

## TERM 2

## WEEK 6: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

Dear Families,

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate all that Education Support Personnel or Learning Support Officers do in our schools. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the LSOs at St Paul's for all they do to ensure the smooth running of our school. They are always so flexible and take on so many different roles at our school. Whether it be in the office, assisting in the classroom or working in the library, the work they do is so important for St Paul's. So thank you to all of you for what you do to give the St Paul's students great opportunities.

You would be aware that our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students commence school on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May and our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students commence on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. **Please remember that next Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May, there is a school closure day for all students as teachers will begin preparing for the return of their classes.** Please remember that the State Government and Catholic Education Melbourne are following the same protocols statewide. More information regarding the return of our Prep – 2 students will be sent out this week.

During this week, our teachers will be writing reports on different days. The children will be completing the tasks that have been sent as per the timetable, however, there will not be any feedback provided by the teachers on their report writing day. Please note when your child's teacher will be having their day to write reports:

**Preps** – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May                      **JMA** – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May      **MMA** – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

**SMA** – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May              **Specialists** – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Reports will be sent home on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

In June, we will not be having formal Learning Conversations to discuss your child's Semester 1 reports. There are three reasons for this. Firstly, the conversations could not be at school and would have to be over the phone. Secondly, over the past 5 weeks and continuing for the next couple of weeks, teachers have and will continue to have regular contact with families. Due to the children being absent for the majority of the term, the reports will be very different in June with less detail than normal. As a result, we don't believe that formal conversations are necessary due to the regular contact that has already occurred. Thirdly, we would need to close the school to accommodate the Learning Conversations and we want the children to be at school for the remainder of the term after so much time away from school. If you do wish to discuss your child's report with your child's teacher, please feel free to email them and they will make phone contact with you.

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. At this stage, we intend to have Prep interviews in the first week of Term III from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. A letter advising you of your child's interview time will be sent home in the near future. Please note that you should bring your child to the interview. If you know of anyone who is interested in enrolling their child at St Paul's, let them know there is a virtual tour 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](mailto:landrew@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au) or you can drop it off at the office.

We look forward to welcoming our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students back to school next Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Thanks for all you continue to do during this self-isolation period. Even though restrictions have eased slightly, I encourage you to continue doing the right thing to ensure we 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!).

## **ENHANCING CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY SURVEY UPDATE**

Thank you to all families who participated in the Enhancing Catholic School Identity (ECSI) survey, it was greatly appreciated. Your participation provides valuable data regarding the Catholic Identity of St. Paul's School. The winner of the \$100 Coles Myer voucher was Hoihniang Kingbawl.

## **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 as soon as possible. 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 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