

## TERM 1

## WEEK 9: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March:	End of Term I – 3.00pm.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Beginning of Term II 8.40am
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April:	2021 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April:	2021 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April:	School Assembly MNZ – 2.30pm (TBC)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May:	Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30am (TBC)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May:	Mother's Day Stall (TBC)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May:	2021 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am (TBC)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May:	Multicultural Day including Special Lunch (TBC)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May:	Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night 7.00pm St Paul's School (TBC)
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May:	2021 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm (TBC)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> August:	Sacrament of Eucharist 10.00am St Paul's Church (TBC)
	School Photos – New Date

Dear Parents,

Yesterday, the Premier Daniel Andrews announced that the Victorian School Holidays will be commencing today, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. There will be no school for students for the remainder of the week. Term 2 starts at 8.40am on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of April. Staff will be working on preparing Learning from Home activities in case there are further disruptions to schooling in the coming months. Please see the additional letter that has been sent out today which gives further information about the situation.

I would like to thank you all for your understanding and patience as we have been forced to cancel many school events as well as change the way we do things at St Paul's in light of the COVID – 19. We are living through extraordinary times. I ask you to stay safe, to use appropriate hygiene and to be patient when shopping. If we are advised that school will not return for Term II, we will make contact via the Skoolbag app and advise how your child/ren can participate in home learning activities. If you are not registered on the Skoolbag app, please do so immediately. Instructions are included in this newsletter.

Mrs Kylie Ponce Rios and Mrs Samantha Karipoglou have commenced Maternity Leave. We wish Kylie and Gilberto and Samantha and Matt all the very best for the future. We look forward to meeting the 'new arrivals' next term.

Last Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, we remembered all those who were killed and injured in the atrocities in Christchurch. People had visited their place of worship to pray in peace, and that peace was broken in an unbelievable manner. Over the past week, I have been amazed at how the community of Auckland and New Zealand have stood hand in hand with those who have endured so much. The sight of men and women performing the haka to support those in their community was inspiring. I pray that these actions will never be seen again.

Unfortunately, there will be no Church Services to celebrate the events of Holy Week which begins on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April with Palm Sunday where Jesus was treated like a hero as he entered Jerusalem. However, a week later, he was crucified. The message of Easter is one of hope. Jesus died on the cross but rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, a great day in the Church's Liturgical Year. I ask you to pray as a family this Easter and I hope the Risen Christ is able to live in your hearts during the Easter season and throughout the year.

A reminder that all assemblies, including the Easter Assembly, have been cancelled until further notice. We have also cancelled the school closure day on Monday April 27 – as a result there will be school on this day.

I will be on leave this week. Ms Cathy Doran will be acting Principal and Mrs Nicole Azarnikow will be acting Deputy Principal. Please see them if you have any concerns.

I will keep you all in my prayers during the Easter Season. I hope you all have a great holiday and a Holy Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento

PRINCIPAL

### **ENHANCING CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY SURVEY – SURVEYS CLOSE FRIDAY 17/4**

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. The closing date for completion of the survey has been extended to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April. **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](mailto:lpeplow@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au) to go into the draw for a \$100 Coles Myer voucher.**

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> April 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.

### **EASTER RAFFLE**

Thank you to those families who have already made donations of chocolates, Easter eggs and lollies. Thanks also to those families who have already returned their sold raffle tickets. Any remaining tickets and money should be returned when school reopens next term. The tickets are \$1 each. The raffle will now be drawn in Term 2.

### **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Unfortunately, the Sacrament of Penance was cancelled last week due to Archbishop Peter advising that no liturgy celebrations could take place until further notice. This is in line with new Federal Government regulations about cancelling gatherings where more than 100 people are in attendance. Thanks to all the families whose children were to receive the Sacrament of Penance for their understanding.

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2020 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

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

**15<sup>th</sup> October 2020:** Offers posted to prospective 2022 Year 7 applicants

**6<sup>th</sup> November 2020:** Final date for families to accept by offers made by the Secondary School



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.

### **SECOND HAND UNIFORM STORE**

Many thanks to Effie Ross and Camelia Ghisa for running the Second Hand Uniform Stall last week. Please remember to donate clean uniforms to the school when you no longer need them.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS – NEW DATE – WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

I wish to remind our families that we have postponed our school photos until later in the year. The new date is Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August. More information will follow next term.



to the following students who received awards on Friday.

PJM	Lilian Isac
PLC	Ariela Jackson
PTB	Thomas Jovancevski
PTS	Waleeya Pelman
JCL	Damon Tang
JGO	Elshadie Mulatu
JJK	Achol Biar
JLH	Israel Toleafoa
JMD	Chloe Phan
JMK	Thomas Ha
MMF	Nigel Tang
MNZ	Tina Nguyen
MRB	Sianna Carter
MRC	Ryan Lam
MSC	Heleina Toelupe
MTC	Christine Tsamperis
SCC	Jayden Fastuca
SCF	Mikey Kapoor
SJM	Simon Le
SRC	Tai Nguyen
SRL	Nairi Tchakerian-De Barros
SSG	Christian Nastopoulos

## ST. PAUL'S 2020 CHOIR CAPTAINS AND LIBRARY MONITORS

Congratulations to the following students for securing these new roles. They will be working closely with Ms Michele to help both Choir and our Library run smoothly.

### Middle Choir captains:

Nyankiir Biar (MNZ) and Manaia Fuimaono (MTC)

### Senior choir captains:

Mia Koutsodimitropoulos (SCF) and Rihanna Mercieca (SSG)

### Library Monitors:

Nahum Mehari (MTC)  
 Anne Phan (MNZ)  
 Heran Gebretsadik (MRB)  
 Leo Huynh (MRC)  
 Sofia Ramos (MNZ)  
 Aradhana Brand (MSC)  
 Khloe Dinh (SRL)  
 Nathan Nguyen (SCC)  
 Emma Kuloski (SRL)  
 Mia Djugum (SJM)  
 Emily Le (SJM)  
 Henry Phan (SJM)  
 Izabella Dalley (SRC)  
 Chelsea Farrugia (SSG)  
 Katie Tran (SRC)



Bookings are now open for Autumn Holiday Club.

Our most popular Holiday Club workshops are cooking and science. They allow your children to get experimental, have fun and learn!

Every season, parents tell us that they want to see more of these, so we're excited to present to you our Mexican Fiesta cooking class and Science Spectacular experimental extravaganza.

#### Mexican Fiesta



We're making cheesy quesadillas, moreish guacamole and tasty bionico fruit cocktail desserts, while learning about Mexican cooking and culture.

#### Science Spectacular



We've got the Exploding Toothpaste experiment, they'll mix science and art in the gelatin Streaking experiment and the wonder of the Magical Water Blossom.

Book now. To find out when these activities are on during the school holidays and to find your nearest service, visit: [www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs).

We look forward to seeing you at **Holiday Club**.

The Camp Australia Team



Access any one of our 230+ Holiday Club locations Australia-wide. Near home, work or even your holiday destination!



Want more excursions? Maybe more club days? Pick any program near you, they're all unique.



Avoid a late booking charge and save \$10 by booking at least 7 days in advance. Plus, with limited space, spots fill up.

To find locations near you and to book, visit [www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs)

HOLIDAY CLUB

## nab AFL Auskick

NAB AFL Auskick is one of the best, first experiences kids aged 5-12 will have learning Australian Football.

In weekly sessions, Auskickers and their families will run, jump, kick, laugh and create their own special moments playing footy.

No matter their skill level, ability or knowledge of the game, Auskick is for everyone!

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- 2 Select "Where to play"
- 3 Enter your suburb
- 4 Find your local club and register

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