TERM 1 WEEK 5: Monday 27th February, 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER

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SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that there will be NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS THIS THURSDAY 2ND MARCH AND FRIDAY 3RD MARCH as all staff will be working on preparing for our School Review in April and updating our first aid qualifications.

Dear Parents,

Thanks to the families who joined us at the Years 1-6 Information Sessions last Tuesday. It was great that families were able to receive information about their child and then visit classrooms. Thanks also to the class teachers for leading the meetings and to all staff who attended the meeting to support them. Please remember that you can make an appointment to speak to your child’s teacher if you have any concerns.

A reminder of the Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Night that will be held on Thursday 9th March, commencing at 7.00pm. Children who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and at least one parent, are to attend. I look forward to seeing you this Family Night.

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 19th April this year. Children will need to be in their full summer school uniform. More information will follow later in the term.

You are invited to join us for Ash Wednesday Mass this Wednesday at 9.15am at St. Paul’s Church.

There will be no school on Monday 13th March as the school will be closed for the Labour Day Public Holiday.

Term 1 concludes on Friday, 31st March at 1.00pm. The children may wear plain clothes on this day. Term 2 commences at 8.40am on Tuesday 18th April.

I hope you have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL
FEES/LEVIES
Your child’s levies are now due. Please pay all levies promptly.

The first instalment of school fees are now due. 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.

FIRST AID:
We would appreciate any donations of boxes of tissues for our first aid supplies. Thank you for your continued support.

PREPS DISMISSAL FROM THE YARD
As of Monday, 27th of February, the Prep children will line up and be dismissed from the yard at the end of the day. To ensure that we get the children outside safely, we ask that no parents or carers enter the corridors at the end of the day. Please wait for us outside. Do not take your children prior to the bell ringing and remember to see your child’s teacher before you leave. Thank you for your support.

JMA UPCOMING EXCURSION – Thursday 9th March
JMA will be attending an excursion to the city as part of our Term 1 Inquiry unit ‘Melbourne’. Our aim is to familiarise the students with some Melbourne landmarks, so we will be visiting various sites including the Eureka Tower, Catani Playground near the beach in St Kilda and/or the Carlton Gardens playground near the Melbourne Museum. Please complete the consent form and return it to school by the 6th March.

DCG MORNING WALKS ARE BACK!!!
After last year’s Walk to School month, which continued with laps around the DCG, some very keen SRC students have formed a committee to bring back the DCG morning walks this year. Students choosing to participate in the morning walks will receive stamps for completing laps. We invite parents and carers to join us for a walk and a chat around the DCG. We have begun our first ‘walk’ this week.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
The yard is supervised from 8.25am every morning. Parents are asked not to send their children to school before this time. Class teachers are at school but they are unable to supervise children because they will be preparing for the day’s activities. Before School Care Program operates every morning from 7am – 8.45am. After School Care Program operates from 3pm – 6pm. Please contact Kylie Hayes, the co-ordinator of the program, on 0401 362 738 if you need to use this service. Please note that the Before and After School Care Program will be closed on the two school closure days, the 2nd and 3rd March.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCursion FUND
Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund is the new Government Funding to assist families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.
Centrelink health care card holders and Pensioner Concession card holders may be eligible for a payment of $125.
If you feel you may qualify for this payment please complete the CSEF Application Form sent home recently and return it to the Office together with a copy of your Centrelink Card.

NO HAT – NO PLAY
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. We encourage families to apply sunscreen to their children at home before they leave for school.

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SACRAMENT DATES FOR 2017
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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
Did You Know?
At St. Paul’s school begins at 8:40 am and the attendance roll is taken at 8:50 am. Just a little bit late does not seem like much but 10 minutes per day equals 50 minutes per week and over 2.5 weeks per year!

A COURTESY REMINDER OF JUNK FOOD
Please note that our school canteen has adopted the policy that “green” food items (food that can be eaten every day) be sold Monday to Friday and “amber” food (items that should be eaten sometimes) be sold only on a Friday.

In accordance with our healthy eating plan it has been decided that this philosophy will also be extended to lunches being delivered to school and therefore food from KFC, McDonalds, fish and chips etc will only be allowed on a Friday.

BACK TO SCHOOL ASTHMA SPIKE
ASK ABOUT ASTHMA. Every year there is a sharp rise in the number of asthma attacks for children when they return to school after the summer break. This results in increased Emergency Department visits and hospitalisations. Use our checklist to help your child stay well and get their school year off to a healthy start

- See a GP to complete an Asthma Plan, giving a copy to the school
- Provide the school with a spare asthma reliever (usually blue) puffer and spacer
- Talk to your child’s class teacher

Get more information and download your back to school asthma checklist from the Asthma Australia website.

For primary aged students:
Asthma Kids
Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it’s like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Check it out at asthmakids.org.au

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.

FOSTER CARERS NEEDED
If you have thought about foster care, please get in touch and ask the questions you have always wanted to.
Ring: Key Assets 1800 932 237 or 1800 WE CARE
Email: info@keyassets.com.au
Web: canifoster.com.au or keyassets.com.au
Interested families would receive a brochure, information and no pressure!

to the following students who received awards at assembly on Friday for supporting others in their learning.

- PNA Lily Nguyen
- PNZ Nathaniel Del Mundo
- PLC Lucas Hoang
- JTJ Nathan Vella
- JJM Justin Nguyen
- JSC Philomena Soochoon
- JCM Chloe Nguyen
- JVC Halle Nguyen
- JGO Sienna Omer
- MKH Shaniah Toleafoa
- MMD Abbey Gatt
- MJG Jason Lam
- MLC Lara Nguyen
- MSC Brendan Duong
- MPT Henry Phan
- SJR Taylor Briffa
- SVB Philip Masalsalo
- SSM Amor Deng
- SRC Nina Nguyen
- SMM Veronica Le
- SKP Tayla Quach