

ST PAULUS NEWSFLASH

6 Feb.
2026

INTERHOUSE GALA AND PTA FUNDRAISING

We have made the decision to move the Interhouse Gala to Saturday, 14 March. While the final municipal administrative process is progressing within expected timelines, we've chosen to play it safe — giving our little children plenty of time to get comfortable and confident in the pool before the big day.

As always, our decisions are guided by what is best for our children and we know the extra preparation time will make for an even more joyful, successful gala. Please pop the new date into your diaries — we can't wait to see families there, cheering loudly and celebrating together!



Thank you to our PTA, who continue to work behind the scenes in preparation of the gala, with fundraising initiatives in full swing — especially the much-anticipated annual PTA Raffle. Raffle notices and booklets have been sent home, and we encourage every family to get involved. There are fantastic prizes up for grabs, and all proceeds go towards those special “nice-to-haves” that enrich daily school life for our children. Thank you, as always, for your generous support and for helping us build a vibrant, thriving school community.

HAPPY 64th BIRTHDAY, ST PAULUS!

St Paulus turns 64 on Wednesday, 11 February, and we are ready to celebrate! We will kick off the day with a whole-school Mass at 07:45, followed by a delicious ice cream treat for all our children.

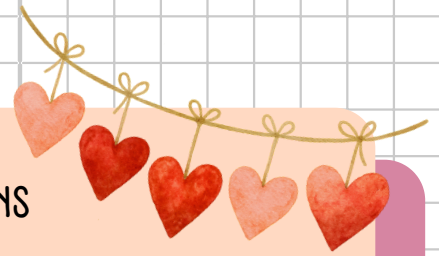
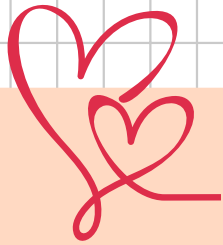
Parents are warmly invited to join us for this special celebratory Mass as we give thanks for our wonderful school community.



SCHOOL POLICIES

Attached to this Newsflash is the Absenteeism Policy. We ask that you take the time to familiarise yourself with this policy. A reminder that all our policies are available at

[St Paulus Policies](#)



VALENTINE'S DAY AND CIVVIES CELEBRATIONS

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." – Mother Teresa

Our annual Valentines Fair will take place on Friday, 13 February. The Valentine's Fair is a Grade 7 Fundraising Campaign where our leadership groups sell 'Valentines treats and novelties'. For your convenience, a list of the items will be shared on the WhatsApp groups next week.

On the day, our children are welcome to come dressed in red, white or pink to celebrate Valentines Day and the Fair. The cost of this civvies day is R10, which will support the Grade 7 Fundraising Campaign.

SHROVE TUESDAY AND PANCAKES!

Shrove Tuesday is the joyful day before Lent begins – traditionally a time to pause, reflect, and "clear the slate" before the season leading up to Easter. Long ago, families used up rich ingredients like eggs, milk, and sugar before the Lenten fast... and what better way than pancakes? So, flipping pancakes became a delicious tradition!

Lent this year begins on Ash Wednesday, 18 February 2026, therefore we celebrate Shrove Tuesday on 17 February. For this, we are asking our parents for some help! 🥞

We are looking for a few Mums (or Dads 😊) who would be willing to bake about 25 pancakes on Shrove Tuesday to give each child and staff member a pancake on the day. If you would like to support us, please sign up below:

[Shrove Tuesday Pancakes](#)





GET INVOLVED IN THE ST PAULUS COMMUNITY!

We warmly invite all parents to become an active part of the St Paulus family. There are many ways to get involved — join the PTA, help out with Recycling, or become part of the Melican Moms. Share your skills, lend a hand, and support our school in creating a vibrant, nurturing environment for all our children.

Your time and talents make a real difference — if you are interested please reach out to:

PTA – Claire Lombard (clairemlombard@gmail.com)

Recycling - Olga Rüttsch (olga@stpaulus.co.za)

Melican Moms – Jennifer Myburgh (jennifer@stpaulus.co.za)



PLEASE, PARENTS: HANDS OFF (THE CLASSROOMS, THAT IS!)



Again, I must remind parents that entering the school building, Pre-School enclosure and classrooms during the academic day — even for birthdays — is not allowed. Unannounced visits are disruptive, undermine the school's protocols, and are not in the best interest of any child.

Think of it this way: by allowing your child to be their own person at school, the day runs smoother, your child stays focused, and we all get to run the day, including birthday celebrations, in a planned and safe way. You are always welcome to come to reception, where Mrs Fincham, Mrs Bedeker and Mrs Leso will be able to deliver messages, birthday treats, or lost and forgotten sports gear. Thank you for sticking to the rules — we promise your little ones won't forget you!

RECYCLING RESULTS

Congratulations to our weekly winners:

Foundation Phase:	1V
Intersen Phase:	40
Winning House:	Dominicus



MIDTERM BREAK

A reminder that 20 – 23 February is midterm break! School closes at 16:00 on Thursday, 19 February, and re-opens on Tuesday, 24 February.



NewsFlash Sports Page - The Final Whistle



Results 26 – 30 January

Cricket:

U13A vs WHPS rain cancellation.

U12A vs won by 8 wickets

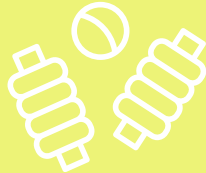
U13/U12C vs WHPS rain cancellation.

U11A & U10A vs Amberfield College rain cancellation.

U10B vs lost by 107 runs

U9A vs won by 6 wickets

U9B vs lost by 7 wickets



Tennis:

Tennis U11 Girls vs Stephanus Roos lost 39 - 3

Tennis U11A Boys vs Curro Hazeldean won 44 - 3

Tennis U11B Boys vs Anton van Wouw won 18 - 8

Tennis Open Boys vs Die Poort to be replayed

Tennis Open Girls vs Lynnwood lost 44 - 2

Swimming:

Swimming Gala at Pretoria Oos

- Friendly



Fixtures 09 – 13 February 2026:

Monday, 09 February:

Tennis U11 Girls vs Eduplex at Premiere Tennis Academy

Tennis U11A Boys vs Menlopark at STP

Tennis U11B Boys BYE

Tennis Open Boys vs DSP at STP

Tennis Open Girls vs Woodhill College at Woodhill College

Tuesday, 10 February:

Cricket U13A vs Southdowns College at Southdowns College

Cricket U12A vs Southdowns College at STP

Cricket U13B vs WHPS at STP

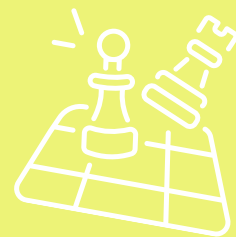
Wednesday, 11 February:

Cricket U11A vs Hatfield Christian School at Hatfield Christian School

Cricket U11B vs Irene at Irene

Cricket U10A vs Hatfield Christian School at STP

Cricket U10B vs Irene at STP



Thursday, 12 February:

Cricket U9A vs Hatfield Christian School at STP

Cricket U9B vs Irene at STP

Chess vs Rietondale Primary School / Hatfield Christian School at Rietondale



Friday, 13 February:

Swimming Gala at Woodhill College

Supporting a sports team is a valuable lesson for children; over time, a child will learn to stick with a team not only when they are on top, but also when they are at the bottom. This is true for life as well.



IMPORTANT TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS



Buses will depart St Paulus at **13:45** to various venues. We are scheduled to be back at school at 17:30. If for any reason there is a delay, or we are to return early, a message will be sent out to the relevant parties. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

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Extra-lessons will be hosted at St. Paulus School.

PLAYFUL WONDERS PATHWAYS



S.T.E.A.M
Imagining
CLUB

Science
Technology
Engineering
Art
Mathematics

Where curiosity sparks innovation and fuels confidence.

THINK, BUILD, EXPERIMENT, IMAGINE.

SCIENCE: Exploring scientific phenomena through experimentation and observation.

TECHNOLOGY: Developing technological skills by coding, exploring, and creating with digital tools.

ENGINEERING: Solving authentic design challenges using practical solutions.

ART: Applying scientific concepts and technology to produce bold, meaningful art and craft projects.

MATHEMATICS: Strengthening problem-solving, logical thinking, and collaboration.



Grade 1 - 7
Weekly Lessons
Monday or Wednesday
R1 300 per term



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**ST. PAULUS PRE-PRIMARY
AND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Tuck Shop
PRE-ORDERS

AWAY GAMES

HOME GAMES

PARTY PACKS



Life
HACK
Why Order Ahead

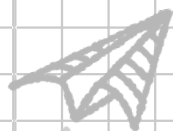
Order pre-packed lunches for external activities to ensure your child has cold beverages, fresh food & snacks to take with them.

Birthday Party
Parcels

We also prepare small Birthday Parcels and have them delivered for your convenience.

ENSURES THAT EACH CHILD HAS A FOOD PARCEL TAILOURED TO WHAT THEY PREFER. TO BE PACKED AND READY FOR WHEN THEY HAVE AWAY FIXTURES.

For more information:
Please WhatsApp
Mel (071) 788 3541



THERE ARE TWO
GIFTS WE SHOULD
GIVE OUR CHILDREN;
ONE IS ROOTS, AND
THE OTHER IS WINGS.

“It is good to teach, if he who teaches acts with good example.” – St Ignatius of Antioch