

TERM 1

WEEK 7: Tuesday 10th March, 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

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.
Tuesday 21 st April:	2021 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 24 th April:	School Assembly MNZ – 2.30pm
Monday 27 th April:	School Closure Day – No School for Students
Tuesday 5 th May:	Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30am
Thursday 7 th May:	Mother's Day Stall 2021 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 8 th May:	Multicultural Day including Special Lunch
May 12 th – May 22 nd :	NAPLAN Online
Tuesday 12 th May:	Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night 7.00pm St Paul's School
Sunday 24 th May:	Sacrament of Eucharist 10.00am St Paul's Church

Dear Parents,

Last week, Caireanne Gildea, a Year 3 student from St Mary of the Cross in Point Cook, passed away. I ask you to keep Caireanne, her family and the whole School Community in your thoughts and prayers.

We welcome back from her honeymoon Mrs Kara Brizzi – we hope that Kara and her husband Ben had a wonderful time. Mr Joshua Turner will be on leave until next Tuesday. We wish him all the best on his leave.

We were very lucky to have Archbishop Peter Comensoli visit us last week. He was very impressed with the welcome he received and the way the children listened to him. He asked the children to think about their favourite Jesus story and their favourite saint. We thank him for taking the time to visit St Paul's.

A reminder that our Prep students will attend their first Wednesday **TOMORROW**, March 11th. I thank all Prep parents/carers who have taken the time to bring their Prep child to school over the past five Wednesdays. Your support has been greatly appreciated.

A reminder of the Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Night that will be held **tomorrow night**, Wednesday 11th March, commencing at 7.00pm. Children who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and at least one parent, are to attend. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at St Paul's School on Thursday 19th March at 7.00pm.

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.

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

Thanks to those families who have already returned their sold raffle tickets. 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 prize hampers by March 20th. Thank you for your ongoing support.

PARENT HELPERS INFO SESSION – TOMORROW - 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**.

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



Brimbank City Council is hosting its annual Brimbank Writers and Readers Festival and will commence Thursday 19 March and will continue until Saturday 28 March.

Saturday 21 March, 1.30-2.30pm

Sunshine Library: 9249 4296

Level 1, 301 Hampshire Road, Sunshine

Mrs Tickle bottom and the plastic problem with Jessica Gerger (A play for children and families - FREE)

Mrs Tickle bottom and the Plastic Problem is a show for all ages about plastic, litter our wildlife and waterways, the ocean and one mean old Lavender Lady.

Join Mrs Tickle bottom as she goes on a redemptive journey from litterbug to environment heroine, meeting many different animals and some scary plastic wrap on her adventures.

Jessica Gerger is a performer, writer, film maker, teacher and environmentalist. A picture book of Mrs Tickle bottom and the Plastic Problem will be released later this year.

Visit: brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au/writersfestival to make bookings online or contact 9249 4296.

Project Compassion Launch 2020

On Tuesday 25th of February, Annabelle Tran, Kevin Tran, Bianca Bilt, Aweng Biar and Isabella Nguyen represented St. Paul's School at the Project Compassion Launch held at Catholic Regional College, Caroline Springs. The students learnt about the struggles some individuals experience, particularly those in our Indigenous community. Archbishop Peter Comensoli spoke to the students about the importance of almsgiving during the season of Lent and presented each school with a Project Compassion Kit. Staff from Caritas Australia organised some activities for the students, highlighting the importance of "looking back" and caring for others. The motto for Project Compassion during this Lenten season is 'Go Further Together'. The students at St. Paul's are excited to begin their social justice program for 2020.






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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 to 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.campastralia.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!