



ST PAULUS NEWSFLASH

30 Jan.
2026

NEXT WEEK IS **English** WEEK!

St Paulus is dedicating 2 – 6 February to celebrating the English Language – next week is English Week!

Please watch the Grade WhatsApp groups for more information on the following fun events:

2 – 6 February: Book Donation Drive (Please donate your gently loved books so we can help them find a new loving home.)

4 February: Hooked on Books Show for Grade 1 - 7

4 – 6 February: Bargain Books Display in the Hall Foyer from 09:00 – 16:00 (Please drop in to see the books on offer.)

5 February: Drop Everything and Read

6 February: Book Character Dress-up Day



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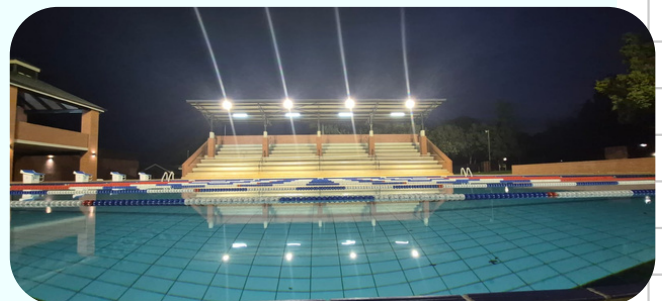


STP POOL ARENA

Once again, I would like to thank our St Paulus community for your patience as we await the completion of the municipal administrative process to open the Pool Arena. We are pleased to report that progress is moving positively, and we expect all requirements to be finalised shortly.

Unless we communicate otherwise, we expect — and are excited — for our Interhouse Gala to go ahead as planned on 14 February.

We will continue to keep you updated every step of the way.



RAINY DAYS AND LIGHTNING PROTOCOLS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE



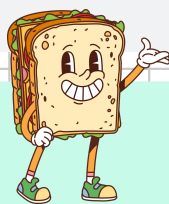
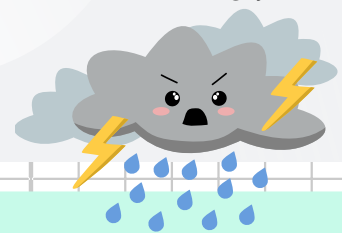
We would like to thank our parents for their patience and understanding on rainy days, particularly when weather conditions cause time delays at collection times. We appreciate your support coming in up to the school building to collect your child.

For safety reasons, the School is required to follow strict Lightning Safety Protocols. We use an early lightning detection system (Afri-Weather), linked to the South African Weather Service, which detects grounded lightning within a 20 km radius (risk) and within a 10 km radius (extreme risk). When lightning is detected within 10 km, the lightning alarm is activated and children are sheltered in designated safe areas.

Please note that parents may not always see or hear lightning, even when the alarm is active. However, the lightning may still be close enough to pose a risk, and the School is obligated to act in the interest of safety.

In the event of a lightning alarm, we will communicate collection arrangements via the Grade WhatsApp Groups. Parents are welcome to walk up to the school building, where an HOD and staff members will be on duty to assist you in locating your child.

That said, I must emphasise the importance of all interactions with staff remaining courteous and respectful (which has unfortunately not been the case 😞). A little grace from both teachers and parents goes a long way in maintaining a happy and healthy school community. Please remember – we do not place orders for inclement weather; it arrives unannounced and is very much beyond our control. What is within our control, however, is keeping your child safe, and that will always be our priority.



HEALTHY EATING AND PARTY PACKS

To promote a healthy lifestyle, we ask that you ensure your child has a healthy packed lunch daily. Please avoid foods that are high in sugar. Children must also have a water-bottle, filled with water. Please note that fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not allowed and will be taken from your child and sent home, if sent to school.

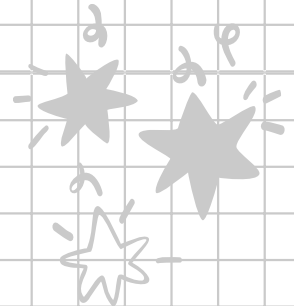
We also ask that you limit inclusions in party-packs for your child's birthday. Send either a cupcake, a doughnut or a small, sweet treat (not all three 😊). Apart from the importance of limiting sugar intake to a manageable amount so that teaching and learning can take place, we also want to instil in our children the value of *Less is More*. Not all parents have the means to send party packs bursting with goodies; keeping to the *Less is More* value keeps little hearts from being unnecessarily hurt, too.

WHERE IS YOUR CHILD BEING COLLECTED? PLEASE SUPPORT US!



To ensure that children are supervised at all times, we do not permit children to wait to be collected from the Tuckshop Parking Area. Please note that any children found waiting in this area will be directed to the Main Parking Area.

We ask that parents arrange accordingly with their children and do not request that they wait in the Tuckshop Parking Area. Your support in this matter helps us maintain proper supervision and ensures the safety of all children.



MEET OUR NEW STAFF

We are pleased to introduce Ms Kholofelo Molepo, who has joined our staff as the Personal Assistant (PA) to the Principal. We welcome Ms Molepo, with her enthusiastic and supportive spirit. Ms Molepo is a key point of contact for Mrs Bukowski (principal-pa@stpaulus.co.za).



RECYCLING RESULTS

Congratulations to our weekly winners:



Foundation Phase:	1V
Intersen Phase:	4S
Winning House	Paulus

CLOTHING SHOP

Please be aware that, due to circumstances beyond our control, the shop is temporarily out of stock of the following items:

- Blue Golf (PT) Shirts
- Cricket Match Shirts (white)



In the meantime, we do have a selection of second-hand items available that can be borrowed until the new stock arrives. If your child requires any essential match clothing, please reach out to their class teacher, and we will gladly assist where we can.

Support Wollies Animal Shelter!

GRADE 7 OUTREACH

Donate
Dog Food,
Cat Food &
Blankets.

Please send all donations
by 18 February.



Newsflash Sports Page - The Final Whistle

Welcome to the newest addition to the NF -  - our weekly sporting update called the **Final Whistle**. Here you can catch up on the weekly results, and find all the arrangements, including transport, for the week ahead...

This week's results

Cricket:

U13A vs Woodhill won by 9 wickets

U12A vs Amberfield won by 8 wickets

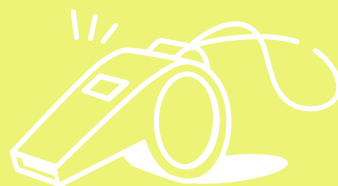
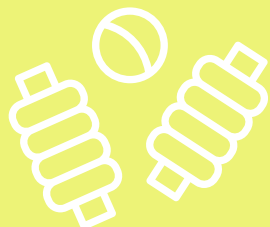
U13/U12C vs Irene lost by 8 wickets

U11A & U10A vs WHPS lost by 9 wickets

U10B vs Prestige lost by 107 runs

U9A vs WHPS won by 6 wickets

[Swimming Gala at Pretoria Oos – cancelled due to weather.]



Fixtures 02 – 06 January 2026:

Monday, 02 February:

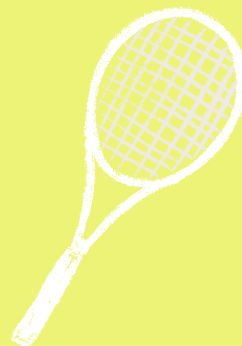
Tennis U11 Girls vs Stephanus Roos at Sinoville Tennis Club

Tennis U11A Boys vs Curro Hazeldean at Curro Hazeldean

Tennis U11B Boys vs Anton van Wouw at STP

Tennis Open Boys vs Die Poort at STP

Tennis Open Girls vs Lynnwood at Pretoria Boys High School



Tuesday, 03 February:

Cricket U13A vs Prestige at STP

Cricket U12A vs Glenstantia at Glenstantia

Cricket U13B vs Springvale at STP

Wednesday, 04 February:

Cricket U11A vs Waterkloof at STP

Cricket U11B vs WHPS at STP

Cricket U10A vs Waterkloof at Waterkloof

Cricket U10B vs WHPS at WHPS

We would like to extend a thank you to our parents; we are grateful for the ongoing support. The Sports Department continues to encourage parents to support our teams, you are always welcome on our grounds. 😊

Thank you as well for the patience shown at the start of another mad year as we look to continually offer an outstanding co-curricular experience.

Thursday, 05 February:

Cricket U9A internal game

Cricket U9B vs WHPS at STP

Chess vs Robert Hicks/Kingdom Primary School at STP

Friday, 06 February:

Swimming Gala at Hatfield Christian School



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.

ST PAULUS
MUSIC SCHOOL

UpBeat

together in rhythm

Grade 2-5

Group djembe drumming for
connection, confidence &
creativity

Tuesdays
15:00-15:45

Facilitated by:
Dr Kim Brink-Flores

Join us for a free intro session:

Tuesday
3 February
15:00-15:45

Mrs Viljoen's classroom
(book your spot!)

Fees:

Term 1: R600

Term 2,3,4: R800*

(payable in monthly installments)

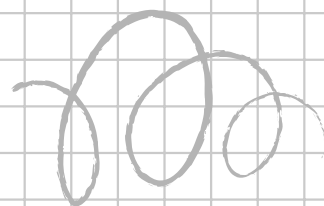
*8 sessions per term

Limited spaces available
Grade 2-5's

Sign up here:



For more information contact us at:
stpaulusmusic@gmail.com



"GROUP ACTING CLASSES"

- Weekly classes at St Paulus -

The performing arts can really boost a child in so many ways...

- ✓ Improve communication skills
- ✓ Make public speaking easy
- ✓ Build confidence
- ✓ Develop hidden talents

Learning the art of characterisation, doing physical performance, getting public speaking training, working on scripts and performing, learning mime techniques and comedy skills to name but a few...

Showcase Production

All students take part in our annual Showcase Production on a Saturday in October (date TBC).

Here they will get the awesome opportunity to perform on a professional stage at The Encore Theatre!



Students receive annual CERTIFICATES and ASSESSMENTS!

To find out more or to register: Email melissa@dramadynamics.co.za
AT ST PAULUS SOME CLASSES ARE ALMOST FULL,
SO PLEASE BE IN TOUCH SOONEST!

*In a world where confident communication is key...
"Drama Dynamics, creating opportunities for you to shine"*



KARATE CLASSES AT ST PAULUS



Complete the KARATE ENROLMENT
Form & WhatsApp/email to
082 379 0579
karien.jacobsz@gmail.com

That's all for this week - good luck
to our Grade 4s and their parents
attending the Study Skills
Workshop tomorrow.

Wishing our school community a
wonderful, relaxing weekend!

Louise Bukowski



"Grace always seems unfair until you find yourself in need of it" - Anonymous