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KEEPING OUR CONNECTIONS

Thursday 25 July 2024

Dear Families & Friends of St. Paul's,

Term 3 is underway and there is much planned for our St. Paul's 'family', over the ten weeks of the term!

I hope you all managed to avoid the winter coughs & colds over the break, and you were able to slow down a little, rest & relax!

Much of what follows in this edition of eNews is a reminder of what lies ahead for the term, as well as relevant information & updates for school life.

With what is planned for Term 3, I ask that you stay informed and regularly check in with & ask questions of your children about their learning. Your support for & interest in your children's school life, is a great support for us here at school as well.

Have a great term everyone!
Denis

Denis J. Daly
Principal

TERM 3

Term 3 commenced on Monday July 15 and will finish on Friday September 20, at 2.30 pm.



OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES

School Fees Reminder

As at today we have an amount of \$515, 000.00 in outstanding / unpaid fees. This amount is placing the school under considerable financial strain, as we work to budget and pay our bills. All spending in all budget areas is currently suspended while we wait for parents to pay their fees and for the governments (state & federal) to provide our Semester Two grants. School fees and government grants are our only sources of income. If you have unpaid school fees please try to pay them as soon as you can or enter a payment agreement. If you are experiencing financial hardship we ask you to let us know, so we can assist you with a payment plan.

TERM 3 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

Curriculum Newsletters for Term 3 were sent out on See Saw on Tuesday (23.07). The newsletters provide details of the planned learning for all students, Prep to Year 6. They are intended to inform parents of each level's planned learning, as well as supporting & guiding informed conversations with the children about their learning throughout the term.



OLYMPIC GAMES

The Olympic Games in Paris will begin with the Opening Ceremony this Friday July 26 and will finish with the Closing Ceremony on Sunday August 11. Teachers have planned units of work focussing on The Games; and, it will be a great opportunity for the children to watch and learn about an event that brings the world together, to compete under the Olympic motto of, 'Faster, Higher, Stronger'.





REGIONAL T-BALL FINALS: SENIOR GIRLS

On Friday our Senior girls will compete in the Regional T-Ball Finals in Corio, a suburb of Geelong. The girls put in outstanding performances throughout Term 2 – developing their skills, encouraging one another as team members and succeeding as skilled & passionate T-Ballers. Whilst our hope is that the girls win the final, they have already proved that they are winners! Good luck girls!

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

The 'World Day For Grandparents & The Elderly' will be celebrated around the world this coming Sunday July 28. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate our Grandparents, elderly relatives & friends, at Mass today; and, to then have them visit classrooms and to do some family-focussed activities with their grandchildren.



PANCAKE PARLOUR: SCHOOL REWARDS PROGRAM

St. Paul's is registered with the Pancake Parlour's, 'School Rewards Program', where families (parents) can download the app and register for St. Paul's. Every dollar spent at The Pancake Parlour may help the school win up to \$6000.00. Please see the attached flier for registration details.



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS

2Term 3 School Advisory Council Meetings for Term 3 are scheduled for Tuesday July 30 and Tuesday September 10. The members of the SAC are Monsignor Portelli (Parish Priest), Denis Daly (Principal), Patrick Pantalone (Deputy Principal / REL), Marc Farrugia (Parent Rep.), Nicole Vivarelli (Parent Rep.) & Linh Cao (Parent Rep.)





TERM 3 SCHOOL CLOSURE / STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

The Term 3 school closure / staff development day is scheduled for Friday August 2. Staff will spend the day focussing on Student Wellbeing, including meditation & mindset, neurodivergent students, Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) & Social Emotional Learning (SEL).

'BULLYING NO WAY' NATIONAL WEEK OF ACTION



The 'Bullying No Way' National Week of Action, is scheduled to take place from Monday August 12 to Friday August 16. The 'Bullying No Way' website (www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) contains details of the week of action, as well as resources for families, schools & young people.



PARISH FEAST DAY: THE ASSUMPTION

Our parish feast day, The Solemnity of The Assumption (Mary being taken to heaven), will take place on Saturday August 15. We will celebrate the day with the parish by attending the 9.30 am Mass.

BOOK WEEK

This year's Book Week will be celebrated from Monday August 19 to Friday August 23, under the theme of, 'Reading Is Magic'. Lots of Book Week activities have been planned for all year levels throughout the week, as well as visits from children's authors Maurice Gleitzamn & Julie Anne Grasso.





FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST & STALL

The Term 3 school closure / staff development day is scheduled for Friday August 2. Staff will spend the day focussing on Student Wellbeing, including meditation & mindset, neurodivergent students, Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) & Social Emotional Learning (SEL).

PARENT WEBINAR: INFORM & EMPOWER



Carly McGauran (Child Psychologist), from Inform & Empower, will host a 'Healthy Families' webinar, for parents, titled, 'Reducing Chaos & Increasing Calm', on Thursday August 29, at 7.30 pm. Please see the attached flier for registration details.



DISCO

Our 2024 School Disco will be held in Week 9 of the term, on Friday September 13. More details will be sent home closer to the date.

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

NAPLAN UPDATE

Recently, schools were advised by VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) that the reporting packages for this year's NAPLAN will be delivered to schools early in Term 3.

Once the package arrives, we will send home the reports to our Year 3 and Year 5 families via Australia Post so please look in your letterboxes this week!

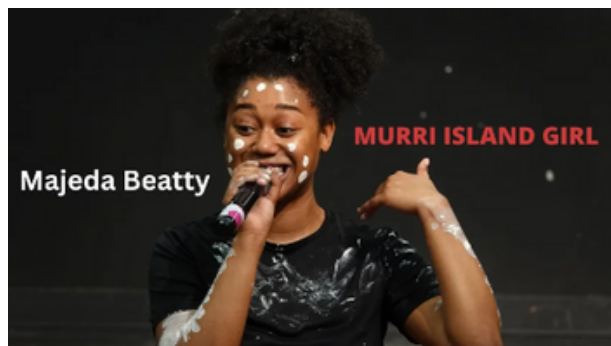
Year 5 parents, please note that many high schools request a copy of your child's Year 5 NAPLAN report as a part of their enrolment process.

Kind regards,
Narelle White

NAIDOC WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

During Week 1, the staff and students at St Paul's celebrated NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. NAIDOC Week celebrates and recognises the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The staff and students welcomed Majeda Beatty. Majeda is a Sydney based singer, actress and dancer. Majeda shared a performance through song, dance, stories and language representing both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island cultures. She believes in the importance of cultural pride and carrying on past traditions as well as moving forward in a modern world.



NAIDOC Week was held Australia-wide, from Sunday July 7 to Sunday July 14., under the theme of 'Keep The Fire Burning'. NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee; and, is a week when all Australians celebrate and recognise the rich indigenous cultural history that makes Australia unique. During NAIDOC Week teachers planned activities and provided information to the students, focussing on indigenous culture.

Annabel Cao in Year 5, shares her thoughts, on the incursion attended by all students, on Monday July 15 ... Last Monday, the indigenous dancer, Majeda Betty came to our school. She introduced us to various parts of her culture from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island, such as the instruments they use and how they're made, the clothing and Aboriginal dances. Majeda started off the show with a song called, "Taba Naba," and got children from each grade level to dance with her on the stage. She also used ochre and showed the importance of it - ochre is made from crushed clay and water. Everyone enjoyed it and we learned lots about her culture. It was a great start to NAIDOC week.

Annabel Cao Year 5

REDUCING CHAOS & INCREASING CALM

WEBINAR

For Parents & Carers

Practical ideas and strategies for reducing the chaos and increasing the calm vibes for everyone in your household.

Carley McGauran, psychologist and mum, will discuss topics such as...

Strategies to help reduce conflict through healthy communication and connection.

Ideas to help set up the start of the day so it just feels better for everyone.

Ways to help your day feel less rushed and 'crazy busy'.

How to make space for big feelings so your day can stay on track.

How to (and why you should) find a way to weave mindfulness into each day.



THURS 29 AUG
7.30 PM (60 MINS)



ST PAUL'S KEALBA

Register to attend live (+ access replay):

bit.ly/29aug2024

INFORM & EMPOWER



We are officially part of School Rewards 2024!

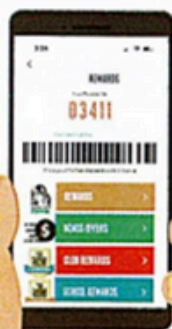
Earn points for our school with every dollar spent at The Pancake Parlour to help us win up to \$6,000!

Simply scan QR code to download the app and join our school!



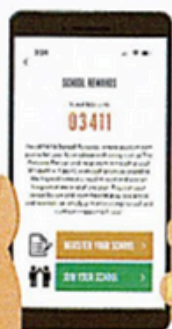
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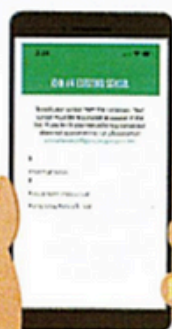
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Select our school from the list



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Scan barcode to earn points for our school



For more info head to: www.schoolrewards.com.au



Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is for you...

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend.

Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions.

The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the passion alive.

No group sharing required.

The weekend is based around Catholic values.

Couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

Our next weekend is: 4 - 6 October 2024 at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Starts Friday evening at 7.00 pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30 pm

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 3: MONDAY JULY 15 TO FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20

Monday July 15: Term 3 Starts

Tuesday July 23: School Advisory Council meeting

Thursday July 25: Mass for Grandparents & The Elderly

Friday July 26: Regional Girls Tee Ball Finals

Friday August 2: SCHOOL CLOSURE - Staff Professional Learning - Student Wellbeing

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

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.

