



ST PAULUS NEWSFLASH



WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS

Our School theme for the year is 'Walking in the Footsteps of the Saints'. While we know our children are not saints (although it would be nice sometimes...), the theme is aimed at helping our children to make small 'awesome' choices, every day, just like the saints did.



The theme reminds us that the saints were ordinary people who did not become holy by doing extraordinary things all the time, but by doing ordinary 'awesome' things with great love, every day.

Through this theme, we encourage our children to think about how they can "Walk in the Footsteps of the Saints" in simple, practical ways every day — by choosing kindness, respect, courage, responsibility and love in their everyday life.

By living these values at school each day, we hope that our children will learn how small actions can contribute to a kinder and stronger community, country and world (at St Paulus we really aim high 😊).



PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE

A reminder to Parents to please:

- Read and sign the Code of Conduct in your child's school diary (Grade 2 – 7).
- Complete and return your child's indemnity form with a copy of your ID and medical aid card.
- Complete and return your Family Information Form.
- Ensure your access disc is clearly displayed on Monday morning.

Please note that Security will stop and fully scan to permit access to parents who are not displaying 2026 access stickers from Monday, 26 January (Access to School Premises Policy attached).

GRADE 4 STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP

Good luck to all of our Grade 4 children (and their parents 😊) who will be attending a Study Skills Workshop on Saturday, 31 January.

The workshop, presented by Elevate Education, is an opportunity for our Grade 4s to learn essential study skills and methods, and for parents to be present and assist them while they learn.



Welcome!

MEET OUR NEW STAFF

We extend a very warm welcome to our new staff members joining St Paulus this year. We are delighted to have you as part of our community and wish you every success and happiness as you begin your journey with St Paulus.



Mrs Mooloo (Grade 3)



Mrs De Sousa Melim (Grade 2)

RETIREMENT OF MS VAN ZYL

Ms Anel van Zyl, our Digital Innovation (previously Computers) Teacher, will be retiring at the end of January 2026. Ms van Zyl has given many years of dedicated service to St Paulus, during which she has played a significant role in shaping and strengthening computer skills across the grades. She has also shared her passion and love for hockey with many of our children, past and present, enriching the sport at our School. We thank Ms van Zyl sincerely for all she has contributed to St Paulus and wish her every blessing as she begins this new chapter, with well-earned time to enjoy with her family.

RECYCLING

Our weekly Recycling Class Competition is up and running. For Grade 1 – 7 we do not limit the type of recycling that must be sent each week – all recycling is welcome.

- Tuesdays: Grade 5 & 6
- Wednesdays: Grade 1 & 2
- Thursdays: Grade 3 & 4
- Fridays: Grade 7

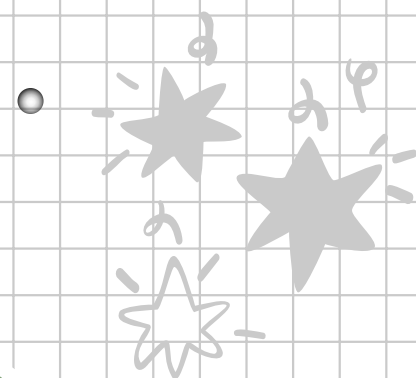


Please ensure that all recycling sent is washed and squashed, and is a material that can be recycled. Unfortunately we have had some children bringing regular domestic refuse and not recyclable materials. For your convenience we have attached our Recycling Pamphlet clearly indicating what we do and don't recycle.

SWIMMING AWARD

Daniella da Silva (Grade 3F), took part in the Tshwane Mayor's Gala held in December 2025, where she received gold medals for the 100 Meter Back Stroke and 50 Meter Freestyle, and silver medals for the 100 Meter Breaststroke and 50 Meter Backstroke.

Congratulations! We are very proud of you.



CHOIR BOOTCAMP

GR 4-7

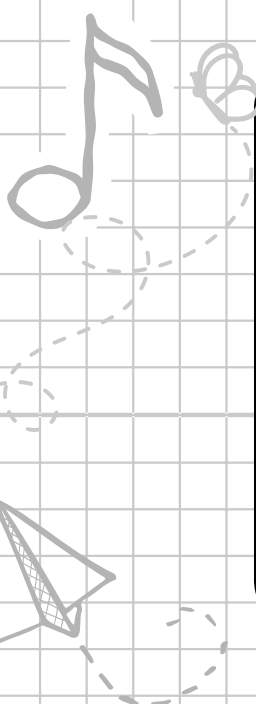


7 Feb
8h45 - 13h00

Singing & vocal skills, learning songs, teamwork & confidence, games & fun!

COME AND SEE WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT

Choir Bootcamp letter available
from Mrs Viljoen



For each Sporting Code there is a dedicated information WA Group.

If you find that you are not on your child's Sport WA Group, please contact Mr Cardoso:

hodsport@stpaulus.co.za



A reminder that an annual upfront discounted fee of 4% is applied if all fees are paid in full by 31 January, via EFT.

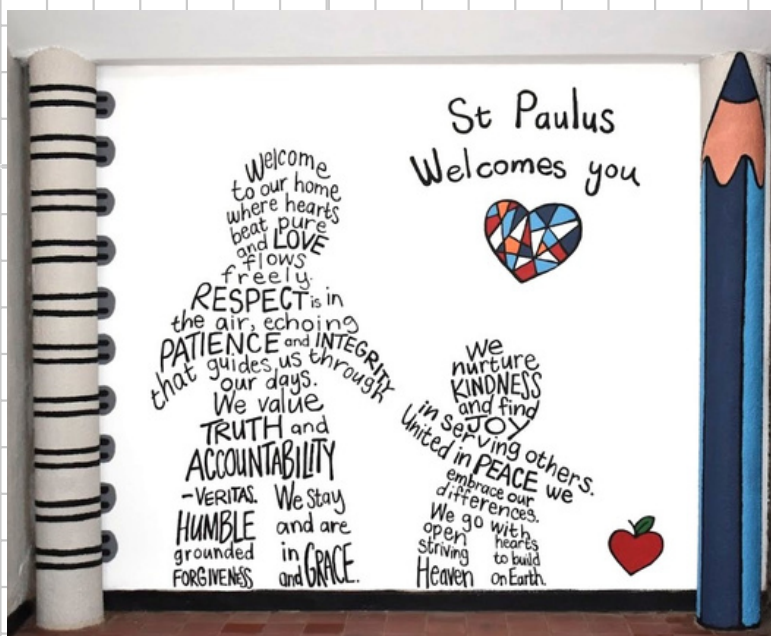


St Paulus
Welcomes you



Welcome to our home where hearts beat pure and LOVE flows freely. RESPECT is in the air, echoing PATIENCE and INTEGRITY guides us through our days. We value TRUTH and ACCOUNTABILITY. - VERITAS. We stay humble and are grounded in GRACE. FORGIVENESS

We nurture KINDNESS and find JOY in serving others. United in PEACE we embrace our differences. We go with open hearts to build Heaven on Earth.



GRADE 7 OUTREACH

As part of our Grade 7 Service and Leadership Programme, our Grade 7s will be visiting Wollies Animal Shelter on Thursday, 19 February. As part of this outreach, we will be collecting much needed dog and cat food and blankets to donate on the day. Should you wish to support this outreach project, please send your donation to school by 18 February.

Support Wollies Animal Shelter!

GRADE 7 OUTREACH

Donate
Dog Food,
Cat Food &
Blankets.

Please send all donations
by 18 February.



WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 27 January:

Cricket League:

U13A vs WHPS at STP

U12A vs WHPS at WHPS

U13/12C vs WHPS at STP

Wednesday, 28 January:

Cricket League:

U11A vs Amberfield at STP

U11B vs Waterkloof at Waterkloof

U10A vs Amberfield at Amberfield

U10B vs Waterkloof at STP

Thursday, 29 January:

Cricket League:

U9A vs Amberfield at STP

Friday, 30 January:

Swimming Gala at Tygervally College

Buses will leave at
13:45 and be back at
school at 17:30. If
there is a change, such
as weather, or a game
that ends late, parents
will be notified.

Wishing you and your family
a restful weekend filled with
meaningful footsteps.

Louise Bukowski



Walk a little slower
said a child so very small.
"I'm following in your footsteps
and I don't want to fall.
Sometimes your steps are very fast,
sometimes they're hard to see;
so walk a little slower
for you are leading me.
Someday when I am grown up,
you're what I want to be;
then I will have a little child
who'll want to follow me.
And I would want to lead just right,
and know that I was true;
So walk a little slower,
for I must follow you."

"Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me." - Psalm 119:133