



# **Upcoming Events**

# Year 7 Camp Group 1 - Wallaroo

Date: Monday 30 October -Wednesday 1 November

# Parents and Friends Meeting

Date: Monday 30 October -Monday 30 November

Time: 6:00pm

# Reception 2024 Transition visit including info session

Date: Tuesday 31 October

### Year 7 Camp Group 2 - Wallaroo

Date: Wednesday 1 November - Friday 3 November

# Year 5 Camp -Mylor

Date: Monday 6 November -Wednesday 8 November

#### SACE Exams begin

Date: Monday 6 November -Monday 30 November

# Reception 2024 Transition visit

Date: Tuesday 7 November

# Transition Information Parent Evening - New 2024 students

**Date: Thursday 9 November** 

Time: 5:00pm

# Student Free Day -Staff Professional Development

Date: Monday 13 November

### From the Principal



Dear Families and Friends of St Pauls.

Welcome back to Term Four!

How quickly is our year disappearing? Term four is a whirlwind of activity as we start a series of events that mark significant milestones in the lives of many of our students and their families. For our Year 12 students it is the last week of formal lessons, the last ones after thirteen years of education. For some families, having travelled halfway around the world to provide an opportunity for these students to have a better life, it is a remarkable story of sacrifice and success. We could not imagine what this journey could have been like, but we are certainly very proud and privileged to have been a part of their story.

Education is the most powerful key to unlocking a future that is full of hope and potential. This week we have held our Senior Years Community Celebration event and have acknowledged the Class of 2023 and the outstanding efforts of so many students across a wide range of areas. These include academic endeavour, co-curricular excellence, Christian Service Learning, vocational learning, and community involvement. We share these significant achievements with our families, and we congratulate the parents for all their long-lasting commitment to their children.

Today we held our Year 12 family breakfast, prepared by the staff for the students and their families and we celebrated this finale in the best way possible with our Graduation Mass. Again, this celebration is extremely emotional for the families and as a staff, we provide a guard of honour for our students as a sign of their importance and our love for them. So we offer them the very best of luck with the upcoming exams and in their very bright futures.

Despite the first of these "endpoints" for the term, we remain enormously busy with the myriad of activities and learning experiences that take place daily. We have Primary swimming, Parent/teacher interviews and an upcoming Year 7 camp. Enough to keep us on our toes.

#### Old Scholars Reunions

Last Friday evening we welcomed back many old scholars from the graduating years ending in a "3". It was extremely well attended, and it was an absolute pleasure to welcome back some former students who graduated 40 years ago and had not previously returned to their old stomping ground! So many felt a great sense of pride in how the College was looking and many stories of their school days

abounded. That time period was also represented by some St Paul's ladies, who had come to the College for their Year 12 studies. We express our thanks to the Marketing, Enrolments and Communications Department, Mrs Rachel Elgar, Mrs Tania Stone, and Mrs Kirsty Casey for all their work in preparing for this celebration.

## 2024 Student Leadership

In the first two weeks of this term, we have also elected and announced the incoming senior student leadership team for 2024.

We congratulate William M who will become the 2024 College Captain and Julian S who will be the College Vice-Captain. We are sure that these two fine young people will lead the student body with much distinction in 2024.

Joining them in the Prefect team will be:

- Dally House Captain Kye R
- Gleeson House Captain Dante B
- Marlow House Captain Jack D
- Nagle House Captain Ryan S
- O'Loughlin House Captain Christian K

Congratulations to the team and we all look forward to them providing outstanding leadership to and for the College.

God Bless

Paul Belton

# Senior Years Celebration & Awards Assembly

Wednesday we celebrated academic success at our Senior Years Awards Assembly. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognise and award students for their hard work and dedication, particularly members of our graduating class. Congratulations to all our award winners and the class of 2023.

Click here to view a full list of our award winners



Year 12 Last Day



#### **Old Scholars Reunion**

Our Old Scholars Reunion was held on Friday 20 October. It was a night of laughter, nostalgia, and rekindling old friendships. Old Scholars from 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003, and 2013 came together for the event.

The evening was made even more special by the presence of the class of 2022, who came to receive their yearbooks. It was heartwarming to see them mingling with the older generations and having a glimpse into their future alumni life.

A big thank you to everyone who attended, your presence made it a memorable event. We look forward to doing it all again next year!



# Primary Years Update

Dear Families.

Welcome back for the final term of 2023! I hope you had a refreshing break and are looking forward to all the great opportunities your child will be part of in the coming 6 weeks. They say time flies when you are having fun. It's amazing to think we are heading into Week 3 already!

This term is short and will go unbelievably quickly. Ensure you read this newsletter and all other communications from our primary years educators and leadership team so you don't miss out on important events and information. We do not want anyone to be disappointed by

not knowing.

World Teachers' Day is held internationally and usually falls during the school holidays in many parts of Australia, because of this, we celebrate World Teachers' Day on Friday 27 October. This is a time to recognise and reflect upon the positive impact teachers have on our students' lives. World Teachers' Day is a chance to say, 'thank you'. Please take the time to chat with, or message your child's teacher, or any staff member in our school, to personally thank them for their hard work, care and commitment.

There will also be very special moments for our Year 6 students as we wish them well in finishing their primary schooling and venturing into the next phase of their schooling journey here at St Paul's. At the other end of the schooling spectrum, we welcome our 2024 Receptions, next Tuesday, as they begin their transition journey into our St Paul's College family. There will also be end-of-year events to celebrate and come together as a community.

We look forward to all these moments, working towards the end of the school year. We are very privileged to belong to a wonderful college community. Let's work together over the next 6 weeks to finish 2023 reflecting on Our Common Ground in a supportive and positive manner.

As always, we look forward to continuing our positive partnership together.

Take care and have a great fortnight.

Marianne Loftus - Head of Primary Years

#### Primary Market Day Donation



Following on from their successful Market Day last term our year 6 leaders were able to provide a donation of over \$2000 to Edmund Rice Foundation Australia. The Foundation was very appreciative of the donation to help support ERFA's life-changing work. Well done Year 6!!

# Year 1 class pets

Cookie and Cream are settled into 1B and are helping the students with their learning. The tank gets cleaned out, sanitized and replenished every morning, and Caleb and Jagger are our class cleaning experts! Edin and other 1B helpers hold open the rubbish bag open and support with moving all of Cookie and Cream's toys. Miss Hoffman was very kind and gave us her shredder so we could shred paper for the tank. Cookie and Cream spend most of their day in their buddy box moving between different tables and watching the students do their work. After lunch, they have their fruit snack, with different children offering them berries. Cookie and Cream are very gentle when taking the snacks from the students and have been trained to recognise the difference between fingers and food.

Year 1B Class





St Paul's Resource Centre has eBooks and Audio books to borrow.

To login using your laptop:

Use the link below and sign in with your school login and password.

#### **Primary Library**

St Paul's College (Primary) - St Paul's College (Primary) (eplatform.co)

#### Senior Library

St Paul's College (Secondary) - St Paul's College (Secondary) (eplatform.co)

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Download the app ePlatform by Wheelers

Find St Paul's College primary library (R-6) or senior library (7-12) Sign in using your school login and password.

# Cocurricular Wrap Up

Term 4 Week 1 results here



# Colour Splatacular School Fun Run 2023 - Start your fundraising now!



Get your colour on, we are hosting a Colour Splatacular School Fun Run fundraiser again! This year's charity is The Edmund Rice Foundation Australia.

The Colour Splatacular School Fun Run will be on Activities Day 8 December 2023 for students in Reception to Year 8.

Not only are we hosting an awesome slime and colour event, students can order up to a total of 5 prizes based on their donations received. They can even mix and match!

Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem your prizes.

Extra incentives to fundraise!

- Online Golden Coins complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- \$10,000 JB HI FI Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student it could be you!
- Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2023.
- A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

For more information, please contact Mr Gillard.

#### Homework Club

Monday to Thursday, between 3.30pm and 4.30pm, students from Years 5 to 12 are welcome to attend Homework Club in the Resource Centre. Staffing for Week 3 and Week 4 will be:

Week 3

Monday - Peter Judd

Tuesday - Bernie Cummings

Wednesday - Paul Elliott

Thursday - Rachel Lynds - English & HASS

Week 4

Monday - Craig Coomblas

Tuesday - Sarah Fedele - Art

Wednesday - Emily White

Thursday - Matt Bailey

#### **Extend OSHC**



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