

TERM 2 WEEK 2: Monday 20th April, 2020

Dear Families,

In some very exciting Staff news, Mrs Kylie Ponce Rios gave birth to a baby boy, Oliver Luciano, on April 16th. Congratulations to Kylie and Gilberto on the safe arrival of Oliver. However the good news doesn't end there... Mrs Samantha Karipoglou gave birth to a baby girl, Sofia, on April 17th. Congratulations to Samantha and Matt on the safe arrival of Sofia. We look forward to meeting Oliver and Sofia. In further good news, Mrs Sarah Notaro is pregnant with her fourth child. Congratulations to Sarah and her husband Sam - we wish them all the very best for the future.

I would like to congratulate all families on the way they have taken on 'Home Learning' this term. I have seen many SeeSaw posts showing children cooking at home, writing about holidays, reading from Raz Kids, completing a variety of exercise, just to name a few of the activities you have all completed. Thank you for taking on this very important role during these unprecedented times. It would be appreciated if all students could be appropriately dressed i.e. not in their pyjamas, when they post a video on SeeSaw.

I would like to thank Mr Joshua Turner for all his work to ensure that students had access to devices to complete the home learning tasks. Josh has spent a great deal of time assisting with passwords, logins and organising power chords to ensure home learning could take place. To those who have borrowed the devices, I ask you to ensure they are cared for, as we will need to have them returned to school when home learning concludes. Families who lose or damage the devices will be required to pay for them, as per the user agreement that was signed when you collected the devices.

I would like to thank all the teachers who are providing activities and learning opportunities for the children to complete at home. This has been a learning process for all teachers – they will continue to develop different ways that your children can engage with them over coming weeks. They will be contacting families to touch base about how your child is going with home learning. Please remember that you can email teachers between 8.30am and 3.30pm with any questions. Please note that they may not get back to you immediately as they may be completing other tasks. Thanks to all the Learning Support Officers and Office Staff for the way they have stepped up and worked together with the school during this time.

The Catholic Education Office has determined that it is a requirement that schools record **daily attendance to online learning (learning from home)**. Each teacher will post a morning announcement on SeeSaw at 8.45am. You are required to respond with your child's name at the bottom of the post by 3.00pm otherwise your child will be deemed absent for the day. Teachers will be logging attendance into NForma at 3.15pm. This attendance data will be reflected on your child's report.

Ms Rebeca Lopez has been appointed as the new Wellbeing Leader as Mrs Nicole Azarnikow will be taking Maternity Leave from Monday 11th May. However, due to COVID – 19, Nicole has been advised not to return to school for the term. I would like to congratulate Rebeca on her appointment. Rebeca will be released from classroom duties on Tuesday and Wednesday to fulfill the duties associated with being the Student Wellbeing Leader. Rebeca will be replaced by Mrs Jennifer Gualtieri on Tuesday and Wednesday. Jennifer is already a member of staff and currently teaches a SMA class on Fridays. Jennifer and Rebeca will communicate regularly to ensure continuity and consistency in your child's learning.

Congratulations to the Jackson Family – Chloe (MSC), Angie (JLH), Ariela (PLC) – on the safe arrival of their sister, Ivy, born last week. We wish the family all the best.

All the best for the rest of the week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
Principal

ANZAC DAY – SATURDAY 25TH APRIL

This Saturday, April 25th, is ANZAC Day. It is a very special day in both Australia and New Zealand. The anniversary of ANZAC day is probably Australia's most important national occasion. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by New Zealand and Australian forces during the First World War. On April 25th, 1915, forces landed on Gallipoli so the 25th of April became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of soldiers who had died in that war, and we remember all those men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in all wars.

GRADUATION SHIRTS

We have been advised that there will be a delay in the delivery of the Graduation Shirts as the company providing them is operating on a restricted production timeline due to COVID – 19. We will keep you updated when we have any more information about the delivery date.

ONLINE HOME LEARNING

Home Learning on our Website

Thank you for all your support with the online learning that has started happening from today. On our school website we have updated learning tasks for each level and specialist classes. To access the school's page you can simply google 'St Paul's Sunshine West' or type in the URL <http://www.spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au/>. From there you will need to click on 'Student Intranet'. Then in the tab on the top right you can click on 'Home Learning' to access the learning tasks.

SeeSaw Student

If you have the **SeeSaw class** app, the students can log in with their unique code that was sent out via an email by Mrs Louise Collison. If you don't have the app, you can access the class by going to <https://web.seesaw.me/> on the internet (e.g. using Chrome, Safari, Internet Explorer, Firefox) and clicking on 'Log In', click on 'I am a Student' and then enter your code that was sent to you via email (remember the spaces in the correct places!).

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to those families who made donations to our Easter Raffle and to those who bought tickets. The winners of the Easter Raffle were Victoria (JMD), Alexia (JMK) & Yianna (PJM) Apostolikas; Jack Meilak (JLH) and Holly Andrews (SCC). We will contact these families to arrange a time to collect their prize.

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. You can download an enrolment form from our website. All information sessions have been cancelled – we are still accepting enrolments. Please scan and email your child's enrolment form to Mrs Leanne Andrew at landrew@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au or you can drop it off at the office.

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



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- To report your child's absence: Click on "***eForms***", then "***Absentee Form***" and fill up the form.