TERM 1 WEEK 3: Monday 13th February, 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER

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<td>Close for Year 7, 2018</td>
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<td>Tuesday 21st February</td>
<td>Year 1-6 Information Sessions 7.00pm St. Paul’s School</td>
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Dear Parents,

I congratulate the children on the way they have settled into school. They are striving to be ‘the best that they can be’! I know they are looking forward to the exciting activities that are planned for this year.

I ask you to keep in your prayers Jacob Laidlaw (PLC) and his family as his Great Grandfather passed away last week. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

I would like to thank those family and friends who attended the Beginning of the Year Mass on Friday. It was a very special ceremony. Thanks to all the children, especially the Preps, for the way they sat quietly and listened to Fr. Manuel and for their wonderful singing.

I remind families that applications for **Year 7 in 2018** for Catholic Secondary Schools must be in by **this Friday, 17th February**. Your child will not be accepted if the enrolment form is not handed in to the secondary school on time.

Attached to the newsletter is a copy of the St. Paul’s Feast Day Program which begins on Monday, February 13th and concludes on Sunday, February 19th. I encourage you to support our Parish at this very important time.

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 recently. If you do not book a time online for your child’s Learning Conversations by tonight, you will be allocated a time by your child’s teacher. **Please note that school will conclude at 1.00pm this Wednesday, February 15th to allow Learning Conversations to commence at 1.30pm.**

Our first assembly for 2017 will be held this Friday, February 17th – we will be presenting the SRC for 2017. Please join us at 2.30pm. You are also invited to join us for Ash Wednesday Mass on March 1st at 9.15am at St. Paul’s Church.

Please note that there will be no school for students on Thursday 2nd March and Friday 3rd March as all staff will be working on preparing for our School Review in April as well as updating our First Aid skills.

I hope you have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL
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FEES/LEVIES

Your child’s levies are now due. Please pay all levies promptly. School fees are due this February 17th. Accounts will be sent out shortly. Please remember that you can pay your school fees and levies by direct debit from a nominated bank account or from your Centrelink payments. If you would like this to happen, please come to the office to collect a form. You can also pay using your credit card.

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CANTEEN

The canteen is now open. A price list was sent home recently. Please ensure that the order is placed on a paper bag. Volunteers are needed to assist in the canteen. We would be very grateful to have your assistance even if it can be for only a couple of hours per week. Please see Rita in the canteen if you can help.

PLAY GROUP

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.

SACRAMENT DATES FOR 2017

Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Night – Thursday March 9th, 7.00pm St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Reconciliation – Tuesday March 14th, 7.00pm St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night – Thursday March 23rd, 7.00pm St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Confirmation – Thursday April 27th, 7.00pm St. Paul’s Church
Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night – Thursday May 25th, 7.00pm St. Paul’s School
School Sacrament of Eucharist – Sunday June 4th, 10.00am St. Paul’s Church

DOMINICAN ART EXHIBITION - AN EXHIBITION OF ART BY DOMINICAN ARTISTS.

Wednesday 22 February Thursday 23 February at the Parish Centre, St Dominic’s Church, East Camberwell
Wednesday and Thursday 12 to 6 pm.
Entry $5.00 for the Artists Catalogue
Art works by
Sheila Flynn OP (UK/South Africa/Australia)     Maurice Keating OP (Australia)
Mary Horn OP (New Zealand)                     Cristobal Torres OP (USA/Cuba)
Kim En Joong OP (Korea/France)                 Rosemary Yelland OP (Australia)

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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.

TUNING IN TO KIDS PARENTING PROGRAM
This six session parenting program helps parents to better understand their child’s emotional needs and to assist their child to manage their emotions. This group is for parents of children aged 3 – 12 years and is open to Brimbank residents only. Free childminding is provided during this group.

When: Wed 15 February to Wed 29 March 2017 (Note. No group on Wed 22 March)
Time: 9:45 – 11:30am
Where: West Sunshine Community Centre, 25 Kermeen street, West Sunshine
Cost: Free
To RSVP or for further enquires contact Linda Baker 9680 8444

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PARENT HELPER?
Have you thought about being a Parent Helper in the Prep or Junior Classrooms? If the answer is YES we would really like you to join us for a conversation and a cuppa about what this looks like. This will be held on TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY at 9AM and repeated at 2:15 PM

Anytime that you are able to contribute is very much appreciated and valued by both the children and their teachers! We look forward to seeing you.

Miss Anne and Miss Mareta

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