Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2018 school year! I extend a special word of welcome to the new families to St. Paul’s and hope that your association with our school community will be a long and happy one.

In 2018 we welcome to St. Paul’s School Miss Teagan Biddlestone, Miss Clare Lyons, Miss Adela Kusar, Miss Rebecca Calleja as Classroom Teachers and Mrs Rose Ramsay and Mrs Louise Sposato as Learning Support Officers. I know they will all be warmly welcomed by everyone in the St. Paul’s School Community.

All children should be wearing the St. Paul’s hat during Term I. Any students not wearing the hats will be required to sit in the shade. No other hats are permitted to be worn.

Please remember to book your preferred time for Learning Conversations online - use the information that was distributed last week. Your preferred time must be booked online by 9.00pm on February 11th. Please note that school will conclude at 1.00pm on February 13th to allow Learning Conversations to commence at 1.30pm.

You are invited to join us at our Beginning of the Year Mass this Friday, 9th February, commencing at 9.15am. We hope to see many of you as we ask God’s Blessing on the 2018 School Year. You are also invited to join us for Ash Wednesday Mass on February 14th at 9.15am at St. Paul’s Church. Our first assembly will be on February 16th – we will be presenting the SRC for 2018. Please join us at 2.30pm.

Please note that there will be no school for students on Thursday 1st March and Friday 2nd March as all staff will be working be updating our First Aid skills and will be looking at Wellbeing Strategies from the Berry Street Program.

I look forward to working with you all during 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamoto
PRINCIPAL
The class groupings, teachers and staff for 2018 are set out below:

### Year Prep
- Miss Nicole Zahra (PNZ)
- Miss Janelle Micallef (PJM)
- Mrs Tania MacCarthy & Mrs Amanda Gallus (PTM)

### JMA (Year 1/2)
- Miss Samantha Clarke (JSC)
- Miss Clare Lyons (JCL)
- Miss Genevieve O’Donnell (JGO)
- Mr Matthew Kowalczyk (JMK)
- Ms Jacqui Roynic (JJR)
- Miss Teagan Biddlestone (JTB)

### Reading Recovery
- Math’s Intervention Leader
- Teacher Release/Classroom Support

### MMA (Year 3/4)
- Miss Melissa Dvorscak (MMD)
- Miss Samantha Cantelmi (MSC)
- Miss Laura Cook (MLC)
- Miss Adela Kusur (MAK)
- Mrs Jennifer Gualtieri (MJG)
- Miss Rebecca Calleja (MRC)

### SMA (Year 5/6)
- Miss Stephanie Manolakakis (SSM)
- Mrs Jane Purcell and Mrs Annmaria Schembri (SJP)
- Ms Vanessa Boulton (SVB)
- Miss Rhiannon Cullum (SRC)
- Mrs Kylie Ponce Rios and Mrs Annmaria Schembri (SKP)
- Mr Michael Marasco (SMM)

### Physical Education Teacher
- Library Teacher
- Performing Arts Teacher
- Indonesian Teacher
- Technology Teacher
- School Administration

### School Accountant
- Teacher Aides
- Maintenance
- Canteen

### POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP
- Principal
- Deputy Principal
- Curriculum Leader
- Student Wellbeing Leader/Child Safety Officer
- Religious Education Leader
- Numeracy Leader
- Literacy Leader
- Physical Education Leader
- Learning Diversity Leaders
- Family Engagement Learning Leader
- Cluster Engagement in Learning Leader
- Technology Leader
- Arts Leader
- Prep Leader
- Junior Leader
- Middle Leader
- Senior Leader
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS
- After School Care – Camp Australia

Mrs Marie Gallivan
Mrs Libby Morganti
Ms Carmel Marozzi
Ms Ha-Anh Nguyen
Mrs Samantha Hatty
Mrs Michelle Favero
Mrs Christine Sursock
Mr Patrick Pantalone
Mr Chris Bye
Ms Michele Micallef
Mrs Amanda Gallus
Ms Leonie McCormack
Mr Joshua Turner
Ms Kerry Westgarth
Mrs Leanne Andrew
Ms Trish Morris
Miss Diana Nguyen
Mr John Coppini
Mrs Nancy Sacco
Mrs Karen Martin
Mrs Jan Quinn
Miss Nadia Juzva
Ms Lan Nguyen
Mrs Michelle Mazzone
Ms Louise Sposato
Ms Rose Ramsay
Mr Joe Baldacchino
Mrs Rita Cassar
Mrs Marlene Haber
Mrs Jacqui Batty

Mr Damian Casamento
Ms Cathy Doran
Mrs Catriona Kennedy
Mrs Nicole Azarnikow
Mr Patrick Pantalone
Mrs Libby Morganti
Mrs Louise Collison
Mr Chris Bye
Ms Mareta Parsons and Miss Kara Hande
Ms Mareta Parsons
Ms Gill Baxter
Mr Joshua Turner
Mrs Kylie Ponce Rios
Miss Nicole Zahra
Miss Samantha Clarke
Miss Melissa Dvorscak
Miss Stephanie Manolakakis
Miss Kylie Hayes
**IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2018**
The following dates are very important for ALL students who will be attending secondary school in 2020 – our current Year 5 students. If applications for Catholic Secondary School are not in by Friday 17th August, 2018 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

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<td>Applications close for 2020 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year Students</td>
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**SACRAMENT DATES FOR 2018**
- Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Night – Thursday March 15th, 7.00pm St. Paul’s School
- Sacrament of Reconciliation – Wednesday March 21st, 7.00pm St. Paul’s School
- Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night – Thursday May 17th, 7.00pm St. Paul’s School
- School Sacrament of Eucharist – Sunday May 27th, 10.00am St. Paul’s Church

**PLAY GROUP**
Please note that Play Group began today. Play Group meets each Monday morning from 9:00 – 11:00am. Pre-school children and parents are most welcome.

**FIRST AID:**
We would appreciate any donations of boxes of tissues for our first aid supplies.
Thank you for your continued support.
OPERATION SCHOOLS BACK
Local Police together with members of the Highway Patrol are running an operation to mark the start of the school year. Operation Schools Back will target the safety of students arriving and departing school with the major focus being the enforcement of the 40kmph school zones. Motorists are asked to be vigilant before and after school as there will be increased pedestrian, road and pushbike traffic. Please allow an extra 5 minutes to find a safe and legal park to ensure your children’s safety.
For those motorists driving through school zones please adhere to the speed limit and be aware of staffed school crossings. Failing to stop /remain stationary at school crossing is a $379 fine and 3 demerit points. Stopped-Double parked is a $91 fine and Exceed speed limit by 10kmph but less than 15kmph is a $303 fine and 3 demerit points. This is just an example of some of the fines.

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL OR TRANSITIONING TO A NEW SCHOOL
Starting school involves a big change for your child and family. It can be a time of great excitement, but also a time of potential challenge and stress.

Families play an important role in supporting children to manage the transition to primary school. These resources will give you practical ideas and strategies to help your child make a successful start to school.
Visit the KidsMatter website to access the resources:
https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/main-menu/back-school-resources

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOING PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL PERFORMANCES, ASSEMBLIES, SPORTING AND OTHER SANCTIONED SCHOOL EVENTS
St. Paul’s Primary School allows members of the school community to take photographs and videos of their children at school assemblies, class presentations, performances, sporting events etc.
In accordance with the Privacy & Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic), Copyright Act 1968 (Cth) & Education Department guidelines, members of the school community are restricted to only photograph / video their children. These images must not be published on social media or in any other form without the prior consent of parents & guardians whose children may unintentionally appear in the images.
The school does not permit any member of the school community or invited guest to take photographs / videos of the bi-annual school production.
Note: The school does not own or control any photographs or video taken by members of the school community or invited guests.