo XIV

As a Catholic school community, we keep Pope Leo XIV in our thoughts and prayers as he recovers from surgery.



We pray that God surrounds him with healing, strength, comfort, peace and that he may soon return to good health and continue his important mission of leading our Church.

Student Of The week - We will continue to present our Student of the Week certificates at Friday Morning Gathering each week. Next week, we will present the Week 2 and Week 3 awards.

Summer Uniform

All students will be expected to wear full summer uniform from **Monday 19, October**.

Please remember 'No Hat, No Play.' Please see [uniform page](#) for ordering details.

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](#).

Class Groupings for 2027 - In the coming weeks, staff will begin the process of creating 2027 class lists. If you have any information we need to be aware of that may impact your child's learning, or a request regarding your child's class placement for wellbeing or academic reasons, please email me, mmercuri@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au by Friday, 30 October. Please understand that there are many factors that need to be considered when we group students. Requests will be considered in line with staff recommendations, however can not be guaranteed.

*Have a fabulous weekend,
Maria Mercuri.*

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	Grace B
Prep T	Prekshya T
1/2C	Sofia E
1/2E	Aaliyah M
1/2F	Lexi M
3/4MH	Mariam G
3/4B	Luca L
3/4D	Charlie S
5/6J	Dara J
5/6T	Gabe
5/6H	Valentino C

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Week 2 and Week 3 awards at our
morning gathering.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ROCKSTAR READERS

150 nights

Arthur W - 1/2F

200 nights

Archer U - 3/4B



OCTOBER

Charlotte F - 12th

Miles S - 12th

Johnny G - 13th

Gabrielle B - 14th

Signora Tina - 14th

Fernanda P-S- 15th

Leo V - 17th

Alexandra Z - 17th

Rigzin KC - 18th

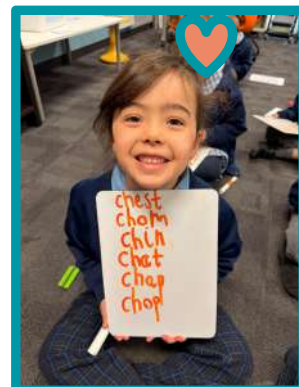
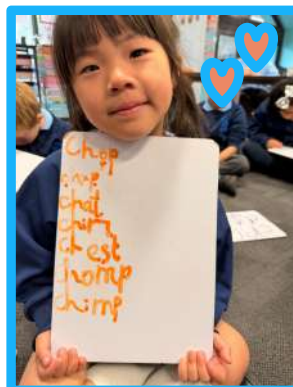


PREP

Welcome to Term 4

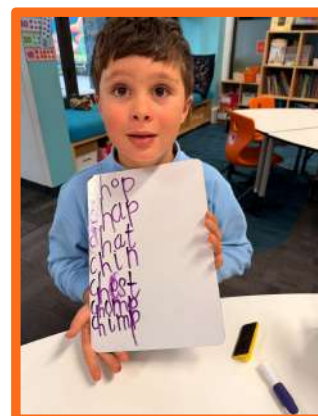
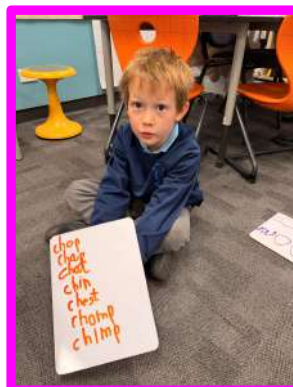


We are off to a wonderful start to another term of learning! It's incredible to see how much our students have already learnt and how they continue to grow. We're looking forward to sharing some highlights of the learning taking place across our classrooms. There's already been so much to celebrate, and we're only in Week 2!



Literacy

In Literacy we have been learning about digraphs. Digraphs are two letters that make one sound. Check out the way we have been writing words with the /ch/ digraph.



Maths



In Mathematics, students have been learning to group collections of objects into bundles of ten and identify the number of tens and ones in each collection. This helps develop their understanding of place value and how numbers are made up of tens and ones.



YEAR 1/2



Welcome to ★term4★



Our Year 1/2 students are settling into Term 4 with plenty of curiosity and enthusiasm!

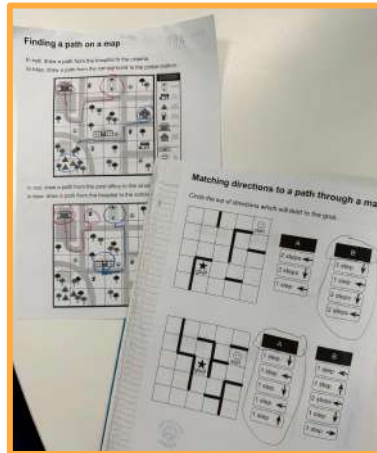
In SEL, we're exploring the changes ahead, as students prepare for Grade 2 and Grade 3, building confidence, independence and the skills to take on new challenges.

Here's a peek at some of our learning so far in Literacy and Numeracy!



maths

Students have been exploring **Location** in Mathematics. They have learnt to give and follow verbal and written instructions using directional language, identify ordinal positions and describe locations on a map.



literacy

In Literacy, we explored the mentor text **Honestly, Red Riding Hood Was Rotten!** Students analysed character traits, retold the story using story maps, developed their vocabulary and learnt to use text evidence to strengthen their reading comprehension.



YEAR 3/4



It's been a busy start to Term 4 for our Year 3/4 students! Last night, they were incredible in our whole school performance, showing confidence, enthusiasm and plenty of sparkle on stage.

We're so proud of them and are looking forward to a fantastic final term together, filled with learning, new challenges and plenty to celebrate.

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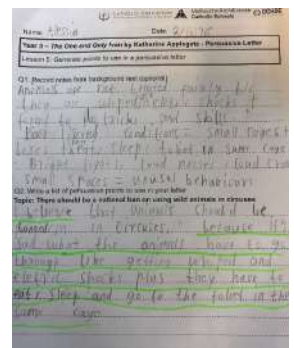
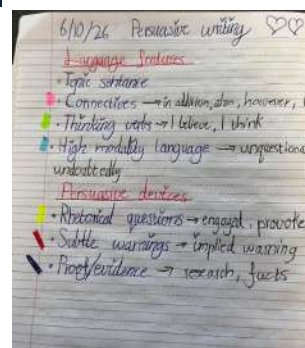
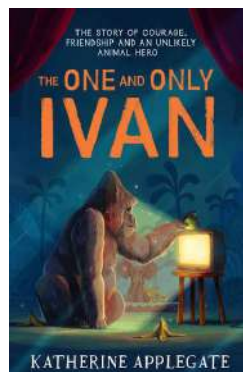
MATHS

Students have been learning to investigate and collect **Data**. They have been asking questions, surveying peers, collating data in frequency tables and using Chromebooks to present data in spreadsheets. Students have also participated as representatives for the Biketober sustainability challenge, collecting data from the whole school about how students are travelling to school.



LITERACY

We have started reading *The One and Only Ivan* and learning more about how animals are treated in captivity. Students will use informative texts to build background knowledge and persuasive writing techniques to create convincing arguments for or against using animals in circuses.



SENIORS

Next week, some of our Year 6 students will be making their Confirmation. We ask you to keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this upcoming celebration of their faith.



Fill the hearts of these candidates with the power of Your love.

Alexandra, Anica, Annabel, Aoibheann, Caitlin, Chante, Chelsea Christopher, Dara, Elyssa, Gwen, Harrison, Isaac, Isabella, Lachlan Matteo, Meghna, Ramon, Santiago, Valentino, John, Jacob, Lucia

St Catherine of Siena



I chose St Catherine of Siena because of the great courage she showed through the selfless acts towards the sick and poor, inspire me greatly.



Aoibheann O'Donovan

Be who God wants you to be and set the world on fire

St Catherine of Siena [1347 - 1380]

Saint Virgin Mary



I chose Saint Virgin Mary because of her strength and courage to take on the major responsibility of giving birth to the Son of God.

Anica

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI



I chose St Francis of Assisi because of the love and care he showed for nature and for all of the amazing miracles that he did.

- CHRISTOPHER

Saint Paul



I chose Saint Paul because he helped people and was determined.

Isaac



St Joan Of Arc
The Patron Saint of France, soldiers, prisoners, women in the military and people persecuted for their faith.



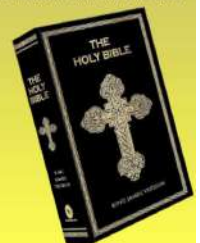
I choose St Joan of Arc because her determination and bravery led France to crucial victories against the English in the Hundred Years War.

SAINT PETER



VALENTINO

I CHOSE SAINT PETER BECAUSE I WAS INTERESTED IN THE WAY HE WAS ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE CHURCH.



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BIKETOBER SCHOOLS CHALLENGE



It's the second week of Biketober!

Last Friday we saw many of our students getting back on their bike. 49% of St Paul's students walked, rode or scooted to school!

An amazing effort.

Upcoming challenges!

Week 2 (Monday 12th - Friday 16th)	Week 3 (Monday 19th - Friday 23rd)
'Most Creative Ride'.	Best family or friends group ride!
There is a prize for one student who completes a creative ride – whether it's a cool new way of getting to school, a mix of walking, riding and public transport, or an inventive weekend trip - who will win this week?	The prize this week goes to one student who rides with family or friends and has a great group ride story or activity to share to inspire others to ride with their pals!
Award and prizes for these challenges will be given out at next Friday's morning gathering (23rd of October)	

Remember, we are competing against other primary schools across Merri-bek for an afternoon of free ice-cream!

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, WOW! What an amazing performance of *ONE* the children prepared for all of us! We are so happy that we could be part of this school performance and feel like we too are ONE. What a beautiful message for us all!

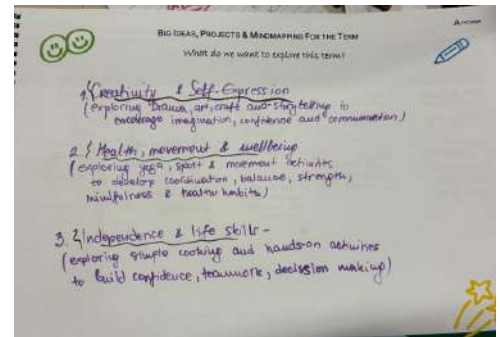


Here are a few updates from our MACSEye corner:

Our fellow educator, Lezley, has finally returned from sick leave and we are so happy to have her back with us, ready to share many more wonderful moments together!

We have also set our goals for Term 4. They are:

- Creativity and Self Expression;
- Health, Movement and Wellbeing;
- Independence and Life Skills.



We will be working towards these goals through our everyday activities. We have planned lots of creative activities including sports, kids' yoga and opportunities to spend time together in the kitchen, while preparing simple meals.

We hope you love our goals as much as we do and you can see the happiness and sense of achievement on the children's faces when you pick them up from after school care!

Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Warm regards,
Rina and Lezley



UNIFORM

SUMMER UNIFORM

SUMMER UNIFORM - All students are expected to be in Summer uniform by **Monday 19 October**.

School Shoes: Black shoes - all black soles - are part of the St Paul's uniform. Students 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 are to be worn.

Necklaces that displays religious symbols (eg: crucifix), can be worn.

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

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

Decorative hair accessories must not be worn.

Thank you for supporting our uniform policy.

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

Email - office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au

NEW UNIFORMS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM SPARTAN WORLD UNIFORM SUPPLIER

To place an order, please visit: **Spartan School World**

Select your School in the **FIND MY SCHOOL** list

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 12pm - 5pm

1st Saturday of every month: 9am - 12pm

- Spartan deliver to school or home for a delivery fee of \$12.50
- Returns of incorrect sizes can be arranged directly through Spartan
- Free school delivery weekly, during school terms



SCHOOL COMMUNITY NOTICES

From Primary to Secondary: A New Beginning



Do you have a child starting secondary school in 2027? Join us for an informative session designed to help families prepare for the transition to high school.

This session will provide families with practical advice about preparing their child for year 7 and supporting them through this significant transition.

We will explore ways to build confidence, independence, organisation and a sense of connection before the school year begins. Families will also receive guidance on helping their child manage the changes, expectations and emotions associated with starting secondary school so they can begin feeling prepared, supported and ready to thrive.

Families will hear directly from students about their experiences of transitioning to high school, including what helped them settle in, the challenges they encountered and the advice they would offer future students and their families.

We are pleased to welcome a diverse panel of voices who bring valuable perspectives on student transition, inclusion, and wellbeing.

The Panel:

- A group of students who will share their firsthand experiences of secondary school life,
- A Year 7 Leader and Transition Leader, who support students as they navigate the move into secondary education
- An Assistant Principal of Disability and Inclusion, who leads initiatives that ensure every student is supported to thrive and belong.

Together, the panel will provide insights into the transition journey, the supports available to students, and what helps create a positive and inclusive school experience for all.



Key Details

Date: Tuesday 17 November 2026

Time: 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Venue

Coburg Civic Centre
90 Bell Street Coburg (enter via Urquhart St)

Cost: Free

Bookings

Bookings are essential as places are limited to 100 participants

Please register through:

[HUMANITIX](#) Or Scan the QR code



For further information please call 9240-1111.

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بالرقم **9280 1913**

اپنی زبان میں مزید جاننے کے لیے
پر کال کریں۔ **9280 1917**

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