NEWSFLASH

13 Nov. 2026

Digital Poetry Recital

We were delighted to have a number of our Grade 1 to 7 children take part in this year's annual national ATKV DigiVoordrag project. The children were required to recite a poem, record their performances and submit these to a panel of judges for evaluation.

Our children did exceptionally well, with many receiving an A++! We are so proud of them and the effort they put into their performances.

This is our second year participating in the project, and it has been lovely to see the interest and enthusiasm among our learners grow. Well done to each of our participants!







Congratulations

Christos Economou in Grade 6A finished 3rd in Gauteng North, earning his provincial colours for golf as well as selection for the U13 IPT team. His team won the Nomads U13 IPT Nationals, with Christos securing a Top 10 finish in the country's largest U13 Golf Tournament.

Logan Fincham and Carson Hide (both in Grade 7B) earned their Northern Blues Colours for Water Polo, with a first and second team place, respectively.

Well done, Boys! We are proud of you!



A Reminder - Our Children's Safety

Thank you to our parents for your patience with the newly installed speedbumps around the school.

We know they are not the most convenient addition to the morning drop-off routine, but they are necessary given the number of children moving freely around our campus. Their safety has to come first, and we appreciate your understanding and co-operation.

I would also like to make an urgent plea to parents:

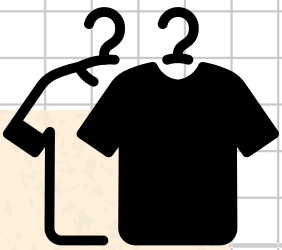
Please, please do not use your cellphones while driving in and out of the school car park after dropping off or fetching your children.

We have children walking around the campus, crossing driveways and moving between vehicles. It is so important to remain alert and focused when driving through the school grounds. A moment's distraction can have serious consequences. ☹️

Please put your phones away until you have left the school premises. This is not a small request, but an important one. Thank you for taking this seriously.

Our children's safety is a shared responsibility!





Second-Hand Textbook and Clothing Sales

A reminder of the second-hand textbook sale for Grade 4 – 7 2027 on 16 and 17 November, from 14:00 – 16:00 in the Second-hand Bookshop.

The second-hand clothing sale will take place on Tuesday, 17 November from 14:00 - 16:00, in the Quad.

St Paulus Christmas Cheer



We invite all our families to attend our Christmas Cheer Evening on Thursday, 26 November. This year the Christmas performances will take place on the Dominican Oval, allowing our parents to watch the show while enjoying their picnic on the field.

All children must be at school in their classrooms by 16:45 (please look out for more grade specific arrangements that will be communicated on the grade WhatsApp groups).

Please pack a picnic basket, or make use of the Tuckshop, on the evening. Christmas goodies will also be on sale on the field!

We would also love to share a little Christmas magic with children in our community. On the evening, we will be collecting Christmas gifts, which will be handed over to the Knights of da Gama, who will ensure that they reach less fortunate children in our community in time for Christmas. We invite you to bring along a small, wrapped gift to school on the evening. Please label your gift with the appropriate age and gender of the child it is intended for.

A small gift can make a big difference to a child and bring a little extra joy to their Christmas. Thank you for helping us spread some Christmas cheer and for being part of something special.

Holiday Club

A reminder that our Holiday Club will be slightly extended in the upcoming break, and a new full day option available until 17:00. The Holiday Club will run, weekdays, from 7 – 15 December.

More information will follow in the weeks to come, however, parents are welcome to contact Ms Ramela (aftercare@stpaulus.co.za) to book their spot.



Staff News and Best Wishes



At the end of this year, Mr Hussein Fritz will be leaving St Paulus. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank him for the time and the contribution he has made to our school, most specifically our sporting programme. Every person who forms part of a school community leaves their own mark, and we are grateful for the part he has played in the St Paulus journey. We wish him well in his future endeavours and every happiness in the road ahead.

We are also delighted to share that Coreen Oosthuizen, affectionately known as Coach Coreen, is expecting her third child! As she prepares for this exciting new chapter, she will be stepping down from her role as Swimming Co-ordinator of our Learn-2-Swim Programme. Coach Coreen has given many years of dedicated service to St Paulus, and her contribution to swimming at our school has been particularly special. We thank her for the care, energy and commitment she has brought to the programme and wish her and her growing family every blessing and happiness.

Recycling results

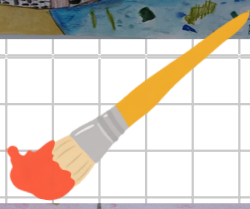
Congratulations to our Recycling Winners:



Foundation Phase: 2A
Intersen Phase: 6S
Winning House: Dominicus









" The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day." - St Gianna Molla

THE PLAYFUL TIMES

A Wonderful World of Birds!



Last week, we spread our wings and explored the beautiful and fascinating world of birds! What an exciting week it was! Some of our little ones even had the special treat of meeting a few fluffy chicks up close. Our Pre-School was transformed with the most beautiful bird-inspired artwork, adding splashes of colour and creativity to our classrooms. We also got our little hands busy making our very own bird nests for Bak-en-Brou!

Our budding little nature lovers took things a step further by making their own bird feeders, which have now been placed around the Pre-School. We hope our feathered friends will enjoy popping in for a tasty helping of bird seed!



What a wonderful opportunity it has been to learn about, explore and appreciate the birds that share our world, while discovering little ways in which we can care for them too!



Election Excitement at the Pre-School!

With all the excitement of the grown-ups heading off to vote, we decided it was our turn to join in! After learning a little about voting, our little ones cast their own votes for this week's tuckshop treat: sweets, ice-creams, or doughnuts. Each little voter proudly showed off their ink dot on the left thumb, just like the grown-ups! Once the votes were counted, there was a clear favourite. Perhaps the warm weather had something to do with it, but... WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!

