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KEEPING OUR CONNECTIONS

Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Families & Friends of St. Paul's,

It is hard to believe that we are more than half way through Term 1.

The children seem to have settled well into their learning and class routines, with teachers commenting on how quickly they have adjusted to their new year levels and the new programs. Thank you for supporting your children and their teachers by having them arrive at school on time, prepared & organised for their learning day, as well as supporting classroom work at home with guidance & encouragement with at-home tasks.

Our parent-educator / teacher-educator partnership is vital in ensuring the children are fully engaged in their learning and will flourish throughout the school year.

As we continue our Lenten journey let us keep in mind that Lent provides us with a unique opportunity for reflection and renewal. It is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, which provide us with a powerful reminder of our need to self-improve and of our need to work on our relationship with God. As we journey on through Lent it is also an opportunity to keep in mind Pope Francis's description of the Lenten journey as, "Lent coming to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy."

THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT

Prayer: During Lent, let us deepen our prayer life. Whether through traditional prayers, silent contemplation, or acts of kindness, let prayer be the guiding force that connects us to the divine and strengthens our bonds with one another.

Fasting: Fasting is not merely abstaining from food but a symbolic gesture of self-discipline and sacrifice. By relinquishing certain comforts, we create space for spiritual nourishment. Let us use this time to identify areas in our lives where we can simplify, allowing room for a deeper connection with God.

Almsgiving: Lent is a call to generosity and compassion. By reaching out to those in need, we embody Christ's teachings of love and charity. Small acts of kindness, whether through financial contributions or volunteering time, can make a significant impact on the lives of others.

I hope your Lenten journey provides you with the time to reflect and grow.

Denis.

Denis J. Daly

Principal

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PREP 2025 ENROLMENTS: INFORMATION SESSIONS & SCHOOL TOURS

Enrolments are now open for Prep 2025. If your 4-year-old child is due to start school next year, please visit the school website (www.spkealba.catholic.edu.au) and fill out an Enrolment Application, located on the homepage.

We are also offering two Enrolment Information Sessions & School Tours for new families, on Tuesday March 19 & Friday March 22, at 9.30 am each day; new families can book for one of the sessions on the website. Please let family friends know of the above details if their first child is due to start school in 2025.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Yesterday March 7, our Year 3 students made their First Reconciliation. It was a special 'milestone' for the children on their Faith Journey, as they continue to grow in understanding of what it means to be a part of God's family. Congratulations Year 3s!

CONFIRMATION

Next Friday March 15, our Year 6 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, at 7.00 pm, in St. Mary MacKillop Church, Keilor Downs. The children will be confirmed by Bishop Martin Ashe. Please keep the children in your thoughts & prayers as they too take another step in their faith journey.

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Next Monday March 11 is the Labour Day Public Holiday; the school will be closed for the day.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Monday March 18. Children need to be in their full summer uniform, with black school shoes (NO RUNNERS). Details for ordering photos were sent home recently on Seesaw. Photos can only be ordered online; you will need to register with Arthur Reed Photos to make a purchase. Registration & ordering details are included later in the newsletter.



BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The Parents Group have organised a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser, at Bunnings Sunshine, for Saturday March 16. If any parent is able to assist us on the day by barbecuing some sausages please let the office know. Be sure to come down to Bunnings to buy a few sausages for the family and help us raise funds for the purchase of a 3D printer.

EASTER RAFFLE: DONATIONS & TICKETS

Our 2024 Easter Raffle will be drawn on the last day of the term, Thursday March 28. We are asking all families to donate an Easter item (eggs, toys, books, etc.) for the raffle, so we can make up the prizes. Raffle tickets were sent home with the children on Monday; if you have not received your tickets please call in at the office and collect them.



Science of Reading Workshop - Vietnamese

Science of Reading workshop for Vietnamese speaking parents will be held on **Monday 25th March at 9:15 am**.

The workshop is for parents in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2.

If you would like to attend please contact Leeann Polidano lpolidano@spkealba.catholic.edu.au

SECONDARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT REMINDERS

Attached to the newsletter are two flyers advertising enrolment information for CRC, North Keilor and for CRC, Sydenham. Please note the information from both if it is relevant to you.



TERM 2

We return for Term 2 on Monday April 15 and finish for the term on Friday June 28; it will be an eleven week term.

Term 2

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2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 1: MONDAY JANUARY 29 – THURSDAY MARCH 28

- Monday March 4: Preps begin fulltime
- Tuesday March 5: Confirmation Family Information Evening – 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm
- Monday March 11: Labour Day Public Holiday
- Wednesday March 13 to Friday March 15: NAPLAN
- Thursday March 7: 1st Reconciliation – 12.00 pm, St. Paul's Church, Kealba / Science of Reading Parent Workshops – 2.00 pm & 6.30 pm
- Friday March 15: Confirmation - 7.00 pm, St. Mary MacKillop Church, Keilor Downs
- Monday March 18: School Photos
- Tuesday March 26: School Advisory Council Meeting
- **Thursday March 28: Term 1 finishes at 2.30 pm / Holy Thursday**
- Friday March 29: Good Friday
- Sunday March 31: Easter Sunday

TERM 2: MONDAY APRIL 15 TO FRIDAY JUNE 28

- **Monday April 15: Term 2 Starts**
- Tuesday April 23: School Advisory Council Meeting
- **Thursday April 25: ANZAC Day Public Holiday**
- Friday May 3: Colour Fun Run
- Thursday May 9: Family Week Mass
- Wednesday May 15 – Friday May 17: Year 6 Urban Camp
- **Monday May 20: SCHOOL CLOSURE – Staff Professional Learning: Learning & Teaching**
- Tuesday May 21: 1st Communion Family Evening – 6.30 pm, hall
- Saturday June 1: 1st Communion – 11.00 am, St. Mary MacKillop Church, Keilor Downs
- **Friday June 7: SCHOOL CLOSURE – Staff Professional Learning: Wellbeing**
- **Monday June 10: King's Birthday Public Holiday**
- Tuesday June 11: School Advisory Council Meeting
- Thursday June 27: Mass of Saints Peter & Paul
- **Friday June 28: Term 2 ends 2.30 pm**

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 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

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2024 - Important Registration Information



School Photographs will be taken at

St Paul's Primary School

Monday 18th March 2024

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day

When you receive your child's 2024 image code

Follow these 3 simple steps -

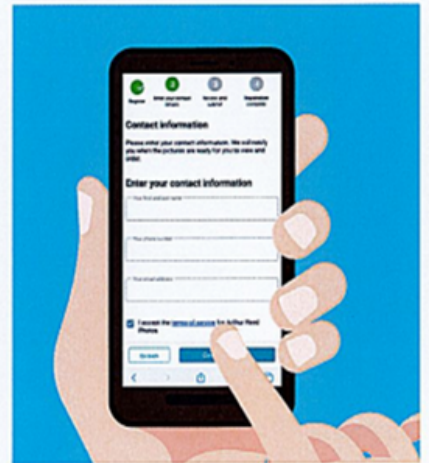
1 Go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your child's 2024 image code



2 Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



3 Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration*



*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

That's it!

It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details
When 2024 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS

- Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images + Multiple Image Downloads
- Order on any mobile device
- Share the images with family & friends for FREE

* Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online **BEFORE ordering for 2024****

RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

WEBINAR
FOR PARENTS &
CARERS

Social Media

Impacts of
Screen Time

Online Gaming

Cyber
Bullying

Child & Tween
Online Trends

Managing Devices
in the Home

Explicit/Adult
Content

Strengthening Family
Communication

St Paul's Catholic Primary School

Thursday 21 March | 7.30pm AEDT



Martin McGauran
Primary School Teacher
& Digital Safety Educator

- 90 minute presentation
- Parents/carers only
- Exclusive access to resources

Register to come along:
bit.ly/21march2024



Carley McGauran
Psychologist & Mum to
3 school-aged kids

"Marty and Carley were simply sensational. Their presentation was relevant, honest and informative. A MUST for each school, every year."

Principal

"An evening that provided some reality checks!
A few new changes in our home this week!"

Parent of 9yo & 11yo

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YEAR 7 2026 Information Evening Wednesday 6 March at 7pm

Discover

*What Our School
Has to Offer!*

We invite families to join us for an information session with our College Principal Mr Tullio Zavattiero and members of our College Leadership Team to learn about:

- Our Vision and Mission
- Curriculum Offerings
- Wellbeing
- Enrichment & Immersion Opportunities
- The Enrolment Process
- Year 7 2026 Enrolment Timeline



Our vision

We are a school where every learner can become who God calls them to be.

Our mission

To do this we take the time to know our students, their needs and aspirations. Every student achieves success through a personal pathway. We engage students by differentiating learning and offering a wide range of cultural and faith-based programs and immersions. We equip young people to become peacebuilders



Register online via the enrolments page on our College website
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2024 Year of Compassion

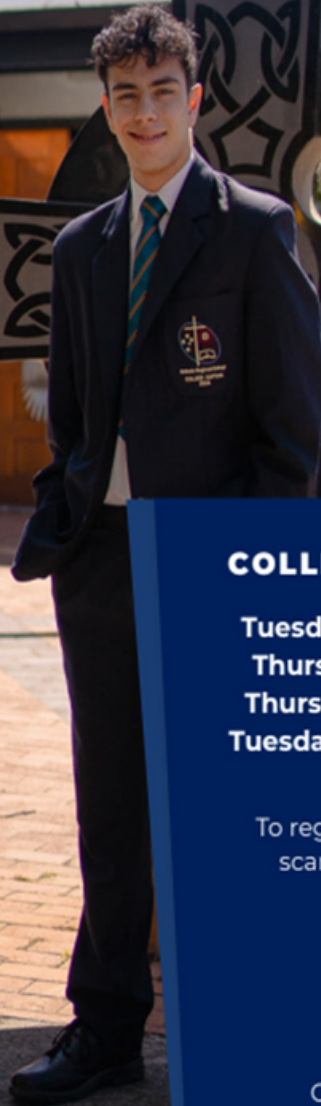
*The Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
[World Religions]*





*Catholic Regional College
Sydenham*

2024 COLLEGE TOURS WITH THE PRINCIPAL



COLLEGE TOUR DATES

Tuesday 19 March - 11:00am

Thursday 16 May - 9:30am

Thursday 13 June - 4:00pm

Tuesday 15 October - 11:00am

To register for a College Tour,
scan the QR Code below.



Or visit our website:

crcs.vic.edu.au

and navigate to

'Join our Community' and

'College Tours / Events'

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Every Pathway*



...where the end is just the beginning...



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