

St. Paul's Primary School

Monbulk, Victoria



Together

*Active in the Spirit
Journeying in God's love
Striving for success
Reaching out to all*

News Sheet

Thursday, 1 February 2018

Term 1—Week 1

2018 The Year of Youth

No. 1 of 2018

(Australian Catholic Bishops Council)

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

Monday 5

Welcome Assembly—2.10pm

Wednesday 7

Beginning of School Year

Mass—9 to 10am

Wednesday 14

Ash Wednesday Mass—9am

Thursday 15

Police Cybersafety Parent Info
Session—7 to 8pm

Friday 16

Open Water Learning Experience
Day (OWLE) - Whole School

Monday 19

Assembly—2.10pm

Tuesday 27

OPEN DAY



Have a great year!

School Supervision Times:

8:25am—3:15pm

Please ensure that children are not
dropped off at school prior to 8:25am
and are collected from classrooms by
3:15pm

School Advisory Board

Wednesday 21 Feb—7pm

UNIFORM SHOP CONTACTS

[Uniform Shop](#)

Mariske de Wit—0418 516 464

[Secondhand Uniform](#)

Tanya Hammond—0400 421 300

Prayer for A New School Year

In this new school year

May the God of beginnings guide our way

May the Spirit of hope lift our hearts

May Jesus the teacher impart his wisdom

May Jesus be our inspiration in all that we undertake so that our school may
be a place of growth for all who come here to teach and to learn.

Bless everyone in St. Paul's school community.

We make this prayer through Jesus your Son. Amen.

From the Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the new school year. It was great to welcome all families back today, and the students are looking refreshed after their break over summer. The staff officially commenced last Monday, although many have been working at school over the past weeks in preparation for the term ahead. I wish to thank our staff for their dedication in preparing for the beginning of the year.

Our Newsletter communications will continue as per 2017, with a "News Sheet" and a "Newsletter" alternating each week. The News Sheet will be a 2-3 page summary of important dates and reminders. The Newsletter will be our larger publication with school highlights, events, information, dates and reminders. Every Thursday families will receive either a Newsletter or a News Sheet via email.



Fr Geoff McIlroy

Fr Geoff McIlroy began as our new Parish Administrator in early January. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Fr Geoff over the past month, he has settled in very nicely to his new surrounds in the Parish of St Thomas More's. Fr Geoff is looking forward to introducing himself to you, our families, over time and he will spend time visiting the classrooms throughout the first part of this year.

2018 Preps and New Families

Today our 15 Prep students experience their first day of school! This is a momentous occasion for families and particularly special for the child themselves. For many of us our first day of school is etched in our memories, and often life long friendships are forged on this day. We thank our Prep families for entrusting your children into our care and we say WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S: Amon, Benji, Clodagh, Esther, Georgia, Grace, Jessica, Joep, Lexi, Liam, Lola, Lucas, Olivia, Ryder and Sebastian.



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Banking Details

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

8.30am to 4.00pm

Friday—8.30am to 3.30pm

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Mrs Helen Dinkgreve

PARISH

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Father Geoffrey McIlroy

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SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

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Tanya Hammond

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Mariske de Wit

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Steve Hooper

Mary Larkin

PARENTS & FRIENDS

President—Jacqui Hooper

Banking Details

St Paul's Parents & Friends

Bank: Bendigo Bank

BSB No. 633 000

Account Number: 147509038

After School Care Program

After The Bell

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Bookings & Enquiries

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From the Principal (continued)

All families at St Paul's know that we provide a high quality education with a special personal touch. This nurturing environment is evident to all those that visit us, and this year, on behalf of the St Paul's community, we also welcome the following children and their families: Savanna (Yr 1), Oliver (Yr 2), Callum (Yr 5), Elise (Yr 5), Sinead (Y 5) and Elida (Yr 6). I know that our established families will take the opportunity to introduce themselves to our new families and help them become familiar with our vibrant school and parish community.

2018 New and Returning Staff—Welcome!

This year one new staff member joins our team. We welcome Signora Anita Natale to the role of Languages Assistant. Signora Anita is charged with supporting our languages program and helping Signora Cook and myself to lift the profile and outcomes of Italian.

Mrs Dale Porto returns to St Paul's as Year 5/6P teacher for 2018. Dale has past experience in various roles at St Paul's and we are thrilled to have her back following her parental leave.

We extend a very warm welcome to all new families and staff.

SPECIALIST CLASSES

During 2018 the specialist classes of Music/Performing Arts and Italian will be held on Tuesdays, while Phys Ed will remain on Thursdays. All children are to wear their full sports uniform on Thursdays, commencing 8 February. Individual classes will be notified by their teachers as to which other day children will be required to wear sports uniform. Visual Arts will run on Wednesdays (2/3VR and 3/4HP) and Fridays (5/6P; 5/6B and P/1CR).

SUN SMART

All children must wear school hats every day during Terms 1 and 4. Sun hats are always to be worn to Phys Ed and Sport classes.

HOLIDAY MAINTENANCE

During the holiday period a number of maintenance tasks were completed around the school: All gutters were cleaned of leaves, while branches overhanging the main buildings were pruned; shrubs and plants were cut back; lawns mowed; reverse cycle air conditioning units were serviced; carpets were steam cleaned; vinyl surfaces were cleaned and polished; windows were washed (both internal and external) and we had the school pressure cleaned.

BUILDING PROJECT

We are about to embark on a refurbishment of the library and 4 classrooms. We will create attractive contemporary learning spaces, that offer flexibility and comfort for staff and students. Over the holidays the first significant stage of the project was completed—our roof replacement works. The roofing work was carried out by "Rain Shield Roofing". The internal refurbishment will be completed by "Formula Interiors". Next week I will meet with the Formula Interiors management team to determine the start date.

2018 CLOSURE DAYS

The following days in 2018 are PUPIL FREE. This means there is no school for students on:

- Friday 9 March
- Friday 18 May
- Friday 10 August
- Monday 5 November
- Friday 30 November

2018 BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS

This Wednesday, 7 February, at 9:00am, we will hold our Beginning of School Year Mass. All welcome!

Kind Regards,



Michael Watt
Principal

Messages from the Office ... *Welcome back!*

- Please remember to login to Care Monkey to update the Student Profiles for your child/ren—it is essential that we have current medical, contact and family details for all students as soon as possible.
- Please return icy pole notices by Wednesday, 7 February to ensure your children don't miss out next week.
- When sending any money to school with your children please:
 - ⇒ Place CORRECT money in a SEALED envelope
 - ⇒ Write your child's NAME and CLASS on the outside of the envelope
 - ⇒ Write WHAT THE MONEY IS FOR on the outside of the envelope
 - ⇒ Include any required FORMS (make sure they are filled out first)
 - ⇒ Ask your child to place the envelope in the BLACK TUB in his/her classroom



Congratulations to Kirsty, James, Alyssa (2/3VR) & Jessica (P/1CR) on the arrival of a happy, healthy baby boy!

HARRISON JAMES arrived safe and well on 11 January 2018.



Do you have our School App—Updat-ed?

To assist in communicating with our families in a more effective and timely manner, we'd love to be able to communicate with 100% of our families via our school app.

Please visit the school office if you are having trouble accessing or downloading to your device.



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OSHC Session Information

St Paul's Primary School

After School Care

Monday to Friday- 3.10pm to 6.15pm

Permanent Cost: \$10.40 - \$30.00* per child/per session

Casual Cost: \$12.12 - \$33.00* per child/per session
(A nutritional Afternoon Tea is provided)

Pupil Free Day

During Non-Teaching Days

(minimum of 12 children to operate)

Time-7.30am to 6.00pm

Base Rate: \$9.37 - \$60.00* per child/per day
(A nutritional Breakfast and Afternoon Tea are provided)

*Cost will vary per session/child depending of Government rebate eligibility



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After The Bell Australia— After School Care

Over the past 2 years, since the introduction of Ministerial Order No 870 Child Safe Standards, compliance around Duty of Care and Child Safety policies and procedures has risen dramatically. As a society we are all bound by this new legislation.

It is now a requirement that all St Paul's students, whether families access the service or not, be enrolled in After School Care with After The Bell Australia.

There are two ways that families can enrol:

- Families were given a **hard copy** of the enrolment form in Term 4 2017. This can be filled in and returned to the school office or the After The Bell Australia office: 1220 Burwood Hwy, Upper Ferntree Gully.

OR

- Enrol **online** by visiting the After the Bell website: <https://www.afterthebell.com.au/> and click ENROL NOW.