



SPAN NEWS

St. Paul Apostle North School

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Term 4

End of the Year Edition 2022

*We are proud to
acknowledge the
Bunerong & Wurundjeri
peoples as the
traditional owners of the
land.*

St Paul Apostle North Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of every student in our care. We strive to create an environment where young people feel valued, included and are encouraged to have a voice.

Prayer

A Christmas Prayer for Families

Loving God,
During this holy season of Christmas,
we ask for your blessing on all
families.

Let Mary's openness to your
wondrous ways be an inspiration
to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope
during times of anxiety and
uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with
a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the
Holy Family widen to embrace all
families.

For this we pray.
Amen.



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Mary's Christmas Message

A whole year together at last!!! We made it through to the end. Thank you to all the families who supported us throughout the year in all sorts of capacities. A special thank you to our hard working PFA and a warm welcome to those who have come on board this year and contributed so much to the PFA and the school.

Thank you to our new School Advisory Council. We look forward to continuing that special work next year. We still need 2 more volunteers to join this group, who meet twice a term, on a Tuesday at 5:30pm to advise on matters of policy, building and maintenance, uniform etc.

Thank you to the incredibly dedicated staff who always go the extra mile for your children, their education and their wellbeing. We wish Sarah Maher all the best as she looks forward to the birth of her first child in February.

We welcome Amanda Unwin into the 1/2 team. We have had 3 new enrolments in the 1/2 area in the last two weeks. This meant that the classes, which were already large, became unacceptably so. We then had to advertise for an extra teacher and go through the interview process. We were incredibly fortunate to employ Amanda, an experienced teacher who brings with her a wealth of knowledge and a background in Student Wellbeing. Unfortunately the timeline meant that we only secured Amanda on Wednesday evening. We apologise for not being able to announce her appointment before last Thursday but know you will make her welcome.

Thank you to all your children who have been such a pleasure to be with this year. They truly have been 'One Family' as they worked and played together, always supporting each other and finding joy in each others' successes. Particularly thanks to our Year 6 graduates who led by example every step of the way, each of whose behaviour, work ethic and enthusiasm were a shining example to our younger students.

We have 49 new Preps coming in next year, and a further 5 new students across the school. At the same time, we farewell Tobit and Selina who are moving to different schools. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning and growing together.

May the peace and joy of the Christmas season be with you and your families as I wish every one of you a wonderful Christmas, holiday and New Year.

Mary

2023 Class Teachers

Prep D	Emma Lucas (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday) Lauren Wright (Thursday)
Prep E	GraceMaree Rechichi-Boulter (Monday-Thursday) Julie Wright (Thursday & Friday)
1/2B	Jess Lloyd
1/2C	Amanda Unwin
1/2G	Cynthia McNicol (Monday-Thursday) Lorraine Dorio (Friday)
3/4K	Bianca McInerney (Monday-Thursday) Christine Ly (Friday)
3/4R	Karen Hutchinson
5/6M	Ebony Marcolongo Monique Fallace (Wednesday, Friday)
5/6P	Kirsty Staddon (Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri) Monique Fallace (Thursday)

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

Friday 16th	Reports Available Online Last Day for Students
Sunday 17th	Fourth Sunday of Advent

January

Monday 30th	First Day of School for all students
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February

Wednesday 1st	No School for Preps
Friday 3rd	Welcome Back to School Assembly @ 2:30PM
Tuesday 7th	Parent Information & Picnic Night @ 5PM
Wednesday 8th	No School for Preps
Friday 10th	Swimming (Every Friday)
Monday 13th	Beginning of School Year Mass @ 11:30AM in the Church
Tuesday 15th	School Advisory Council @ 5:30PM
Wednesday 16th	No School for Preps
Friday 17th	Swimming (Every Friday)
Tuesday 21st	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 22nd	Ash Wednesday—Liturgy Year 5/6 Camp No School for Preps
Thursday 23rd	Year 5/6 Camp
Friday 24th	Swimming (Every Friday) Year 5/6 Camp
Sunday 26th	First Sunday of Lent
Monday 27th	Preps Full Time Beginning This Week



Sacrament of Confirmation



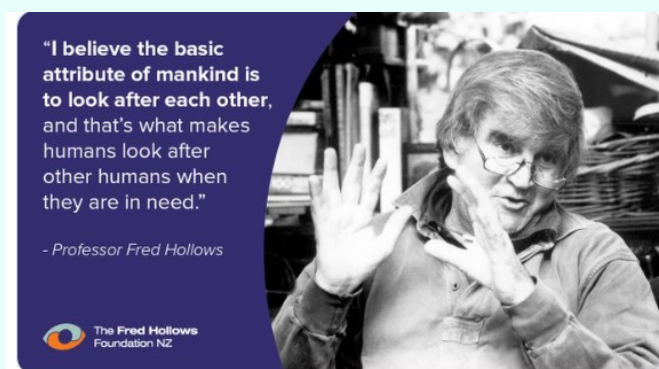
Congratulations to the Year 6 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you in faith and love.





The Fred Hollows Foundation celebrates Year 6 students who are making a positive difference in their community through the Fred Hollows Humanity Award. The Award recognises Year 6 students who show kindness, compassion and integrity in their everyday lives, just as Fred did. Since 2012 the award has celebrated more than 2000 students nationwide.

This year we would like to congratulate **Samantha** who consistently displays our school values of Care, Respect and Responsibility with pride.



Community Spirit and Leadership Award

The Community Spirit and Leadership Award is awarded to a student from each school in the Bruce electorate to be recognised for their community spirit, service and leadership. Young people demonstrating community leadership both inside and outside the school community is so important. It leads to better and stronger communities. The Awards recognise these important contributions and encourage more young people to get involved.

This year we would like to congratulate **Grace** whose leadership has made a positive impact on our school community.

SCHOOL SUPERVISION TIMES 8.30am-3.40pm Supervision before school commences at 8.30am. Children should not arrive at school before this time. Students need to be at school by 8.45am for 8.50am start. School finishes at 3.20pm. Teachers are on duty until 3.40pm. Students need to be collected by 3.40pm. The school has an Out of School Hours Care Program to assist families.

SCHOOL GATES Please note that, for the safety of your children, the school gates will be locked between **9.00am** and **3.10pm** every day. The gates will be locked at 3.40pm. Please ensure that you do not park at the back of the school after this time as you will be locked in.

CANTEEN The canteen operates every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

UNIFORM SHOP The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday from 8.30am-10.00am in the Specialist Block. Uniforms can also be purchased directly from our suppliers, KLAD Sports (8 Macro Court, Rowville. 9763-0266).

Good quality secondhand uniforms are also available. Please enquire at the school office.

Junior Nativity





Year 5/6 Excursion
to Luna Park



Year 6 Graduation

Colour Run



SPAN Choir



Our SPAN Choir participated in the annual Christmas concert at the Endeavour Hills Library. We also visited the Calvary Viewhills Manor Aged Care to serenade the residents with Christmas carols.



Wellbeing

Visiting Calvary Viewhills Manor Aged Care

This term, one of our student leadership groups (Jasper, Noah, Samantha, Aleksia, Jazmin and Lily) volunteered to go to the Calvary View Hills Manor Aged Care with Miss Lucas and Mrs Fallace. They went to the retirement home to spread kindness and to promote looking after one another's social health. When the students arrived at the retirement village, they gave the elders cards with lots of positive messages. They also played board games and talked to them about their life before and at the aged care. The students learnt many life lessons from these conversations that they will carry with them forever.



Grade 3/4 Big Day Out



World Cup!

Many of our students have been following the World Cup which is well underway.

SPAN celebrated the beginning of the FIFA World Cup by having a soccer shirt day at school. Members from Melbourne City FC also came to visit and run lunchtime soccer games. They even gave out some prizes for children who showed great sporting values. Some of our Grade 5 leaders helped run the sessions and were fantastic role models to our younger students by showing teamwork, respect, care, inclusivity and positivity. We are looking forward to continuing a partnership with Melbourne City FC who are now based in the City of Casey. You might like to check out some of the Women's A League games at Casey Fields. There's a chance you'll see one of the Matilda's playing there, getting ready for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup!



Chess Club!



Music Bus lessons at our school! Join Now!

The Music Bus runs lessons each week at our school.

Lessons are available in:

- Keyboard (Prep-y6)
- Ukulele (Prep - y6)
- Drums (y1 -y6)
- Guitar (Y2 - y6)

Lessons are:

- * 30 minute duration - once per week
- * held in the hi tech music classroom on wheels on our site
- * cost \$20 per week (\$22 drums) payable by the term on commencement

If you wish to take part please complete this expression of interest form asap

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ee4627a5204c46158e1ab17e7c8069c6>

Community News



FREE

North
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**St Paul Apostle
North Playgroup**

We invite you to join us for a
playgroup working with you to
support your child's development.

**Every Tuesday
9:15 - 11:00AM**

**PLEASE CALL
9700 6068**

Prep 2023 & Beyond



We are currently accepting enrolments for Prep 2023. Please spread the word if you know anyone who is looking for a dynamic and welcoming school. St Paul Apostle North is the place to be!