

TERM 2

WEEK 9: Tuesday 9th June, 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 19th June: Reports go home.

Monday 22nd, 23rd and 24th June: 2021 Prep Interviews

Friday 26th June: Term II ends -1.00pm – Children may wear plain clothes

Monday 13th July: Term III Begins – 8.40am

Dear Families,

In some very exciting news, Ms Vanessa Boulton and her husband Shaun are expecting their second child later this year. Congratulations to Vanessa and Shaun - we wish them all the very best for the future. In more exciting news, Mrs Nicole Azarnikow gave birth to a baby girl, Gemma Lynn, on June 6th. Congratulations to Nicole and her husband Andrew on the safe arrival of Gemma.

This morning we welcomed back to St Paul's our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students. For the first time in 11 weeks, we gathered as a school community. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces. The children were so excited to see their friends and teachers again. As I looked around the yard, I was so proud of everyone. Your children all achieved so much during Learning from Home, whether they were home or at school. I know it would have been very difficult for them to be away from their friends and teachers, but they did so well. I am so proud of them. I am also so proud of all the members of the St Paul's Staff. They all did so much to ensure your children had the opportunity to learn and develop during this time, whether they were a teacher or a learning support officer. The office staff were also important as they helped with the many office tasks that continued at school, but also with new tasks such as distributing and collecting devices that were borrowed. Ms Cathy Doran and the Leadership Team offered great support as we moved from school to home learning, and then transitioning back to school. All staff members got behind each other and supported each other when some may have been struggling. To all the St Paul's Community, I say a huge thank you.

There was a group that was still missing this morning – our families. Unfortunately, this will continue for some time. We miss having the support of the St Paul's parents, carers, grandparents, other family members and friends. You all mean a lot to us. I do want to thank you all for the way you have supported your children over the past 6-8 weeks. You have taken on a role that you never expected you would have to – and you have all come through knowing you have helped your children. Thank you for the way you engaged with your children, for your positive emails to staff and for the way you have embraced this unusual time in your lives. I am confident we will all come out better for the experience. I look forward to the day that families and friends can return to the school grounds and classrooms.

Thank you to those families who have already returned the school devices that you may have borrowed at the beginning of home learning. We ask you to return any devices to the office as soon as possible between the hours of 9.00am and 1.30pm. When you visit the office, can you please ensure you follow appropriate social distancing.

The St. Paul's Annual Report to the School Community is available at the office or on the school website – www.spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au. This is a report on all that took place at St. Paul's in 2019. Please feel free to take a copy or visit the website.

Please remember that your child's school report will be sent home with your child on Friday 19th June. As advised previously, we are not having formal Learning Conversations to discuss your child's report. If you do wish to discuss your child's report with your child's teacher, please feel free to email them by Monday 22nd June and they will make phone contact with you.

Term II concludes on Friday 26th June at 12.50pm/1.00pm (staggered finishing times). The children are able to wear plain clothes as it is the last day of term. After School Care will operate from 1.00pm until 6.00pm on this day.

Once again, I am so proud of everyone in our community – I am so lucky to be a member of such a great family – a family who supports each other. You have all achieved so much in the last 6-8 weeks – thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
Principal

CHILD SAFETY POLICY

In 2019 the Student Leadership Team developed the St. Paul's Primary School Child Safe Policy. The purpose of this policy is to demonstrate the strong commitment of St. Paul's Primary School to the care, safety and wellbeing of all the children at our school. The Child Safety Policy takes into account relevant laws, legal requirements and the core values of our school; Respect, Diversity, Learning and Care & Compassion. Each child will receive a copy of the Child Safe Policy in week 9 or 10, the policy will also be discussed in class. It is encouraged that families discuss the Child Safe Policy with their children as everyone has the right to be safe.

2021 PREP ENROLMENTS

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. We will have Prep 2021 Interviews in the last week of Term II – letters have been sent out allocating a time for an interview. 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 or you can drop it off at the office.

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

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**.



PERFORMING ARTS CAMP ONLINE

MUSIC! DRAMA! WORKSHOPS!

JULY 8-11
\$45, GRADES 4-8

suvic.org.au/pac

ChildSafe

SG victoria
COME TO LIFE



Winter Holiday Club

HOLIDAY CLUB

Give yourself a much-needed break and reconnect your child's friendships this Winter.

This Winter, Holiday Club is back with an exciting program that puts an emphasis on reconnecting friendships and helping children forge new ones. It gives you a chance to have some much-needed rest, while having that peace of mind that your children will be engaged and connected in a safe space.

With engaging activities like *French Explorations* where your children will dive into French culture, *Weather the Storm* where they will explore scientific experiments, or maybe *Magic Architecture* where they'll create magnificent designs with magic corn; there are lots of activities to appeal to all ages and abilities, and will ensure they have a great holiday break.

Book now. To find out when these activities are on during the school holidays and to find your nearest service, visit: www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs.

We look forward to seeing you at Holiday Club.

The Camp Australia Team

Access any one of our 230+ Holiday Club locations Australia-wide. Near home, work or even your holiday destination!

Want more excursions? Maybe more club days? Pick any program near you, they're all unique.

Avoid a late booking charge and save \$10 by booking at least 7 days in advance. Plus, with limited space, spots fill up.

To find locations near you and to book, visit www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs

HOLIDAY CLUB

Bad hair day for a good cause



Mia is dying her hair red to support those in need.

Most 11-year-old girls see a bad hair day as a nightmare, but for Sunshine West's Mia Koutsodimitropoulos it's a source of pride.

Mia is taking part in Variety's Bad Hair May fundraiser.

While the goal is to raise money for the charity, Mia had a very personal reason for taking part.

"I am 11 turning 12 and girls in my age group take their hair for granted," she said.

"My twin brothers, Marcus and Jacob were both diagnosed with a Wilms Tumor (kidney cancer). They both needed surgery and both had their left kidneys removed.

"They also had chemotherapy which caused Marcus more than Jacob to then lose hair.

"This was a hard time for me and my family which led to me wondering how I could improve someone else's life."

Mia set herself a goal of raising \$500 before she started, but with the support of her friends and family, she's eclipsed that, raising \$2000.

"I had a big support group and I am so grateful for everyone that donated. Without them I wouldn't be where I am today," Mia said.

"I'm so grateful for everyone's efforts in sharing my posts. Not only were they posted on social media but my principal also shared my fundraising link on our school page network."

With the fundraising leg complete, all that's left for Mia to do is dye her hair red.

"I chose red because Variety's trademark logo is red and I will be doing that in honour of Variety and what they have done.

"I have been hurting while my brother Jacob was diagnosed, had surgery and received treatment for over 27 weeks and then my brother Marcus was diagnosed with the same cancer not even a year after Jacob finished treatment.

"Doing this fundraiser is a way I can help other children in need and also helps me focus on something else."

Tate Papworth



Top fundraiser Mia, 11 (centre) with twins Jacob and Marcus, 5. Picture: TIM CARRAFA

MIA'S HAPPY TO SEE RED

VARIETY recently wrapped up its Bad Hair May on May 29, where participants dyed or cut their hair in wacky ways to raise money for the children's charity.

One of the top fundraisers from across the country was Mia, 11, who chose to dye her hair bright red to match the variety logo. Her mum Joanne Koutsodimitropoulos said Mia was inspired to raise funds having seeing her twin

brothers Marcus and Jacob endure chemotherapy during their own battles with cancer. Mia has raised \$3695, rallying support from her school and community.

And while she said she's getting some strange looks in the supermarket, her brothers love her new hair. Donations are still open.

badhairmay.org.au



FREE online resources for Dads! thefatheringproject.org

The Fathering Project provides support for dads and kids through virtual community groups. We're all about the engagement of dads, building a collective support group, positive messaging, and strengthening the fathers-child bonds through this new virtual community - featuring podcasts, videos, chat forums, research-based reading materials and lighthearted celebrity conversations. Membership is FREE.

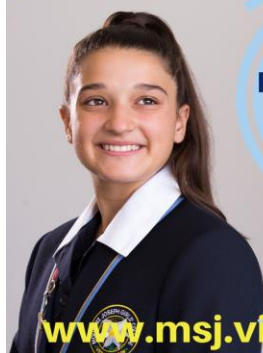


MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE

APPLY ONLINE

WINNER

'The Age' Newspaper
2020 Schools That Excel
Best Non-Government
School In Melbourne's
West



APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7 IN 2022 CLOSING 21 AUGUST 2020

www.msj.vic.edu.au

PARKING ENFORCEMENT PATROLS

The City of Brimbank have advised that they will enforcing parking restrictions around St Paul's now that school has returned. Please be aware that **all parking restrictions** around St Paul's must be adhered to. Please ensure you do follow all parking restrictions and road rules to ensure all in the St Paul's School Community are safe.

Safety for everyone