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KEEPING OUR CONNECTIONS

Friday August 23rd 2024

Dear Families & Friends of St. Paul's,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the halfway mark of Term 3!

We are pleased with the progress students are making; they have been working hard and achieving great results.

STUDENT ILLNESSES: KEEP THEM AT HOME!

I am once again asking parents to keep their children at home if they are unwell. There has been a big rise in the number of cases of the flu, COVID, RSV, Whooping Cough, bronchitis & pneumonia, in the community. Symptoms of the previously mentioned illnesses include but are not limited to fever, a cough, a rash, vomiting, lack of energy. Please take your child to a doctor to check these symptoms, get medication, and keep them at home until they recover. Sending your child to school with, "a bit of a cough & a snuffle", will only spread their illness to others.

PBL EXPECTATION: 'LISTEN CAREFULLY AND TRACK THE SPEAKER'

This week, our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus has been on 'Listening Carefully and Tracking the Speaker.' All students have been encouraged to actively engage by paying attention and following the speaker with their eyes. This practice helps in improving communication skills and ensures a respectful learning environment. If you can reinforce this expectation at home as well, it helps to support your child's learning and development and conveys to your child that home & school are working together to help them be the best young person they can be.

BOOK WEEK 2024: 'READING IS MAGIC'

Book Week is here! This year's theme, 'Reading Is Magic,' has brought an enchanting array of activities for the kids. Here's what has been happening & will continue to happen next week: Book Week Rotations: the children have had the opportunity to work through a series of Book Week activities throughout the week.

Book Week Character Dress-Up Parade: this Friday, August 23, the students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book characters. We look forward to a magical parade showcasing the creativity and enthusiasm of our kids & parents!

Book Week Magic Show: we have arranged to bring the magic of Book Week to St. Paul's, with a magic show in the hall, also on Friday, August 23

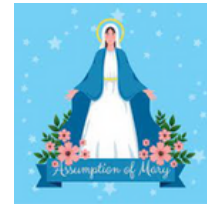
Book Week Performance: on Monday, August 26, for a special Book Week performance. It's a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage with literature in a lively and entertaining way.

Author Visits - Julie-Anne Grasso & Morris Gleitzman: we are thrilled to announce that authors Julie-Anne Grasso (P-2: Wednesday, August 21) & Morris Gleitzman (Yrs. 3-6: Wednesday, August 28) will be visiting us. The students will have the chance to meet them and gain insight into their work as authors. It's sure to be an inspiring experience!

From the Principal continued

PARISH FEAST DAY

Last week, we celebrated the parish feast day of St. Mary of the Assumption. Students from Years 3-6 attended Mass with the parish community, deepening their connection to our faith and traditions.



FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Father's Day Stall: Our annual Father's Day Stall will be held on Tuesday, August 27, and Wednesday, August 28. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to select special gifts for their fathers and father figures.

Father's Day Breakfast: Join us for a heart-warming Father's Day Breakfast on Friday, August 30, in the school hall. It's a perfect way to celebrate and honour the important men in our students' lives. We look forward to seeing many of you there!



WHOLE SCHOOL MASS: CARE FOR CREATION

Next Thursday, August 29, we will join the parish for mass, to remember our responsibility to care for God's creation. The earth and all life on it are part of God's creation. We are called to respect this gift. We are responsible for taking care of the world we live in and for sharing all the wonders and resources the earth gives us. Our changing environment prompts us to stop and think about how we live on our planet. We are called to respond and to adopt new ways of living as Pope Francis highlights in his encyclical (letter), 'Laudato Si': On the Care for our Common Home.



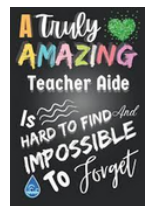
SCHOOL DISCO

The Parents Group have organised for the return of the St. Paul's School Disco, in the second last week of Term 2, on Friday, September 13. Further details will be provided closer to the event.



AUSTRALIAN TEACHER AIDE APPRECIATION WEEK

Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week runs from Monday, September 2 to Friday, September 6. This is an opportunity for us to acknowledge & celebrate the wonderful work these dedicated educators do in supporting all our students to achieve their best. To Paula, Mary, Margaret, Catherine, Manar, Wasan & Basmaa, we say "THANK YOU", for all you do and all you are at St. Paul's.



NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

National Child Protection Week will run from Sunday, September 1 to Saturday, September 7, under the continuing theme of, 'Every Child In Every Community Deserves a Fair Go!'; the theme is complemented by the 2024 message, that 'Every Conversation Matters'.

Conversations can help us understand issues, craft solutions, value community knowledge, and build the brains and social connections of children and young people.

Conversations between children and their caregivers matter (from the very earliest days), between children and their peers matter, families with teachers, doctors, and other professionals matter, friends or neighbours matter, and decision-makers and the communities they serve matter.

Conversations are a valuable tool to shed light on harms experienced by children and young people. We need to have open, frank, and supportive conversations around difficult topics in order to keep children safe, and well connected to community and culture.



Kind regards
Denis
Denis J. Daly
Principal

WHAT'S THE BUZZ AT ST PAUL'S IN TERM THREE

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 should have received their individual reports from NAPLAN in the post. Year 5 families are reminded to please keep this report safe as many Secondary Schools will ask to see these reports as part of their enrolment procedures.

The reports grade the children into four categories for the five subject areas assessed. The four categories are Needs Additional Support, Developing, Strong and Exceeding.

Our results were positive with 85.2% of grade 3 children achieving Strong or Exceeding results in Reading, 91.4% in Writing, 67.7% in Spelling, 70.6% in Grammar and Punctuation and 72.8% in Numeracy. Grade 5 children performed just as well with 81% achieving Strong or Exceeding results in Reading, 79% in Writing, 70.7% in Spelling, 63.5% in Grammar and Punctuation and 70% in Numeracy.

The children should be very proud of these results, as too should the staff who work so hard for the benefit of all of the students.

Narelle White

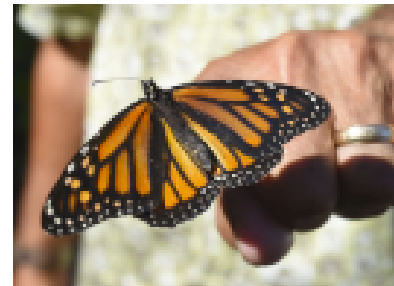
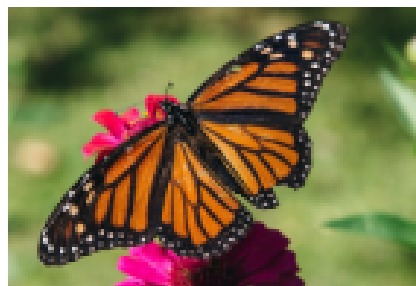
Butterflies Have Hatched at St Paul's!

As part of the Year 1/2 Faith/Life unit, Minibeasts, the Year 1/2s have butterflies in Room 20.

It takes 7-10 days for the larvae to become chrysalids, and 7-10 days for the butterflies to emerge from the chrysalids at room temperature. We have had 3 Monarch butterflies hatch so far.

Find out what some of the students thought!

The three butterflies look pretty. The butterflies are orange and black. There might be one or two more butterflies to hatch. The butterflies are flying around in their cage. We love the butterflies.
(Summer, Selena, and Sophia)



There are now 5 beautiful butterflies in the Year 1/2 classrooms.

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Year 3 MCG Excursion

As part of their Faith/Life mini unit based on The Summer Olympics, our Year 3 students went to the MCG on Friday, the 26th of July.

The excursion to the MCG and the Sports Museum enabled the students to learn more about the place of sport in our lives as Australians.

Find out what some of the students thought!

We walked up 100 steps to the very top row of the MCG. It was amazing and scary! (Miguel and Daniel)

We learnt about Stephen Bradbey. He went to the Winter Olympics. (Emily T)

The MCG has statues of some of our famous cricketers. (Aria)

We were able to go onto the ground of the MCG. (William G)



Year 4 Scienceworks Excursion

As part of their Faith/Life unit, How does our Earth and our Universe work? our Year 4 students went to Scienceworks on Wednesday, the 31st of July.

Find out what some of the students thought!

I loved the excursion! I learnt that when the sun is high in the sky, your shadow is longer. When the sun is lower in the sky, your shadow is smaller. (Georgia)

I loved our day at the Planetarium and Scienceworks. I learnt that when it is summer in Australia, it is winter in other parts of the world. (Swanita)

I loved our time in the Planetarium. I learnt that Earth has to be tilted so the seasons can happen.

Scienceworks was fun too. (Martin)

We went to Scienceworks and the Planetarium. We watched a 3D movie about Space and how the seasons are made. It was a great day! (Levy)



WHAT'S THE BUZZ AT ST PAUL'S IN TERM THREE

Baby Chicks Have Arrived at St Paul's!

As part of the Prep Faith/Life unit, Farm Animals and their Habitats, the Preps have chicks in their classrooms. The Henny Penny Hatching program gives the students the opportunity to watch eggs hatch in a specially designed incubator and then observe the hatched chicks at play in a large, clear-sided brooding pen. This program fosters empathy and care.

Find out what some of the students think about the chicks!

The chicks are cute. They are fluffy. (Stella)

The chicks are very cute. I really like holding them. (Sia)

The chicks like to move around in their enclosure. (Mili)

The chicks are cute. We get to pat and hold them. (Albie)

Last week one black chick hatched in front of us. 13 chickens have hatched. (Josh)

Some of the chicks are now in heaven. (Freddie)



Mini Olympics Day at St Paul's

On Monday, the 12th of August, the students at St Paul's enjoyed their own mini-Olympics events at school. Events included the egg and spoon race, relay races, shot put, hockey dribbling and running races. A BIG thanks to Mr McCall for organising this event for our school.

Find out what some of the students thought!

My favourite activity was shot put. (Zara B, Hannah, Matisse & Quinn)

I loved the sack race. (Mila B)

I loved the running races. (Indie & Cooper)

I enjoyed the relay racing. (Marley)

I enjoyed the hockey activity. (Mia N & Lucia)

I enjoyed the discus. It was fun trying to throw the discus into the hoop. (Alice)

12.8.24



MINI OLYMPICS
This is an morning Sacks
I won the Sacks ^{race} race,
in the Mini Mini
OLYMPICS. I won
all of the Mini OLYMPICS
^{all of} ^{events.} events.

Check out the mini-Olympics Day writing by Joshua S in Prep.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORT PROGRAMS

30 Sept – 4 Oct 2024

REGISTER ONLINE

vu.edu.au/school-holiday-sport-programs

MULTI SPORT
CRICKET
AFL
FUTSAL
SWIMMING LESSONS





Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on campus – with lessons typically during school hours
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Online lessons (after hours) are also available direct to your home – contact us to find out more
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 3: MONDAY JULY 15 TO FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20

Monday August 19 - Friday August 23: BOOK WEEK: 'Reading Is Magic'
Thursday August 15: Mass of The Assumption - 9.30 am
Thursday August 22: Author Visit - Mark Wilson
Monday August 26: Book Week Performance
Thursday August 29: Care for Creation Mass
Sunday September 1 to Saturday September 7: National Child Protection Week
Monday September 2 to Friday September 6: Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week
Friday September 13: 2024 School Disco
Friday September 20 Term 3 ends 2.30 pm

TERM 4: MONDAY OCTOBER 7 TO WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20

Monday October 7: Term 4 starts
Thursday October 24: Mission Mass
Friday November 1: SCHOOL CLOSURE - Staff Professional Learning: Wellbeing
Monday November 4: School Closure - Report Writing
Tuesday November 5: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Monday November 18 - Wednesday November 20: Year 4 Camp - Portsea
Wednesday November 27 - Friday November 29: Year 5 Camp - Cave Hill Creek
Thursday December 12: Year 6 Graduation - 7.00 pm, St. Paul's Church
Friday December 13: Year 6 Farewell Guard of Honour & Finish
Monday December 16: Kinder - Year 5 Step Up Day / Term 4 finishes 2.30 pm
Tuesday December 17: Staff Development Day / Staff finish / Office closes

Please Note:

Dates may be subject to change due to unforeseen information / circumstances arising throughout the year

Further dates will be added throughout the year as they come to hand

