**TERM 1 WEEK 6: Monday 6th March, 2017**

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<td>Class Mass MJG and MMD – 10.00am, School Assembly SSM – 2.30pm</td>
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<td>Wednesday 15th March:</td>
<td>Preps Attend School today and all future Wednesdays</td>
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<td>Friday 17th March:</td>
<td>Class Mass SVB and SJR – 11.30am, School Assembly JTJ – 2.30pm</td>
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<td>Prep 2018 Information Session – 9.15am</td>
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<td>Footsteps Dance Classes – Children can wear sports uniform today and next week – March 27th</td>
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<td>Second Hand Uniform Stall - 8.45am – 9.15am</td>
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<td>End of Term I – 1.00pm Children can wear plain clothes</td>
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<td>Tuesday 18th April:</td>
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<td>Wednesday 19th April:</td>
<td>School Photos – Children to wear full summer school uniform</td>
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<td>ANZAC Day – No School for Children</td>
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Dear Parents,

I ask you to keep in your prayers Mrs Louise Collison and her family as her father-in-law passed away yesterday. We extend our deepest sympathy to Louise and her family.

Thank you to those family and friends who joined us at our Ash Wednesday Mass last week. It was a great way to begin Lent. Thanks to Fr. Luis for saying Mass and to the children for being so attentive and respectful throughout the Mass.

A reminder of the Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Night that will be held **this Thursday night**, March 9th, 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 at the Sacrament of Reconciliation Family night.

Please note that this Wednesday, 8th March, is the last Wednesday that the Preps do not attend school. From next Tuesday 14th March, they will be attending school full time.

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.

There will be no school next 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.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
Many thanks to Effie Ross and Kate Havard for opening our Second Hand Uniform Shop today. Thanks also to those families who purchased items from the shop. You are asked to continue to donate clean items to the shop by dropping them off at the office.

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.

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. If you have not completed the consent form and returned it to school, please do it ASAP.
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!

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

ST PAUL’S APP IS READY FOR DOWNLOAD. THE APP IS FREE.
Android users:
Search SPSW in the Google play store and install on your phone, PC or tablet.

iPhone users:
Search SPSW in the App store and install on your phone, Mac and iPad.

We encourage you to download this app.
To setup alerts: click on more…setup…..choose your categories.

VICTORIA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARENT BODY (VCSPB)
Victorian Catholic Schools Parent Body represents the important perspective of parents across all Catholic schools in Victoria. As a parent who has children enrolled in a Catholic school you are automatically a member of the parent body. There is no fee to be a member and parents of children attending Catholic schools across Victoria are welcome to apply to join our council through an expression of interest and nomination process.

Please visit our website http://vcspb.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/26248 for our latest newsletter.

We will be sending our newsletter each month in 2017 during school terms. We welcome feedback and suggestions for future articles of interest for parents through the new feedback form.

ST PAUL’S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Every Minute Counts
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!