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Thursday 6th August, 2026

Dear Families & Friends of St. Paul's,

The celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to rediscover that at any age it is always possible to recognise ourselves as sons and daughters of God. I distinctly remember my nonno Mario recounting his time in the army as a prisoner of war during the second world war in Europe. On his 18th birthday he was given two potatoes to eat. Whenever I am going through tough times, I remember his struggles and the hope and faith he had of being liberated - to see me through my struggles. May our celebration of grandparents day, therefore, be an inspiration for everyone, especially our students, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.
AMEN!

SCHOOL REVIEW - PARENT FORUM

Parents, every four years, schools are reviewed to assess their previous school improvement plan and direct the next school improvement plan led by an independent reviewer. Part of this process is a parent forum. I would like to invite any parents who are available to answer the reviewers' questions and speak of your experience of St Paul's. The parent forum will be held on Monday 10th August at 2:15pm in the school library. I encourage you to participate if you are available.

Peace,
Mr Patrick Pantalone
Acting Principal



TERM 3 DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

- Monday 13th July: School Closure (No students)
- Tuesday 14th July: Students return to school!
- Week 1: NAIDOC Week (NAIDOC Assembly on the Friday)
- Monday 20th July: Whole School Mini Roos Soccer Incursion
- Friday 24th July: National Pyjama Day
- Wednesday 29th: 100 Days of Prep
- Thursday 30th: Grandparents Day Mass (9.30am) & Celebration
- Friday 31st: Grade 1/2 Excursion to IMAX & Melbourne Museum

AUGUST

- Wednesday 5th August: Prep Excursion to Werribee Zoo
- Monday 10th - Tuesday 11th August: Grade 3/4 Urban Camp
- Thursday 13th August: Feast of the Assumption Mass (Grades 3-6)
Families welcome.
- Week 7: Book Week
- Monday 24th August: Book Week Dress Up Day & Parade
- Monday 31st August: Whole School Magic Show

SEPTEMBER

- Wednesday 2nd September: St Paul's Art Show (3.15-4.40pm)
- Thursday 2nd September: St Paul's Art Show (8.30am-9am)
- Friday 4th September: Father's Day Breakfast
- Friday 4th September: St Paul's' Got Talent
- Monday 7th September: Grade 1/2 Rail Safety Incursion
- Friday 18th September: Last Day of Term
- Friday 18th September: St Paul's House Colour Day

***Please note that these dates and times may vary.
We will inform the community of any changes.**

— *St Paul's Primary* —
TERM 3 ASSEMBLIES

SRC

Friday 17th July

SRC

Friday 24th July

YEAR PREP

Friday 14th **AUGUST**

YEAR 3/4

Friday 21st August

YEAR 1/2

Friday 28th August

YEAR 5/6

Friday 11th September

*Assemblies are held in the school hall and
commence at 2:40pm*

Your paragraph text

**WHAT'S THE BUZZ AT ST PAUL'S AT
TERM THREE
100 DAYS OF SCHOOL**

Our Prep students celebrated 100 days of being at school on
Wednesday, July 29th.

The students and teachers came to school dressed ready for a disco ... and
didn't they look AMAZING!!!! The students were involved in different 100
Days at School activities, a disco as well as a McDonald's Happy Meal for
lunch! They certainly had a fun day!

Find out what some of the students thought about this special day!

I loved the disco! I loved dancing to the K Pop songs. (Emilia)

I have loved all of the activities today. (Ellie)

My favourite parts of today were dancing, having McDonald's and playing
outside. (Jayda)

I loved the disco. I loved dancing to the Michael Jackson song Thriller.
(Malik)

I loved dancing to the song Soda Pop. (Leo)

I loved singing the Michael Jackson song Thriller. (Kingston)

I loved the disco. (Natalia)

I loved eating my McDonald's Happy Meal. I had
nuggets and chips. (Jazmyn)

I loved eating my McDonald's Happy Meal. I have had a good day. (Emma)

I loved eating my McDonald's Happy Meal. I loved the disco and playing
outside. (Tomi)

I loved drawing today. (Matteo)

I loved the disco and eating my chicken nuggets and chips. (Romeo)

GRANDPARENTS DAY MASS & OPEN CLASSROOMS

On Thursday, July 30, we celebrated Grandparent's Day with a mass and open classrooms.

After Mass, our grandparents were able to visit their grandchild/children in their classrooms and complete activities together. Before going home, the grandparents were able to come to the hall and enjoy a tea or coffee with a sweet biscuit while our school choir sang.

Find out what some of the students thought about the experience!

It was fun that my grandparents came to school today. We made a blossom tree art work together. (Santos PFR)

It was good to have my grandparents in my classroom. We did activities together and had fun together. We even had a photo together. (Sia 2CV)

I liked when my grandma came to our classroom because I got to do fun activities with her and I got to spend time with her. I like spending time with my grandma because she is kind, caring, fun, energetic and loving. I love my grandma because she is really, really kind to me. (Pamela 3ST)

I liked when my grandma came into the classroom because I got to introduce her and I interviewed her. I like spending time with her in my classroom and playing fun games. My nanna is the best. (Matisse 3ST)

For Grandparents Day, my 3 grandparents came to my classroom. We solved a wordfind together. I also interviewed them about their primary school experiences. (Penny 5TB)

YEAR 1/2 EXCURSION TO IMAX & MELBOURNE MUSEUM

On Friday July 31, our Year 1/2 students and teachers went to IMAX & Melbourne Museum as part of their Inquiry unit about Minibeasts.

The students went to the IMAX Museum to see Bugs 3D: Micro Monsters and to the Melbourne Museum to see the Bugs Alive! exhibition. The excursion was designed to enrich the students' understanding of the natural world & to introduce the life cycles, habitats & behaviors of insects.

Find out what some of the students thought about their excursion!

My favourite part of the excursion was seeing all the bugs exhibits at Melbourne Museum. (Freddy 1/2BK)

My favourite part of the excursion was the IMAX movie. (William 1/2CV)

Watching the IMAX movie was my favourite part of the excursion. The bugs were 3D so they looked like they were right in front of our faces. (Evelyn 1/2SD)



PREP EXCURSION TO WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO

On Wednesday, the 5th of August, our Prep students and teachers went to Werribee Open Range Zoo as part of their Inquiry unit Animals and their Habitats. The students were able to go in the safari bus as well as walk around the zoo to see koalas, kangaroos, zebras, gorillas and giraffes.

Find out what some of the students thought about their excursion!

I loved seeing the koala. The koala was sleeping. I saw her food & her drink.
(Lucinda)

I loved seeing the giraffes and zebras. (Nivedika)

I loved seeing the hyena, lions and tiger. (Jason)

I loved seeing the giraffes. (Minh)

I loved seeing the tigers. (Zac)

I loved seeing the snakes, lizards and the zebras. (Vinh)

I loved seeing the giraffes and lions. (Aela)

I loved seeing the giraffes, the elephants and zebras. (Sunday)

I loved seeing the giraffes and elephants. (Liunil)

I loved seeing the koalas, the kangaroos and the giraffes. The giraffes were following us on the bus. (River)

I loved seeing the lizards, snakes and the gorilla. (Solomon)

I loved seeing the giraffes. (Paul)



2026 BOOK WEEK IS AROUND THE CORNER!!!



Book Week 2026 is almost here! Book Week will be held at St. Paul's from Monday, the 24th of August to Monday, the 31st of August.

The theme for this year's Book Week is "SYMPHONY OF STORIES"

All students at St. Paul's will be participating in a number of fun activities.

The activities include

- St Paul's Staff reading books in the DC (library) each morning between 8.30-8.40am
- Our annual Book Week parade will be held on **Monday, the 24th of August** at **9.30am**. We look forward to seeing many parents, guardians and carers at our **Book Week Parade**. Parents, guardians and carers are also invited to dress up! In fact, we would be delighted to see you dressed up!
- Book Week rotations with their own teacher as well as other teachers throughout the week
- Author, Sarah Speedie, will visit our P-6 students
- Book Week Magic Show for our P-6 students

We cannot wait to share in some fun Book Week celebrations with you very soon!

ST PAUL'S GOT TALENT IS COMING!!!!

Friday, September 4



St Paul's Realba Catholic Primary School



ART SHOW



02/09/2026

3:15 PM - 4:40 PM

03/09/2026

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Invitation created by *Jayden Nguyen* 5/6 LG

A vibrant future for Catholic education in Melbourne's north-west

Across Melbourne's north-west, demand for Catholic education continues to increase, presenting an exciting opportunity to strengthen and expand the opportunities available to students throughout their secondary education.

In response, the Catholic Regional College (CRC) Federation, in partnership with MACS, has been working to create a better connected, future-focused model of Catholic secondary education. Earlier this year it was announced that CRC Caroline Springs will transition to a Years 7-12 college. We are pleased to share that the next stage of this transition will mean CRC St Albans, CRC North Keilor and CRC Sydenham will transition to a Years 7-12 educational offering, creating one school across three campuses from 2028.

Importantly, this continues to build on the strong foundations that already exist across the Federation and reflects Father O'Reilly's original vision – to respond to the evolving needs of the community and ensure young people have access to a high-quality Catholic education, now and into the future.

This next stage will provide current and future students with greater continuity throughout their education, integrated pastoral care across one school community, greater collaboration across campuses, and the sharing of resources and best practice, enabling students to access a richer and more diverse learning experience.

Over the coming months, work will occur to develop a clear transition plan that supports staff, students and their families and ensures these changes are implemented in a way that strengthens our school and its mission.



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Supporting our staff while planning for the future

Currently, all Catholic schools are working through planning and budgeting activities for 2027 to ensure we are well placed to support our staff, students and school communities in the coming year. This includes looking at how we can accommodate the changes likely to flow from a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) with school staff. We recognise the significant financial pressures many households are facing, and we are making a conscious effort to ensure these costs are not passed on through significant fee increases.

We will continue to keep our parent community informed throughout this process. As always, our focus remains on maintaining strong school communities and continuing to deliver a high-quality Catholic education for every student.



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Enrolments Closing Soon YEAR 7 2028

**Enrolment applications for current Grade 5 students close on August 14, 2026.
Don't miss your chance to apply for Year 7 2028!**

***I want my child to attend the College.
What do I do?***

1. Complete an enrolment application form.

Visit www.cccc.vic.edu.au to access and complete our online application form.

2. Submit your completed application form.

Ensure you provide all required documents with the application. A non-refundable application fee is required at the time of submission. **Applications close 14th August 2026.**

3. The College will conduct Interviews of all applicants.

Families will be invited to attend an enrolment interview with a senior staff member of the College in early September 2026.

4. Enrolment and waiting list offers will be sent to families.

Families will be notified of any offer in mid-October 2026.

5. Book a College Tour

If you would like to visit our College, please book a tour by visiting www.cccc.vic.edu.au, scanning the QR code or calling (03) 9296 5311

**Book
a Tour**



INSTAGRAM

Join Our School on Instagram!

We're excited to share the wonderful moments and special events happening at our school!

Follow us on our school Instagram page, to see photos and highlights of our students' learning and achievements and celebrations within our school community.

Stay connected and celebrate with us.

Share in the joy of our school community.

We'd love for you to like, follow and share our page with family and friends so everyone can be part of the journey!

Find us here: @sp_kealba.

Install the Instagram APP to follow our photos and videos.

https://www.instagram.com/sp_kealba?igsh=djVlazU2cHAYYjg=&utm_source=ig_contact_invite



Parents Group

A big shout out to our Parents and Friends Group. Their fundraising efforts have allowed us to refurbish the soccer pitch to maintain a safe and fun environment. On behalf of the community, thank you!

