

## TERM 2

## WEEK 3: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

Dear Families,

I ask you to keep in your thoughts and prayers the family of the four police officers who were killed last week while in the line of duty. Constable Glen Humphris, Leading Senior Constable Lynette Taylor, Senior Constable Kevin King and Constable Joshua Prestney went to work on Wednesday morning, but never made it home that night. The Police are there to keep us safe – they do so in the most difficult and dangerous circumstances. We wish comfort to all in the Police Force who are grieving their colleagues at this time.

Yesterday was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter. The Gospel reading was from Luke 24 – it was when Jesus appeared to two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is one of my favourite passages in the bible. The two disciples were travelling to Emmaus just days after the crucifixion of Jesus when a third man "drew near to them." Together they walked and discussed the life of Jesus of Nazareth and how he may still be alive after his tomb was found empty. When they arrived in Emmaus, the two men invited Jesus to join them for a meal. When Jesus took the bread, blessed it and broke the bread, the disciples recognised that it was Jesus. They said, "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road." When I was in the Holy Land last year, we travelled to a church that was built to honour this Gospel story. St Mary of the Resurrection Church was in Abu Gosh, a city just west of Jerusalem. It was a very sacred Church to acknowledge such a beautiful story about the risen Lord being recognised in the breaking of the bread. Hopefully in the past three weeks, you have seen the risen Lord in your daily lives.

I continue to be surprised about how well the children are approaching home learning. The tasks that I see completed and posted on SeeSaw show me how hard the children are working and how much their family members are supporting them. To see families have Physical Education classes together is wonderful. I was touched by how the family members supported each other and offered help to their siblings. I understand that these are challenging times. I also know that some families may be having difficulty assisting the children to complete the tasks. I encourage you to try your best. If you or your children are having any difficulty at all, please email your child's teacher. If you need to decrease the amount of work your child completes, that is fine. Your child is encouraged to complete as much as possible considering your family situation. Only you will be aware of what can be achieved by your child. As a school, we have not given you times that we expect the learning activities to be completed. We will leave that to you – all we ask is that the children sign in on SeeSaw first thing in the morning and then complete the activities from the weekly planner when it suits the family.

I want to remind families why we have had to take the step to have children learn from home during Term II. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, Victoria's Chief Health Officer, Dr Brett Sutton, reinforced the reasoning behind the directive that all students who can learn from home must learn from home. He stated: *'My advice to the Victorian Government was and continues to be that to slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), schools should undertake remote learning for term two. This is because having around a million children and their parents in closer contact with teachers and other support staff has the potential to increase cases of coronavirus not just in schools but across the community. By having remote learning, it can contribute to physical distancing and therefore supports efforts to drive transmission down.'* I wish to thank all of you for the effort you are making to ensure all in our school community remain safe.

A reminder that the Catholic Education Office has determined that it is a requirement that schools record **daily attendance to online learning (learning from home)**. Please remember that 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.

Thanks you for all you are doing during this self isolation period. With us all doing the right thing, we will ensure that the restrictions we are all facing will be enable us to remain healthy.

All the best for the coming week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento  
Principal

## **PMI MUSIC LESSONS OFFERED ONLINE THIS TERM**

Instrumental music lessons offered with a live tutor online are being offered in term 2 by Primary Music Institute for our school community. Lessons are streamed live with a fantastic tutor. Students participate in lessons from home. Please enrol online and the team will contact you to coordinate a suitable lesson time: [www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au](http://www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au) .

All lesson prices, instrument details, age group restrictions etc are provided as part of the enrolment process. Older siblings and parents can also enrol - just ask the team when discussing lesson times.

## **ENROLMENT IN STATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS – YEAR 7 2021**

Enrolment forms for State Secondary Schools are available from the office. Please contact Ms Leanne Andrew at [landrew@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au](mailto:landrew@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au) if you would like to receive the enrolment form via email. Completed forms need to be returned directly to the State Secondary School of your choice by Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The forms **are not** to be returned to St Paul's.

## **ONLINE HOME LEARNING**

### **Home Learning on our Website**

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!).

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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 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. You need to have an email address to open an account on Skoolbag app.

### **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.