

TERM 2 WEEK 4: Monday 4th May, 2020

Dear Families,

I ask you to keep in your prayers Mrs Claudia Razi as her Father in law passed away last week. I ask you to keep Claudia, her husband Naemm and their family in your prayers.

Mrs Nicole Azarnikow will be beginning Maternity Leave this Friday. She is due to have her baby before the end of this term. We wish Nicole and her husband Andrew all the best as they wait for the arrival of their first child.

A reminder that 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 immediately. You can download an enrolment form from our website. Due to COVID – 19, all information sessions have been cancelled. Thanks to our school captains and vice captains – Lara, Jagtar, Livinia and Tai – we have a virtual tour of the school on our website. If you know of anyone who is interested in a tour of the school, let them know that the virtual tour is available on our website in the “Enrolment Information” tab. There is lots of other information on this page relevant to our 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. We were intending to do Prep Interviews in the first week of June, however these will now be put on hold. We will contact you when we know when these will be.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel many events due to COVID – 19. This week is always a busy time in the life of St Paul’s School. We would be having the Mother’s Day Breakfast, the Mother’s Day Stall and our Multicultural Lunch. These events are important celebrations in the life of our school. Along with so many other family celebrations, we are unable to celebrate these events this year. I know your children will be sad that they are unable to buy a present from the stall. I ask you all to speak with your Mothers on Sunday and make it a special day for them.

Thank you for your continued support of the home learning. I continue to be amazed by the commitment of teachers, staff and families to ensure our children have the opportunity to participate in engaging activities while learning at home. As mentioned last week, I know 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 you best. Please do not be stressed if your child does not complete all activities that have been set by the teachers – we want your child to be able to do as much as they can as we know that each family is unique and has different challenges.

You would be aware that teachers and Learning Support Officers have been phoning you and asking how your child is going with home learning. Some families may not recognise the number that is being displayed. In recent times, the following number could be displayed – 03 7378 9900. This number signifies that someone from St Paul’s has rung. You can call back using this number, or dial the school number – 9363 1568. If ‘No Caller ID’ is displayed, it could be a member of staff calling.

While reading your child’s posts on SeeSaw, I have been impressed by the way teachers have been thanked for what they are preparing for your children. These words of thanks have come from children and family members. I know that all staff really appreciate being thanked – it means so much to them. Please remember that ‘thank you’ is very easy to say or write.

Thanks again 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

ONLINE LEARNING TIPS

Thank you to all our families for your support during these unprecedented times of online learning. Managing our time and supporting our children is a real challenge and there isn't necessarily a right or wrong way of doing things. But in order to manage our wellbeing during these times, here's 5 tips to help manage the technology side of your children's learning.

Tip 1: Supervision - We strongly encourage all children to use their devices in a shared space rather than being in a bedroom unsupervised.

Tip 2: Social Media - A reminder that most social media sites, such as Tik Tok, Snapchat, Facebook and Instagram have an age restriction of 13 years and over.

Tip 3: Clear expectations – Remember that you have the right to set restrictions in terms of screen time and to structure your day at home to suit your needs.

Tip 4: Screen Time - We strongly encourage all children to balance screen time with activities that don't involve a digital device. A ball game or reading a book are all great ways to show kids how they can learn and enjoy themselves without a mobile, tablet or computer and can help managing your day.

Tip 5: Charging Devices – make sure all devices are put away each night and are charged for learning the following day.

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!).

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 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 15th. The forms **are not** to be returned to St Paul's.

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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Simonds Catholic College is a small inner city, secondary boys school of approximately 430 students.

We are accepting Year 7 2021 and Year 7 2022 enrolments.
Limited places are also available for Years 8 to 12.

Find out more about the Simonds Catholic College community,
inspiring young men to become active, global citizens.

Tour bookings can be made online at www.trybooking.com/BGIOG or
contact our Registrar on 9321 9207 or info@sccmelb.catholic.edu.au.

Where the individual matters