

TERM 1 WEEK 6: Monday 2nd March, 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 4 th March:	Archbishop Peter Comensoli visiting St. Paul's – 10.30am No School for Prep Students
March 5 th and 6 th :	School Closure Days – No School for Students
Monday 9 th March:	Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 11 th March:	Preps Attend School today and all future Wednesdays Parent Helper Information Session 9am, repeated at 2.30pm
Wednesday 11 th March:	Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Night 7.00pm St. Paul's School
Friday 13 th March:	School Assembly SJM – 2.30pm
Tuesday 17 th March	Second Hand Uniform Stall, 2.45pm – 3.15pm
Wednesday 18 th March:	2021 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Thursday 19 th March:	Sacrament of Reconciliation 7.00pm St. Paul's School
Friday 20 th March:	Class Prayer Service JMK and JCL – 10.00am, School Assembly JMD – 2.30pm
Friday 27 th March:	Easter Assembly 12.00pm
Friday 27 th March:	End of Term I – 1.00pm Children can wear plain clothes.
Tuesday 14 th April	Beginning of Term II 8.40am
Wednesday 15 th April:	2021 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Thursday 16 th April:	School Photos – more information to follow.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that there will be **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS THIS THURSDAY 5TH MARCH AND FRIDAY 6TH MARCH** as all staff will be updating their first aid qualifications and will be revising their understanding of the Child Safe Standards.

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Ashlea Niemi will begin working at St Paul's as a Learning Support Officer tomorrow. We welcome Ashlea to St Paul's.

We look forward to Archbishop Peter Comensoli coming to St Paul's this Wednesday. We are very excited that he has accepted our invitation to visit us. As the leader of the Catholic Church in Melbourne, we are honoured that he is taking the time out of his busy schedule to visit us.

Thank you to those family and friends who joined us for our Ash Wednesday Mass last week. Please remember that Lent is a season of penance, reflection and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

A reminder of the Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Night that will be held on Wednesday 11th 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 at this Family Night.

School photos will be taken on Thursday 16th April this year (Term 2). Children will need to be in their full summer school uniform. More information will follow later in the term.

Please note that this Wednesday, 4th March, is the last Wednesday that the Preps do not attend school. From next Tuesday 10th March, they will be attending school full time.

There will be no school on Monday 9th March as the school will be closed for the Labour Day Public Holiday.

Term 1 concludes on Friday, 27th March at 1.00pm. The children may wear plain clothes on this day. Term 2 commences at 8.40am on Tuesday 14th April.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,
Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

ENHANCING CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY SURVEY

Thank you to those families who have completed the 'Enhancing Catholic School Identity Survey'. Participating in the parent survey would be greatly appreciated, as this information provides the school with valuable data.

Once you have completed the survey, present a copy of your *Certificate of Completion*, including your name and contact number to the school office, or alternatively email a copy to

lpeplow@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au to go into the draw for a \$100 Coles Myer voucher.

The ICT lab will be available on Mondays from 8.30am until 9.30am if you require a PC or assistance.

PREP ENROLMENTS - 2021

Enrolments for Prep 2021 are now open. I encourage any parents/carers who have not enrolled their child for Prep in 2021 to do so. Contact the school office for an enrolment form. There will be six information sessions for 2021 Prep Parents/Carers. The next session will be held on Wednesday 18th March at 9.15am. Please let any interested people know of this date. Please contact the office to advise if you will be attending the session.

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EASTER – DONATIONS OF PRIZES FOR OUR HAMPERS

Raffle tickets have been sent home last week. The tickets are \$1 each. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 27th March. Please make donations of Easter Eggs, chocolates, lollies and gifts to the school for our hampers by March 20th. All money and tickets to be returned by Tuesday 24th March. Thank you for your ongoing support.

PARENT HELPERS INFO SESSION – Wednesday, March 11th

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 Wednesday March 11th at 9am and repeated at 2:30pm.

Any time that you are able to help in the classroom will be very much appreciated and valued by both the children and their teachers! We look forward to seeing you.

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 and return it to the Office together with a **copy of your Centrelink Card**.

CHILD SAFETY AROUND ST PAUL'S

A reminder to all families to use the school crossing or the pedestrian lights when crossing Links Street and Glengala Road. This will ensure all in the community are safe. When leaving the drop off zone in the morning, please turn left out of the school driveway as Links Street is a one way street in the morning (8.00am – 9.00am) and afternoon (3.00pm – 4.00pm). I also ask families not to leave their cars unattended in the drop off zone in the morning. This causes congestion in the drop off zone. If you wish to visit the school office before 8.45am you must park in Links Street and walk to school. It is unsafe to park in the visitor parking bays and cross the drop off zone without using the crossing that is supervised by staff. A reminder that no child should be left unattended in a car. Please follow all road regulations to ensure the streets around St Paul's remain safe for all.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE – SAFETY

A reminder to all families who use before or after school care that you are not to park in the school grounds or driveway when dropping off or picking up children. We want to ensure that children who use the service will be safe at all times.



to the following students who received awards at Assembly on Friday.

PJM	Steven Cao
PLC	Quincy Bol
PTB	Sriritra Herbert
PTS	Theodore Ha
JCL	Carmen Tran-Dang
JGO	Abijot Singh
JJK	Allysa Trang
JLH	Annabel Nguyen
JMD	Anthony Le
JMK	Alexia Apostolikas
MMF	Veronica Moscosa
MNZ	Lachlan Nguyen
MRB	Ritisha Lal
MRC	Andy Tu
MSC	Sunny Lay
MTC	Ethan Dacunha
SCC	Lola Boljevic
SCF	Carissa Lai
SJM	Aweng Biar
SRC	Katie Tran
SRL	Khloe Dinh
SSG	Carolina Isoa



Life Skills
Creative Time
New Experiences
Construction & Manipulative Play
Outdoor Play Time
Homework & Quiet Time

To book, visit:
www.campaustralia.com.au
or call 1300 105 343

Staying Sun Smart at Outside School Hours Care

At Outside School Hours Care, the children always enjoy playing outdoors – whether it be group sport activities, playing on the playground or even doing homework with some fresh air. Whatever the activity is, we put utmost importance on the health and safety of the children, so remaining sun smart is always a priority.

Our sun smart policy complies with the SunSmart Guidelines to ensure all children, educators and visitors are protected from over-exposure to UV radiation while maintaining adequate vitamin D levels. Sensible sun protection does not put people at risk of vitamin D deficiency.

UV radiation causes harmful effects on health though we can't see or feel it. Prolonged exposure under the sun's UV can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage, and skin cancer. Protecting your skin from UV exposure is important at any age, but it is particularly important during childhood and adolescence as their skin is vulnerable to damaging sun rays.

To stay sun smart this Summer, children are required to wear their hats during outdoor activities for adequate sun protection. We suggest wide-brimmed hats as these cover the neck, ears and shoulders – these areas are prone sunburn. Apart from hats, children are also advised to wear sunscreen which we provide at our services.

To find out more about the Camp Australia OSHC program, please visit our website at www.campaustralia.com.au or call our friendly Customer Care on 1300 105 343. The team are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (except National Public Holidays).

Have a wonderful day and don't forget to stay Sun Smart!



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What's on in March

The Christian Foundation for the Care of Creation

Meditations for Lent

Therese Quinn rsj.

We reflect on the Gospel to remind us of God's gift of creation. Coinciding with the final days of the Synod for the Amazon, and for the fourth anniversary of "Laudato Si", a new book has been issued, which gathers together writings and discourses from Pope Francis on the environment. The book aims to explain a Christian vision of ecology. This opens us to new depths of the Gospel.

Thursdays in Lent, from 7.30pm-8.30pm.

Everyone is welcome

5th March Safeguarding creation

12th March A spiritual reading of Ecology

19th March The Love of God at the Centre of every living thing

26th March Starting again from the Holy Spirit and forgiveness

2nd April The vision of the believer

(Donations welcome)

Ecology-focused Shift in Consciousness

What do we mean by 'The New Cosmology'?

18th March, from 7.30pm-8.30pm

(And Wednesdays through to November.)

We invite your participation in conversation, discovery and awakening as we develop our understanding of the new world view, using up to date YouTube clips, readings and other stimulus material.

Carmel Cramer rsj

Let's be Crafty

5th March—10 a.m to Midday.

A mixture of teaching new skills and BYO craft

Carmel Cramer rsj.

Library: Books may be borrowed. Between 10 am and 2 p.m on Thursdays.



RSVP 2 days prior to any session would be appreciated

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WESTERN SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB/CLUB

2020: Plenary Council Themes

Tuesday, 17th March

Prayerful and Eucharistic

- Frank O'Loughlin S.T.D. P.P.



Speaker:
Fr Frank O'Loughlin has been teaching Sacraments, especially Eucharist, since 1977. He was Director of the Diocesan Liturgy Centre from 1977 to 1994. The people of Sacred Heart Parish, Sandringham are blessed to have him as their Parish Priest.

St Patrick's Day at 7.30 p.m.

Club Italia, Furlong Rd, St Albans
- between Sunshine Hospital and the Western Ring Road

Come along by yourself or with a group of friends!

Be open to having your thoughts expanded or challenged by the evening of conversation, which begins with our speakers, followed by conversation around tables and then by open forum across the room. The room opens off the Bistro area.

Support the club that supports Western SIP by dining there beforehand from 6.00 p.m. Dine on a table with other Western SIP participants by notifying us at Westernsip.club@gmail.com by the day before and we will book tables for all of us. Early arrival allows time to order and enjoy your meal before moving into the room we use which is off the Bistro area. We aim to start at 7.30 p.m. and finish by 9.00 p.m.

2020 Western SIP Dates for your diary

Tuesday, 17th March, Tuesday, 19th May,

Tuesday, 21st July,

Tuesday, 15th September: Fr Noel Connelly SSC

Tuesday, 17th November



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