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,
Thank you for our school community and the joy we share each day.
Bless our children with curiosity, kindness and courage as they learn and grow.
Guide our teachers and staff with patience and wisdom
- watch over all our families at home.
Help us to treat one another with respect and care.
As Advent approaches, help us embrace this season of preparation by welcoming everyone with compassion, respect, and care.
AMEN



Term 4 - 2026 Dates - Monday, 5 October - Tuesday, 15 December	
NOVEMBER	
Tuesday, 24	St Paul's Time Capsule Opening
Thursday 26	Prep Orientation - Session 3 P&F End of Year School Disco - 11:40am - 1:40pm
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
Monday, 11	End of Year Mass End of Year Picnic and Christmas Carols Coburg Lake 11:30am -2:30pm
Tuesday, 15	LAST DAY TERM 4 12pm finish

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MARIA MERCURI

It's Disco Time at St Paul's!

Get ready to dance! Our wonderful Parents & Friends (P&F) are hosting their much loved annual School Disco!

The disco will take place during the school day, giving all our students the chance to enjoy some music, dancing and fun with their friends.

A few things to know:

- Thursday 26th November;
- Students can wear casual clothes instead of their school uniform;
- The P&F will kindly provide every student with a free sausage.

A big thank you to our P&F for organising this special day and making it such a fun experience for our students.
We can't wait to see everyone on the dance floor!

A Little Trip Back in Time

Opening Our 2001 Time Capsule

Tuesday, 24th November, 5:00pm -7:00pm

You may have noticed a long cylinder hanging above the Lost Property Cupboard.
It's time to open a Time Capsule from way back in 2001.
Join us on Tuesday to revisit a little piece of St Paul's history.

BOOK FAIR - THANK YOU!

Our **Book Fair** this week was a huge success. It was a wonderful to see the children and families browsing the shelves, flicking through their favourite books and sharing their excitement as they made their selections.
Thank you to all families, staff and volunteers who supported the Book Fair. Your generosity helps us continue to build our school library collection and most importantly foster a *lifelong love of reading.*
Read Ms Angela's message of thank you here.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal - Our Mini Vinnies have been visiting classrooms to encourage students to bring in food and other household items to support families in need. Each year, St Paul's school community collects food and essential household items to help families facing challenging times, particularly at Christmas. Your generous donations will help St Vincent de Paul provide much needed support to families in our community. Each class has been given different items to donate. See details- St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal St Paul's families have always been very generous with this appeal. THANK YOU.

HELP PROTECT FUNDING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

With the Victorian state election approaching, the Victorian Catholic Education Authority has released its **Catholic Education Election Scorecard** to help families understand the major parties' commitments to Catholic education.
While both parties have committed to investing in school infrastructure, significant differences remain on protecting existing school funding arrangements and abolishing payroll tax on non government schools.
These decisions would affect school fees, staffing, resource and facilities.
We have attached a copy of the election scorecard and a letter from **VCEA Chief Executive Officer, Professor Elizabeth Labone.**
We encourage all families to read the materials and learn more about the commitments made by both parties.
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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	Sofia L
Prep T	Chiara M
1/2C	Ayla I
1/2E	Leon S
1/2F	Christian L
3/4MH	Destin D
3/4B	Pablo G
3/4D	Channelle M
5/6J	Lucas V
5/6T	Meghna R
5/6H	Emiliana S





NOVEMBER:
Alicia M - 19th
Grace B - 20th
Caitlin L - 20th



Congratulations to Sadhbh
for promoting reading throughout our school.
Sadhbh constantly has a book in her hand and offers book recommendations regularly, even to teachers!



PREP

Last week, we celebrated Milo's Birthday Surprise!

We had so much fun dressing up, spending time with our buddies and taking part in a range of fun, letter themed activities. It was a wonderful day filled with laughter, learning and special memories!





What a wonderful excursion our preps had at ACMI!
They enjoyed exploring the world of filmmaking through dramatic play, learning about green screen technology and discovering the different roles involved in creating a film.
Students also used their imagination and creativity to develop characters and bring their own fairytale performances to life.















YEAR 1/2

What an exciting Term 4 we are having in Year 1/2!
From our excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens and school assemblies, to writing persuasive texts and creating Advent wreaths. There has been so much happening in our classrooms.

Our Classroom Highlights



























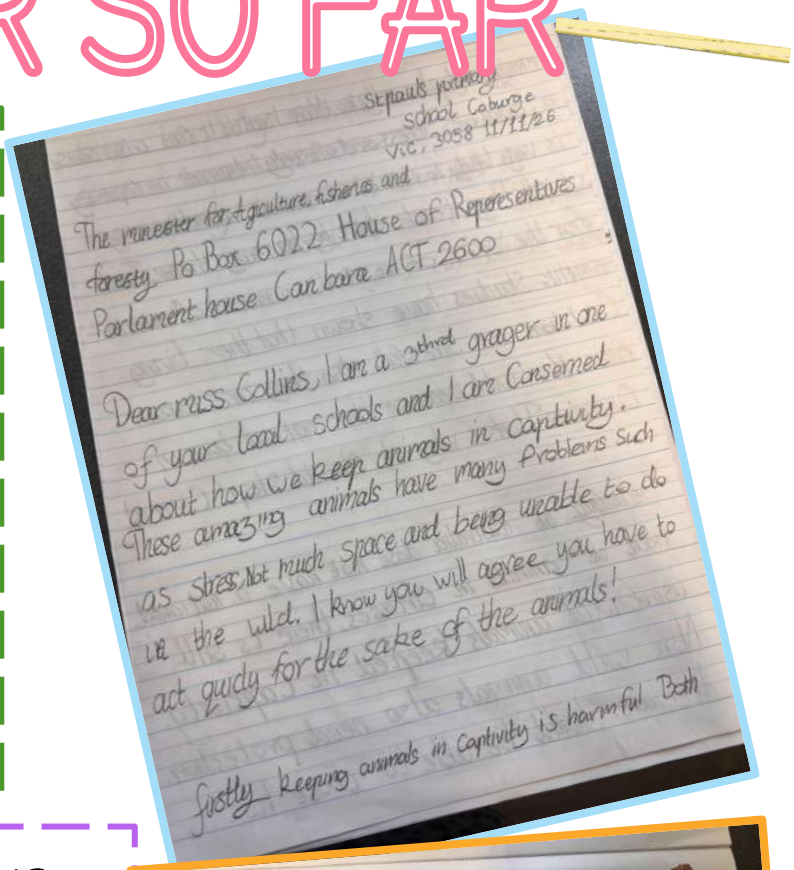


We are so proud of the students' efforts and achievements as we move towards the end of the school year!

YEAR 3/4

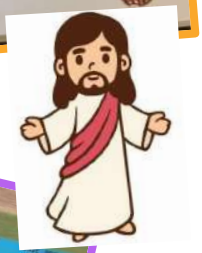
TERM FOUR SO FAR

This term, students have been writing persuasive letters to the Minister for Agriculture about why they believe there should be a national ban on the use of animals in circuses.



During Religion lessons, we have explored other ways we refer to Jesus and how this gives us a feeling of hope for ourselves,our families and the world. We are looking forward to making Christmas cards for residents at the BUPA Aged Care facility.





Throughout Inquiry, we have been learning to identify unique places in Australia and share interesting facts about different places and spaces.



SENIORS

What an exciting final few weeks of the school year we have ahead of us! Over the coming weeks, our students will be participating in a range of exciting activities and celebrations.

We will be taking part in ***Road to Zero***, helping prepare our Grade 6 students for the transition to high school, by developing their understanding of road safety. Our ***URBNSURF*** experience, as part of the St Paul's Water Safety Program, will give students the opportunity to learn how to surf, while developing important skills and knowledge about staying safe in open water.

We will also be heading to ***Funfields***, aa a special reward for our Grade 5/6 students to celebrate their hard work, achievements and efforts throughout the year.







Finally, we will come together to celebrate Graduation and Leadership Speeches. Graduation is an important milestone as we reflect on the friendships, experiences and memories we have made and acknowledge the ways our peers, teachers and wider school community have helped shape us throughout our primary school journey.

Our Grade 5 students are also busy preparing their leadership speeches for the opportunity to take on a leadership role next year. Leadership opportunities at St Paul's include School Captain, House Captain, Sustainability Leader and Mini Vinnies Leader.

We have so much to look forward to as we celebrate the end of another wonderful year at St Paul's!

MINI VINNIES

Mini vinnies Christmas appeal

Each year, St Paul's collects food for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal, for families in need.

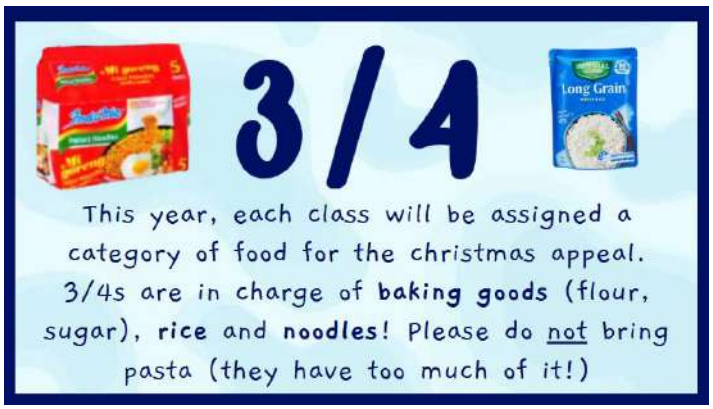
This year, students from each year level are allocated a different category, to ensure there is an abundant supply of many helpful pantry and household items.

We are collecting food for the next few weeks. There are baskets in each classroom.

Please speak to your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.









ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL COBURG

THANK YOU!

St Paul's & Scholastic Book Fair!

Thank You for Making Our Book Fair a Success!

A huge thank you to all the families, students, teachers, and volunteers who supported our Book Fair! Whether you stopped by to browse, purchased books for your home or classroom, or donated your time to help, your enthusiasm made this **community event** wonderful & we are appreciative of your support.

Scholastic are currently tallying up the final results and will share how much we raised for our school library.

Thank you for helping foster a **love of reading**– we couldn't have done it without our amazing community!

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.

St. Paul's Church Coburg

CHRISTMAS 2026



Advent Morning Prayer COBURG

Weekdays Advent Week 1 – 6.30am, Week 2 onwards 6am
St Pauls Coburg (Starts Mon 30th Nov 6.30am)

Nativity Play (LIVE camels, donkeys & carols)

Saturday 19 Dec after 6.30pm Vigil Mass (St Pauls)

Confessions

16 Dec	**-**	**Wednes**	**10.30 am**
18 Dec	**-**	**Friday**	**10.30 am**
19 Dec	**-**	**Saturday**	**10.00 am (St Olivers)**

24 Dec. - Thursday

Vigil Mass: 7.00 pm
Christmas Carols: 11.40pm
Midnight Mass: 12.00 am



25 Dec. - Friday

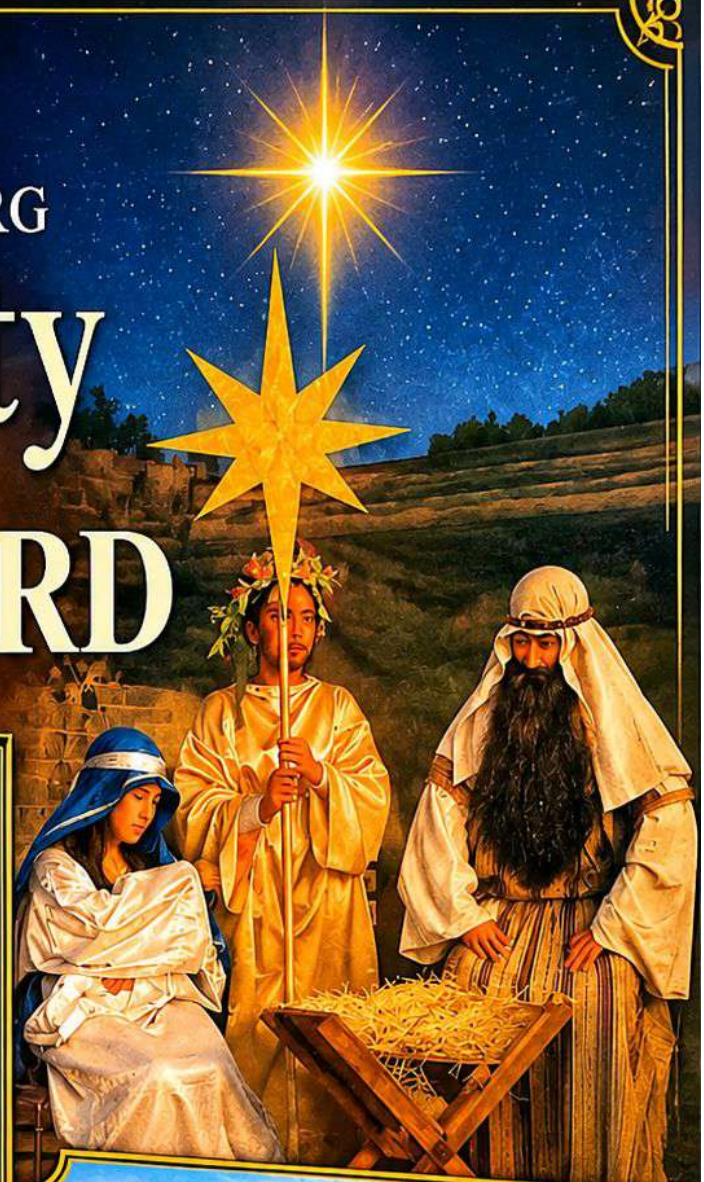
Christmas Day:

English Mass - 9:00 am
Italian Mass - 10.30 am

For unto us a child is born!

ST PAULS COBURG

Nativity of OUR LORD



SAT 19TH DEC 2026

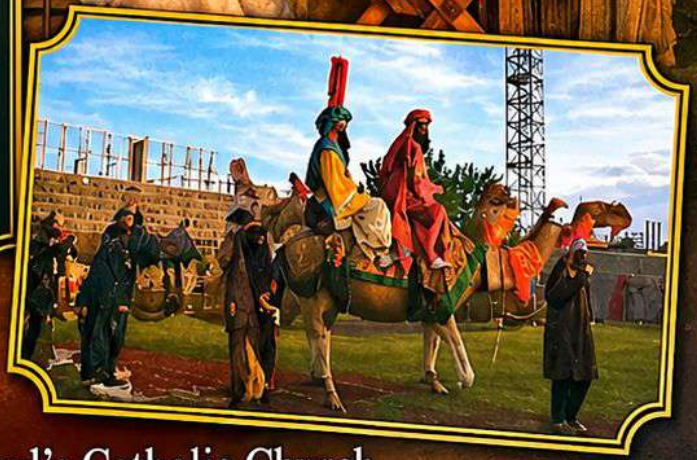
IMMEDIATELY AFTER

6.30PM MASS

HOSPITALITY IN THE HALL

AFTERWARDS

Carols, Kings, Angels,
LIVE camels, and
a donkey, etc.





St Paul's Catholic Church,
562 Sydney Road, Coburg

Children are invited to bring their letters to the Three Kings