

TERM 1

WEEK 8: Monday 16th March, 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

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:	JMA Healthy Teddy Bear's Picnic, 11.45am – 12.30pm
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
Tuesday 5 th May:	Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30am
Thursday 7 th May:	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 8 th May:	2021 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
May 12 th – May 22 nd :	Multicultural Day including Special Lunch
Tuesday 12 th May:	NAPLAN Online
Sunday 24 th May:	Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night 7.00pm St Paul's School
	Sacrament of Eucharist 10.00am St Paul's Church

Dear Parents,

This week is Catholic Education Week. The theme is *The Future is Listening*. Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate their Catholic identity, the pivotal role they play within their local community and the strength of the sector.

Last Friday the cast for the production 'Aladdin' was announced to the Year 5 and 6 students. Over 100 children auditioned for just 60 positions. I know there were some disappointed children. However, I was very impressed with the way the children were excited for each other, even though they themselves may have missed out on a role. All Year 5 and 6 children will have the opportunity to shine in some way in the production. Thanks to Mrs Kylie Ponce Rios, Mrs Amanda Gallus and Mrs Michele Micallef for all their work with the audition process.

I have been in touch with School Pix, our school photographers today – we have decided to postpone school photos until later in the year. At this stage we are looking at late term 3 or from week 3 in term 4.

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.

Please note the professional learning activity with Anne Henderson organised for April 27 has been cancelled as Anne was flying in from America. We will have a school closure day at some stage in Term II – more information to follow.

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – THURSDAY 19TH MARCH – 7.00PM ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

We ask the community of St. Paul's to pray for the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday Night at St. Paul's School at 7.00pm. The children have been very well prepared by Miss Peplow, Miss Rebecca, Mrs Favero, Ms Christine, Mrs Razi, Mrs Borg, Miss Clarke, Miss Zahra and Miss Teagan. We know that God will continue to guide all the students in their lives, no matter what they do. Thank you to all the families who attended the Sacrament of Reconciliation Family night last week and to the staff who supported the children.

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

SPORTS NEWS

Flyers for Football Star Academy [soccer] were distributed to the children today. The program takes place on Thursdays after school. Costing is on the handout. If you are interested in your child participating please return the form to the office or Mr Chris.

AMAZE LAUNCHES #CHANGEYOURREACTIONS - AN AUSTRALIA-FIRST AUTISM PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

It's the first time there has been an autism public education campaign on mass media. It's called [Change Your Reactions](#), and you'll catch it on the TV, radio, newspapers, internet and outdoor billboards.

The ideas were developed in close consultation with over 200 autistic Victorians, their families and supporters. There are three different ads, and they aim to remind people not to judge autistic people, and be accepting and kind. The need for a campaign like this came out of Amaze's *Community Attitudes* research which showed the significant effects on autistic people of harsh and judgmental behaviours from the wider community.

View the campaign here: <https://changeyourreactions.com/>

ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT TO ST. PAUL'S

On Wednesday 4th of March, Archbishop Peter Comensoli visited St Paul's Sunshine West. He was greeted by school captains Lara and Jagtar and went for a tour around the school, accompanied by Mr Casamento, Ms Cathy and Miss Peplow. The school assembled in the hall, where Archbishop Comensoli addressed the students and asked questions about the school's patron saint, St Paul. He ended the visit with a prayer and wished the St Paul's community well for the future. We would like to thank Archbishop Peter Comensoli for taking time out of his busy schedule to spend time with the community of St. Paul's Sunshine West.



A COLLECTION OF COLOUR POEMS

BLUE

Blue is the colour of a juicy blue berry
bursting in my mouth.

The colour of the sky, school uniform
and zooming cars.

Blue tastes like a cool blue berry popcicle
giving me a brain freeze.

Blue looks like shade sails lifting up
and down in the wind.

Blue feels like water splashing in the pool.

Blue sounds like ice skaters
skating on the ice.

Blue smells like the sweet smell of
blooming violet.

Blue is the colour of the ocean.

Written by Meiying, MSC

RED

Red is the colour of red roses
shining in the sun.

The colour of water melon, butterflys and
Shining Planet Mars.

Red tastes like a sweet sticky sour red lollipop
melting in the bright warm sun.

Red looks like a bright colourful sunset
warming up the streets.

Red feels like sticky paint slithering through
and escaping out of my fingers.

Red sounds like autumn leaves falling from tall
trees crunching once they get to the grass.

Red smells like fresh juicy straw berrys
bursting with tiny drops of juice.

Red is the colour of a sunset.

Written by Tubesta, MSC

ORANGE

Orange is the colour of a juicy orange.

The colour of autumn, sunset and fish.

Orange tastes like a sweet lollipop shrinking slowly away.

Orange looks like a sunset slowly going to sleep.

Orange feels like warm beaches and glowing sand.

Orange sounds like crunching autumn leaves drifting down

Orange smells like cheesy popcorn popping pop pop pop

Orange is the colour of lollies and icecream and hair.

By Sunny Lay, MSC