

TERM 2

WEEK 5: Monday 11th May, 2020

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful Mother's Day yesterday. It certainly was a different atmosphere this year. Normally, my family and I visit my Mum for tea on Mother's Day. We are joined by my five brothers, their wives and partners and not forgetting 18 grandchildren!!! There is always a great deal of noise!!! This year was very quiet – when we can gather as a family, we must make sure we hug and kiss our loved ones to make up for this time apart.

Last week I let you know that Mrs Nicole Azarnikow was beginning Maternity Leave. I am excited to advise that Miss Rebeca Lopez will be the Wellbeing Leader in Nicole's absence and Miss Lisa Peplow will be the new Child Safety Officer. I congratulate them on their appointments to these new roles. Mrs Jennifer Gualtieri will replace Rebeca on Tuesday and Wednesday so she can complete the Student Wellbeing Role.

Please remember 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.

We were advised last week that Lady Northcote Camp has cancelled all camps until further notice. This is very unfortunate for our Senior classes as we were booked to attend camp in the first week of Term III. Miss Rhiannon, Mrs Garcia and the Senior teachers are currently looking at other possibilities for Year 5 and 6 students to attend camp. As soon as we have further information, we will let you know.

Please remember that enrolment forms for Year 7, 2021 in State Secondary Schools must be returned directly to the State Secondary School of your choice by this **Friday, May 15th**. The forms 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. Please note the forms **are not to be returned to St Paul's**, but rather taken directly to your first choice of state secondary school.

I would like to thank 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. Please remember to keep social distance and wash our hands and use hand sanitiser regularly. Thanks also for the way you continue to support home learning. You are all doing a wonderful job.

All the best for the coming week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
Principal

FAMILY SURVEY FOR ONLINE LEARNING (LEARNING FROM HOME)

Dear Parents and Carers,

At St. Paul's we highly value the learning partnership which occurs between students, families and teachers. As online learning (learning from home) has created unique changes in the way that we are currently experiencing learning, we would like to invite you to share your thoughts by completing this survey:

<https://forms.gle/VxTmBQv9hdarLFL69> . All responses are anonymous; you will not be identified through participating in the survey.

AN ONLINE LEARNING MESSAGE FROM THE SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Firstly, thank you to everyone who has posted their work on Seesaw, it has been wonderful seeing all the great learning you are doing across all areas of the curriculum. We would just like to remind students and families that we have placed a lot of our content on the Student Online Learning Page (see how to access below) and this is updated each week.

Also, another reminder is that a student needs to be signed in to access all this content. When you click on these links it will prompt you to sign in with a St Paul's email address (_____@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au). If it asks you to request permission it most likely means that someone outside our school domain, like mum or dad, is already logged into their personal account. In this case, Google should give you the option of 'switching account' or 'sign out'.

Many thanks,
St Paul's Specialist Teachers

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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VIRTUAL OPEN DAY

Find out why we are leaders in learning excellence.
Join us on Sunday 17 May for a Virtual Open Day of our College.
Register your place by visiting cccc.vic.edu.au/open-day



Have you considered online music lessons?

Places are still available for Term 2!

Online lessons are still available **via live video link** directly to one of our PMI tutors, so students can learn their instrument from their own home, just like this:



Here's some feedback from one of our parents:

"My daughter is not missing out on keyboard lessons now because they are online. Well done PMI!"

Please enrol via our website:
www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au

Or for any enquiries, email
admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au or Phone 1300 362 824

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 you 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.