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

This Sunday, we begin the church's season of Advent, which leads into Christmas.

Advent is a time for us to reflect, quiet our minds and open our hearts, in preparation for the birth of Christ.

We begin Advent with the candle of **HOPE**. Before we can feel joy, peace or love, we need to believe that good things can happen and that God is with us, helping us each day.



Loving God,
You call us into a time of waiting,
a time of hope, promise and gentle preparation.
As we light the first candle of Advent,
may its glow remind us that Your light is always with us,
guiding our steps and filling our school community with peace.
Help us to slow down in these busy weeks, to notice the goodness around us
and to make room in our lives for joy, kindness and gratitude.
May our words and actions reflect the love Jesus brings into the world
as we prepare our hearts to welcome Christ at Christmas.
Amen.

Term 4 - 2026 Dates - Monday, 5 October - Tuesday, 15 December	
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 End of Year Picnic and Christmas Carols Coburg Lake 11:30am -2:30pm
Tuesday, 15	LAST DAY TERM 4 - 12pm 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

It is hard to believe we are already approaching the final weeks of the 2026 school year. There is a wonderful energy and vibe around our school with still many more activities ahead. This week we had the Time Capsule Opening, School Disco and final Prep Orientation session.



Our students had the absolute best time dancing, singing and enjoying themselves with their friends at our School Disco! It was great to see so many smiling faces and so much energy on the dance floor. A huge thank you goes to our amazing parents who decorated the hall, organised the music, cooked and prepared the sausage sizzle and worked tirelessly behind the scenes to organise this event. Check out the photos in the newsletter.















Some wonderful news regarding three former St Paul's students, who have been appointed to Student Executive positions at Mercy College for 2027:

- Sienna Cipriani - College Co-Captain
- Bridget Mammone - College Co-Captain
- Samara Arena - Sports Captain

MACSEYE

MACSEYE Holiday Program We're excited to share that bookings are now open for MACSEYE's Endless Summer Party School Holiday Program, running from 11 – 22 January 2027. Check your email for information via or see pages in this newsletter.



We are collecting donations for our Christmas Appeal in support of **St Vincent de Paul**.
Each class has been given a list of non perishable food items.
Donations can be dropped off at the school office by **7 December**.
Thank you for your kindness and generosity in helping families in need this Christmas!

End of 2026 School Year Tuesday, 15 December 12pm.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MARIA MERCURI



2001
Time Capsule Opening

On Tuesday afternoon, we opened St Paul's 2001 time capsule, welcoming former students, parents and staff members back to the school for a special journey back in time. The capsule contents revealed a small, meaningful glimpse of St Paul's history in 2001. Everyone shared fond memories and former students enjoyed reconnecting through great conversations. The event celebrated the people, stories and special moments that shaped the school community that year. This reminds us that our primary school years are a meaningful part of our lives.

Thank you Miss Pat and Signora Tina who were teachers at St Paul's in 2001 for organising this event.



















PREP 2027
meet their Buddies

Yesterday we held our final Prep 2027 Orientation Session. Parents enjoyed a wonderful session with Dina, who provided training for Classroom Helpers. Parents are now ready to help in the classroom and on excursions. The children had a fantastic time meeting their buddies. There were smiles all round as the buddies introduced themselves to the children and their parents.











Have a fabulous weekend,
Maria Mercuri.

School Disco

"We had lots of fun because we got to dance," Giulio (Grade 3).






"The best bit was dancing in the dark, doing the splits and cartwheels," "and dancing with Miss Claudia," "and the glowsticks,"
Prekshya, Anna and Theone (Prep).





"It's a great fun tradition every year," Jack (Grade 4).





"I like the glow band bracelets because they glowed in the dark and you could make a necklace or spin them around," Grace (Prep).

PARENTS & FRIENDS

School Disco

"The glow sticks really lit it up!" Pablo (Grade 3).

"The disco was extra, extra, extraordinary because the playlist was amazing," Lenny (Year 6).





"This is the best disco I have ever been to," Emiliana (Grade 5).





"The decorations were really fun, they were really pretty," Henry (Grade 3).



"It was very exciting because of the decorations," Ramon (Year 6).





"I loved the decorations" Maiya



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	Julia P
Prep T	Anna H
1/2C	Miguel S
1/2E	Alena S
1/2F	Mia Z
3/4MH	Brent C
3/4B	Henry D
3/4D	Sasha M
5/6J	Lenny D
5/6T	Gwen S
5/6H	Conor H





NOVEMBER:
Kiki T - 23rd
Lucas V - 23rd
Kate H - 25th
Isabel E - 27th
Prekshya T - 28th



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 **until December 7th**. There are baskets in each classroom.

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

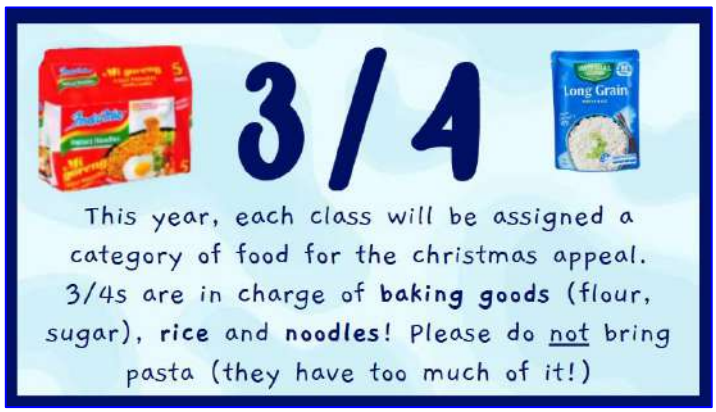
Thank you for supporting this cause!

Lexi, Aoibheann and Noor
Minnie Vinnies Student Leaders

Every donation, big or small, can make a real difference to someone in our community. By donating, we can help bring a little extra comfort and joy to families who may be finding Christmas a difficult time. Thank you for helping us spread kindness and show care for others this Christmas.









Celebrating Our 2026 Achievements

NAPLAN



Nightly Reading Prep - Year 4

Nights of reading	Number of students
25	72
50	46
75	20
100	13
125	8
150	8
175	4
200	4

BOOK WEEK - *SYMPHONY OF STORIES*

St Paul's celebrated with book swaps, family reading afternoons, the DRESS UP Parade and the Something Special performance!

Book Fair

The library buzzed last week with the annual Scholastic Book Fair. The books walked off the shelves!



Premier's Reading Challenge

Our students read a total of 2056 books!



Dina Rubini - *Literacy Leader*

Celebrating Our Achievements in Numeracy!

This year our Year 3-6 students focused on building fluency in the four operations. We used a 1 minute assessment tool for each operation and students monitored their growth throughout the year.

Some of our highlights include:



These results reflect the importance of explicit teaching, targeted learning opportunities, consistent practice and the commitment of our students to improve.

Congratulations to our students and teachers on a fantastic year of learning and growth!

Sophie James
Numeracy Leader

HELLO FROM MR FARACI, SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

Dear Families,

Another school year will soon come to a close.

I thought I might take the opportunity to present some Wellbeing concepts the children and I have explored over 2026 in poster form.

Wishing you a wonderful conclusion to the school year.

Regards,

Edward Faraci



Wellbeing: As We Come to the End of the Year

As we move towards the end of the school year, it's important to remember that children can start to feel tired, both physically and emotionally. After a busy year of learning, friendships, routines and activities, some children may find it harder to manage their emotions, follow instructions or respond calmly. Sometimes, what we see as challenging behaviour is simply a sign that a child is feeling tired, overwhelmed or in need of a little extra support. At home, a few simple things can make a big difference. Keeping familiar routines, making time for rest and play, having a chat about their day and allowing some downtime can help children recharge. A little extra patience, reassurance and connection can also go a long way.

As always, let's continue to work together to support our children through these final weeks. We want them to finish the year feeling safe, supported, connected and proud of how far they've come.

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.

VICTORIAN SCHOOLS
ONLINE ORDERS
END OF YEAR UNIFORM DELIVERY TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

SPARTAN SCHOOL WORLD

2026/2027 SUMMER BREAK

8 DEC

FINAL DELIVERY TO SCHOOL ORDERS
need to be placed by Tuesday 8th December
LAST DESPATCH TO SCHOOL
Wednesday 9th December

Uniform items required prior to school returning in January should be ordered by 8th December for free delivery. Alternatively, home delivery service is available during the break. (charges apply)

11 DEC

LAST DELIVERY TO SCHOOL FOR 2026

Friday 11th December (approx ETA)

There is no uniform delivery to school in the last week of term.

BREAK

HOLIDAY BREAK

Please refer to our website for Spartan School World Christmas closure dates. spartanschoolworld.com.au

Delivery to School orders placed during the break will be held for despatch when school reopens

29 JAN

FIRST 2027 DESPATCH TO SCHOOL
Wednesday 27th January
FIRST 2027 DELIVERY TO SCHOOL
Friday 29th January (approx ETA)

During the Holidays

SPARTAN SCHOOL WORLD STORES
Trading as normal (except during Christmas Closure period)
Extended January hours available (please refer website)

HOME DELIVERY / CLICK & COLLECT
Available as normal (except during Christmas Closure, refer website)
Home Delivery. Your order will be despatched within 48 hrs. Please allow 3-4 additional days for Australia Post delivery

Need Help? Please contact us at:
onlineorders@spartanss.com.au

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Create



Play

Endless Summer Party

School Holiday Program

Prep to Grade 6



Explore



Have fun!

St Paul's OSHC

7:00am - 6:00pm

562 Sydney Rd, Coburg

Contact details during service hours:

0493 550 473

SP.Coburg@macseye.vic.edu.au

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Important Information



What to bring

- Morning tea, lunch and snacks
- Refillable water bottle
- Suitable clothing for the weather, SunSmart hat, closed toe shoes, jacket in case of rain



What we provide

- Breakfast each morning until 8:30am
- Afternoon tea
- Sunscreen, but you are welcome to provide your own if your child needs a specific brand



Please remember

- Label your child's items clearly
- No nuts please!
- No food items that need to be reheated



Medical Needs



- A Medical Management Plan with a colour photo must be provided for children with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma and epilepsy.
- A Risk Minimisation and Communication Plan must be completed for children with a diagnosed health-care need, allergy or relevant medical condition. If one has not yet been completed, our educators will assist you to complete it on your child's first day of attendance.
- Provide the prescribed medication as listed on the plan, in its original packaging and clearly labelled with your child's name.

These documents and processes are legal requirements under the Education & Care National Regulations.

In the interests of children's health and safety, care may be refused or delayed if the required documentation and medication have not been supplied.

Excursions

Please arrive by 8.30am so we can leave on time, and ensure the children don't miss out.

If your child is attending an excursion, please complete a permission form at the service on the morning of the excursion.

The excursion risk assessment will be available for you to view on the day.

Drop off and pick up

All children must be picked up each day by an authorised adult. Please ensure you sign your child in and out each day on the service iPad.



Unexpected changes to activities

Activities and times may change due to unforeseen circumstances, such as poor weather or circumstances beyond our control. If this happens, we will provide an alternative activity to ensure children continue to enjoy their day.

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Arrive by **8.30am** for excursions and **9.30am** for on-site experiences

Program

IN-HOUSE | ON-SITE EXPERIENCE | EXCURSION | CREATE & KEEP

WEEK 1

MONDAY 11 JAN



Party time!

Get ready to celebrate! Create colourful decorations, design your own drink bottle to take home, then dive into games, creative fun and adventures of your choice.

FEE: $95.00
AFTER MAX CCS*: $9.50

TUESDAY 12 JAN



Splash into summer

Make a splash with exciting water games, refreshing challenges and plenty of laughs! Then experiment with spray bottle painting to create colourful artwork for the service.

FEE: $100.00
AFTER MAX CCS*: $10.00

WEDNESDAY 13 JAN



Kites and bubbles

Let your imagination fly! Decorate your own kite and watch it soar outdoors, then make bubble wands and fill the summer sunshine with amazing bubbles.

FEE: $105.00
AFTER MAX CCS*: $10.50

THURSDAY 14 JAN



Mini golf excursion

Putt your skills to the test on a fun mini golf excursion! Then design your dream sports carnival, choosing the games and challenges everyone will love.

FEE: $125.00
AFTER MAX CCS*: $12.50

FRIDAY 15 JAN



Party creations

Get crafty and creative! Make a squishy pet keyring to take home, design your own party bags and decorate a party hat ready for the celebrations.

FEE: $105.00
AFTER MAX CCS*: $10.50

WEEK 2

MONDAY 18 JAN



Beach party

Bring the beach vibes! Decorate your own frisbee and beach ball, then dive into games, creative activities and free-choice fun with your friends.

FEE: $95.00
AFTER MAX CCS*: $9.50

TUESDAY 19 JAN



Movie excursion

Lights, camera, fun! Head out to watch The Cat in the Hat on the big screen, then enjoy a special party-food picnic back at the service.

FEE: $135.00
AFTER MAX CCS*: $13.50

WEDNESDAY 20 JAN



Summer festival

Dance into summer with an energetic Zumba session packed with music and fun moves! Then design festival posters and create props for your very own photo booth.

FEE: $100.00
AFTER MAX CCS*: $10.00

THURSDAY 21 JAN



Summer colours

Make summer extra colourful! Design a unique tie-dye tote bag to take home, then build and test a butterfly launcher to see how high your butterflies can fly.

FEE: $100.00
AFTER MAX CCS*: $10.00

FRIDAY 22 JAN



Party game day

Let the games begin! Personalise a high-bounce wrist ball to take home, then challenge your friends to limbo, pass the parcel and other classic party games.

FEE: $105.00
AFTER MAX CCS*: $10.50

*Check your eligibility for CCS at Services Australia.

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How to Book

Has your child attended OSHC or a Holiday Program at this school before?

YES: You can start booking via the Xplor Home App

NO: If your child hasn't attended either OSHC or a Holiday Program at this school, you must complete the enrolment form first:

- Scan the QR Code and complete the enrolment form.
- Once your enrolment is confirmed, you will receive a unique link to download the Xplor Home App.
- Once enrolled you can book holiday program days via the Xplor Home App.

Please note: New enrolments must be submitted by **Sunday, 3 January 2027.** Enrolments received after this date cannot be guaranteed.

Important

- Walk-ins cannot be accommodated.
- All families must complete the enrolment process before attending.

Child Care Subsidy

The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) can provide up to 90% off your fees.

To check your eligibility for CCS, visit the Services Australia website or login to your MyGov account.

Cancellation policy

Minimum of 7 days' notice for booking cancellations.

Normal fees apply for cancellations outside the minimal notice period and booking will be recorded as an absence. For families eligible for CCS, please note that CCS will still be applied to the absence, but the gap fee will be payable.

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Contact Us

For help with enrolments and bookings, get in touch with our team:

1300 501 029

enrolments@macseye.vic.edu.au



St. Paul's Church Coburg

Christmas 2026

Advent Morning Prayer – COBURG

Weekdays, Advent Week 1 – 6.30am, Week 2 onwards 6am

St Paul's Coburg (Starts Mon 30th Nov 6.30am)

Nativity Play (LIVE camels, donkeys & carols!)

Saturday 19 Dec after 6.30pm Vigil Mass (St Paul's)

Confessions

16 Dec	Wednesday	10.30 am
18 Dec	Friday	10.30 am
19 Dec	Saturday	10.00 am (St Oliver's)

CHRISTMAS EVE

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

CHRISTMAS DAY – FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER

English Mass – 9:00 am

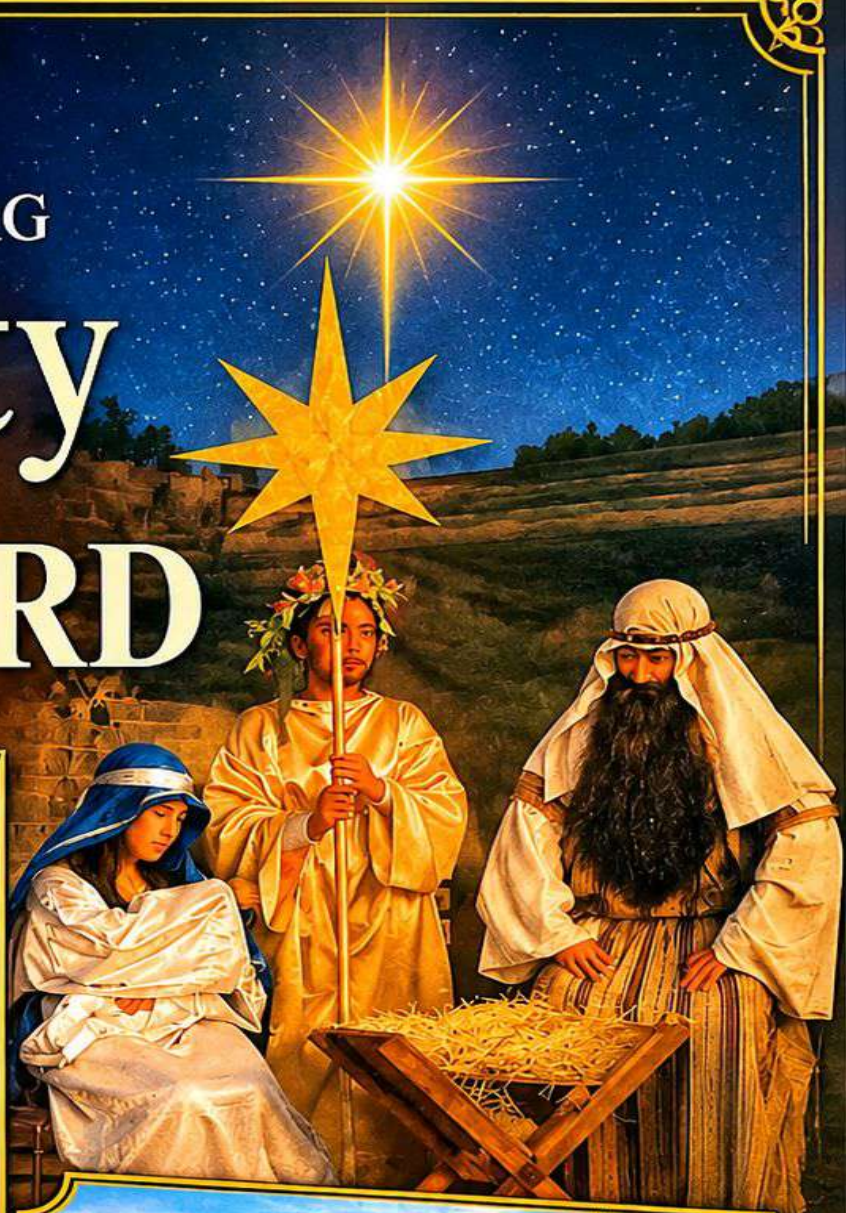
Italian Mass – 10.30 am



For unto us a child is born!

ST PAULS COBURG

Nativity *of* OUR LORD



SAT 19TH DEC 2026

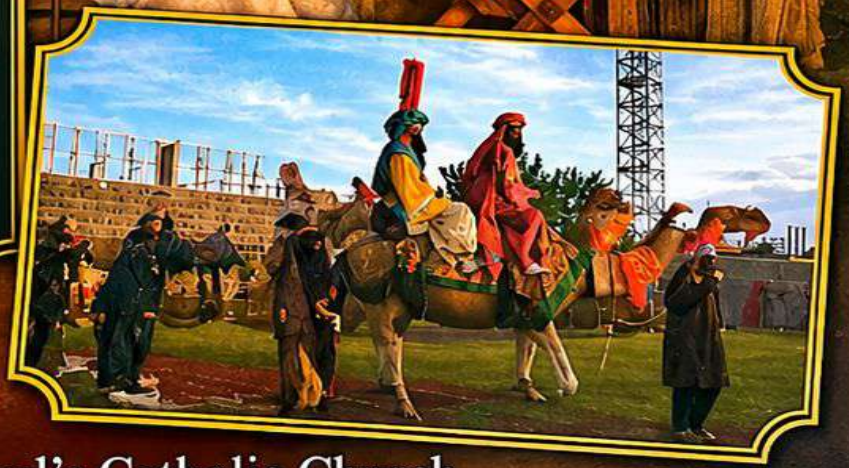
IMMEDIATELY AFTER

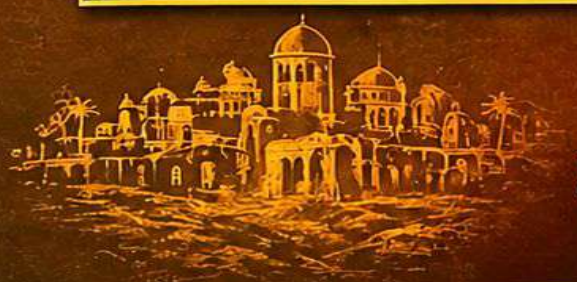
6.30PM MASS

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