

TERM 1

WEEK 2: Monday 3rd February, 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 7th February:	Beginning of the Year Mass 9.15am St. Paul's Church
Friday 21st February:	Class Prayer Service JMD and JGO – 10.00am First Assembly for 2020 – Presentation of SRC for 2020 – 2.30pm
Wednesday 26th February:	Ash Wednesday Mass 9.15am St. Paul's Church
Friday 28th February:	Class Prayer Service JJK and JLH – 10.00am, School Assembly MSC – 2.30pm
Monday 2nd March:	2021 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Wednesday 4th March:	Archbishop Peter Comensoli visiting St. Paul's – 10.30am
March 5th and 6th:	School Closure Days – No School for Students
Monday 9th March:	Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 11th March:	Preps Attend School today and all future Wednesdays
Wednesday 11th March:	Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Night 7.00pm St. Paul's School
Friday 13th March:	School Assembly SJM – 2.30pm
Wednesday 18th March:	2021 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Thursday 19th March:	Sacrament of Reconciliation 7.00pm St. Paul's School
Friday 20th March:	Class Prayer Service JMK and JCL – 10.00am, School Assembly JMD – 2.30pm
Friday 27th March:	Easter Assembly 12.00pm
Friday 27th March:	End of Term I – 1.00pm Children can wear plain clothes.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2020 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.

Over the holidays, Miss Stephanie Manolakakis married her fiance Christian Garcia and Miss Jacqui Roynic married her fiance Anton Kuvanci – we hope they all have a long and happy life together. We welcome back Mrs Stephanie Garcia and Mrs Jacqui Kuvanci. In some other exciting news, Miss Rhiannon Cullum became engaged to Hayden Micallef just before Christmas. We congratulate Rhiannon and Hayden and wish them all the best for the future. Mrs Nicole Azarnikow and her husband Andrew are expecting their first child later in the year. Congratulations to Nicole and Andrew.

Many of you would remember Mrs Anne Barresi, our Literacy Leader who retired from St Paul's at the end of 2017. In some sad news, Anne's husband Tom passed away on Friday 25th January. I ask you to keep Anne and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

In 2020 we welcome to St. Paul's School Miss Linda Hosni (class teacher), Miss Kim Mullett (support teacher) and Mrs Sarah Notaro (class teacher) – we welcome back to St Paul's Mrs Haido Borg (class teacher) and Ms Lynette Gixti (specialist teacher). We also welcome Mrs Chelsea Cole, Mrs Sharon Fisher, Miss Rhiannon Lucifero and Mrs Sandra Krolo – they will all be Learning Support Officers. I know all the new staff will 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.

You are invited to join us at our Beginning of the Year Mass this Friday, 7th February, commencing at 9.15am. We hope to see many of you as we ask God's Blessing on the 2020 School Year. Our first assembly will be on February 21st – we will be presenting the SRC for 2020. Please join us at 2.30pm.

Please note that there will be no school for students on Thursday 5th March and Friday 6th March as all staff will be updating their First Aid skills and will be revising their understanding of the Child Safe Standards.

I look forward to working with you all during 2020.

Yours sincerely,
Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

The class groupings, teachers and staff for 2020 are set out below:

Year Prep

Miss Laura Cook (PLC)
Miss Janelle Micallef (PJM)
Mrs Tania MacCarthy and Mrs Sarah Notaro (PTS)
Mrs Teagan Biddlestone (PTB)

MMA (Year 3/4)

Miss Samantha Clarke (MSC)
Mrs Claudia Razi and Mrs Haido Borg (MRB)
Miss Nicole Zahra (MNZ)
Miss Rebecca Calleja (MRC)
Miss Teagan Cullum (MTC)
Mrs Michelle Favero and Ms Christine Sursock(MMF)

JMA (Year 1/2)

Miss Melissa Dvorscak (JMD)
Miss Clare Lyons (JCL)
Miss Genevieve O'Donnell (JGO)
Mr Matthew Kowalczyk (JMK)
Ms Jacqui Kuvanci (JJK)
Miss Linda Hosni (JLH)

SMA (Year 5/6)

Mrs Stephanie Garcia (SSG)
Miss Jane Manton and Mrs Jennifer Gualtieri (SJM)
Miss Claudia Capuano (SCC)
Miss Rhiannon Cullum (SRC)
Miss Rebeca Lopez (SRL)
Mr Conor Fox (SCF)

Reading Recovery
Numeracy / Math's Intervention Leader
Math's Intervention Teacher
Teacher Release/Classroom Support

Mrs Marie Gallivan
Mrs Libby Morganti
Ms Carmel Marozzi
Mrs Ha-Anh Nguyen
Mrs Samantha Hatty
Ms Christine Sursock
Mrs Samantha Karipoglou

Miss Kim Mullett
Mrs Jennifer Gualtieri
Mrs Kylie Ponce Rios

Physical Education Teacher
Library Teacher
Performing Arts Teacher
Visual Arts Teacher
Indonesian Teacher
Technology Teacher
School Counsellor
School Administration

Mr Chris Bye
Ms Michele Micallef
Ms Lynette Grixti
Mrs Amanda Gallus
Ms Leonie McCormack
Mr Joshua Turner
Miss Chloe De Rosbo-Davies
Ms Kerry Westgarth
Ms Trish Morris
Mr John Coppini
Mrs Jan Quinn
Ms Lan Nguyen
Ms Louise Sposato
Miss Rhiannon Lucifero
Mr Adam Fazekas
Mr Joe Baldacchino
Mrs Rita Cassar, Mrs Marlene Haber, Mrs Jacqui Batty

Mrs Leanne Andrew
Miss Diana Nguyen

Mrs Nancy Sacco
Mrs Karen Martin
Ms Rose Ramsay
Mrs Sandra Krolo
Miss Alanah Casamento

School Accountant
Learning Support Officer/Teacher Aides

Maintenance
Canteen

POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP

Principal
Deputy Principal
Student Wellbeing Leader / Child Safety Officer
Religious Education Leader
Numeracy Leader
Literacy Leader
Learning Leader
Physical Education Leader
Learning Diversity Leaders
Family Engagement in Learning Leader
Technology Leader

Mr Damian Casamento
Ms Cathy Doran
Mrs Nicole Azarnikow
Miss Lisa Peplow
Mrs Libby Morganti
Mrs Louise Collison
Miss Vanessa Boulton (Term 2)
Mr Chris Bye
Ms Mareta Parsons and Miss Kara Hande
Ms Mareta Parsons
Mr Joshua Turner
Mrs Kylie Ponce Rios, Mrs Amanda Gallus, Mrs Michelle Micallef
Miss Janelle Micallef
Miss Clare Lyons
Miss Rebecca Calleja
Mrs Stephanie Garcia and Miss Rhiannon Cullum

Arts Leader
Prep Leader
Junior Leader
Middle Leader
Senior Leaders

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

After School Care – Camp Australia

Miss Kylie Hayes



With this app we can keep you informed about events, changes to timetables, give you access to permission notes, newsletters and emergency alerts.

For Android users and iPhone users:

- Search **Skoolbag** in the Google play store or in the App store, and install it on your phone, PC or tablet.
- Opening this app, click on **Add our school** "ST. PAUL'S SUNSHINE WEST" and you're ready to go!

- To setup alerts: Click on **"Groups"**, then **"Add/Remove Groups"** choose your categories.
- To update your changes: Click on **"eForms"**, then **"Change of Details"** and fill up the form.
- To report your child's absence: Click on **"eForms"**, then **"Absentee Form"** and fill up the form.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Many thanks to the parents and teachers for making the Learning Conversations last Wednesday such a success. It was an ideal chance for teachers to meet parents and for an exchange of information to take place. The full day allowed for longer conversations. Thank you for the way you used the online booking system to make your appointments. Thanks also to Mrs Kerry Westgarth, Mrs Leanne Andrew and Ms Trish Morris who made themselves available during the holidays to assist families with the bookings. Please remember to make an appointment to see your child's teacher at any time if you have a concern.

ANAPHYLAXIS

There are several children at school who suffer from allergic reactions to various forms of food, plants, bites and stings. The Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) does not recommend the banning of particular items. This is based on the premise that for school age children, an essential step is to develop strategies for avoidance in the wider community as well as at school. All staff have undertaken anaphylactic training and will have it renewed this term. The school has a thorough policy, action plan and procedures for each child, including first aid response and medication storage, to ensure the wellbeing of all students. Please visit www.allergy.org.au for more information.

BEFORE 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. Parents who need to drop off their children early will need to use this service. Kylie Hayes is the co-ordinator of the program. She can be contacted on 0401 362 738.

FEES/LEVIES

Your child's levies are now due. Please pay all levies promptly. School fees are due on February 14th. Accounts have been sent home. Please remember that you can pay your school fees and levies with a credit card or 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.

CANTEEN

The canteen opened today – please note that only sandwiches can be ordered until Wednesday this week. You can only pay cash for the lunch orders tomorrow and Wednesday. The full menu will be available from this Thursday, 6th February - you will then be able to use cash as well as CDF Pay to pay for lunch orders - see below for more information on how to use CDF Pay. A price list was sent home today. 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 Marlene, Jacqui or Rita in the canteen if you can help.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2020

The following dates are very important for **ALL** students who will be attending secondary school in 2022 – our current Year 5 students. If applications for Catholic Secondary School are not in by Friday 21st August, 2020 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

21st August 2020: Applications close for 2022 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 Students

15th October 2020: Offers posted to prospective 2022 Year 7 applicants

6th November 2020: Final date for families to accept by offers made by the Secondary School

SACRAMENT DATES FOR 2020

Sacrament of Penance Family Night	Wednesday, March 11 th at 7.00pm – St. Paul's School
Sacrament of Penance (Year 3)	Thursday, March 19 th at 7.00pm – St. Paul's School
Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night	Tuesday, May 12 th at 7.00pm – St. Paul's School
Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3)	Sunday, May 24 th at 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.



CHILDREN'S ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

There are various ways that you can contact the school to advise that your child is absent from school.

- 1. Contact the office:** Call 9363 1568, select 1 and then advise that your child is absent on this day. Please include your name, the child's name, the class, the date and the reason for the absence.
- 2. Via the SkoolBag App:** Use the 'Absentee Form' found in the app. This form can be found under the section 'eForms'.
- 3. Email:** Send an email to office@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au or your child's class teacher on their school email address.
- 4. Written Note:** A written note may be sent in advance if you know your child will be absent. If he/she is going on an extended holiday, a written note must be provided.

SPORTS NEWS

Registration to trial for SSV 12 Years and Under Team Vic Boys Australian Football, Mixed Netball, Boys Football (Soccer), Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball is done through an online process managed by School Sport Victoria.

The Online Registration process at www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic closes on March 1, 2020. Students and families must consult with their Principal to ensure they have the skill level to trial and represent their school at a national championship level. It is imperative that teachers decide on a child's capability of representing their school at a state level trial. Registration for a Division trial incurs a NON-REFUNDABLE \$25 fee. Confirmation to attend a trial will occur before the end of Term 1, 2020. Once registered, the parent will receive an email confirming payment and a form which will require the Principal's signature. Girls Football (Soccer) will go direct to a State Trial in 2020. Girls Australian Football has been introduced to the School Sport Australia program in 2020 and will also go direct to a State Trial. For more information please see Mr Chris.

SWIMMING SPORTS

If you have a child who is a member of a swimming squad you may wish to nominate them for the Maribyrnong Division Swimming Sports on Tuesday March 17 at Oak Park Leisure Centre, 563 Pascoe Vale Rd Pascoe Vale. Your child is able to nominate for two individual events. You will need to be able to transport your child to and from the event. Please see Mr Chris for more info.

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.

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>



CDFpay is one way for you to order your child's lunch – you can also pay by cash. Please log onto <https://spsunshinewest.cdfpay.org.au> to create your account. Please make sure you click on the tab that says 'I am a new parent, Sign me up' and follow the steps.

If you have already signed up before, please remember to go into your account and edit your child's class name for 2020.

Please remember that you can use CDFpay online to order lunch for your child or you can pay cash lunch orders.

If you have any difficulty setting up an account, please contact the school office for assistance.



Keyboard lessons
On School Campus!



Small Group & Private Lessons

- Please **ENROL TODAY** – via PMI's website OR enrolment forms available at your school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – typically during the school day
- Only \$15.95 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available (\$32.95 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via "PMI Stars" program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces available – so please enrol ASAP

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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.