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TERM 3 WEEK 1: Monday 20th July, 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 9th October: Applications close for 2022 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges –

our current Year 5 Students

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 3. This term should have been such a busy term. There was so much planned but unfortunately, many things will need to be put on hold until further notice. The most difficult decision the staff and I have had to make was to cancel the production of 'Aladdin'. We were all very sad, as I know all in the community are. I want our Year 5 and 6 students to know that we all feel their disappointment at not being able to perform 'Aladdin' this year. I know it is the highlight of so many St Paul's students – unfortunately, 2020 will be known for many disappointments. Below is a list of events that will either be cancelled or postponed:

- 'Aladdin'
- SMA Camp to Bacchus Marsh
- Sacrament of Reconciliation a new date will be set later in the term.
- Whole School Sports Day
- School Photos Were booked for August 26th will now move to Term IV.

At this stage we are unsure about the Father's Day breakfast and Stall. We will also have to wait to see when we can celebrate the Sacrament of Eucharist.

On Monday 29th June, the Catholic Church celebrated the Feast Day of St. Peter and Paul. This day honours the martyrdom of the two saints sometime between AD 64 and 68. While the Church recognizes that they may not have died on the same day, tradition says that this is the day that they were both martyred in Rome by Emperor Nero. The day is a solemnity, or a feast day of the highest rank. This honour is reserved for only the most important events, like events in the lives of Jesus or Mary, so this emphasises just how important the two saints are to the Catholic faith. St. Peter and Paul are both patron saints of Rome. St. Peter was one of the 12 apostles, as well as the first pope and founder of the Roman Church. He was martyred sometime around AD 64, and at his request, he was crucified upside down because he did not consider himself worthy to die in the same way as Jesus. The famous Vatican church, St. Peter's Basilica, is a shrine to him and considered to be built on the site where he was buried. St. Paul was also an apostle, responsible for much of the New Testament. 13 out of the 27 books are attributed to him. He was eventually beheaded around AD 64. Both saints are considered very important foundations of the Church. Unfortunately, this year we were unable to gather with the students from St Peter's to recognise the patron saints of our two schools. We will continue to pray to them and ask God's blessing on all in our community.

If you have not enrolled your child in Prep for 2021, please do so immediately. **Applications closed last Friday, July 17th.** If you have not applied now, your child will be put on a waiting list.

Please note the school closure day organised for this Friday, 24th July has been cancelled. It will be a normal day of remote learning.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento

PRINCIPAL

ST PAUL'S NEW WEBSITE

In some very exciting news, we have a new school website! Feel free to check it out at https://www.spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au/. We think it looks great and it is a big upgrade from our older site. Just a reminder to our students, you can still access the Student Intranet page and your Google account by clicking on the 'Student Intranet' link at the bottom of our new homepage (see picture below).



STUDENT DEVICES DURING REMOTE LEARNING

Thank you to all the families who have emailed me at jturner@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au for an iPad to use at home during remote learning. It would be greatly appreciated if you could email to indicate you need an iPad prior to collecting them from the school office. This enables us to have time to allocate them and to fill in the paperwork. Please ensure you keep the charger safe and return this in a few weeks, as all the school's chargers are the Apple certified ones. Thank you for your support.

Josh Turner ICT Co-ordinator

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2020 - UPDATED

The following dates are very important for <u>ALL</u> 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 9th October, 2020 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice. We cannot emphasis this enough. Each year there are children who are on waiting lists at their Catholic Secondary School of choice and do not receive an offer to attend this school.

9th October 2020: Applications close for 2022 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 Students

1st December 2020: Offers posted to prospective 2022 Year 7 applicants

15th December 2020: Final date for families to accept by offers made by the Secondary School

ART AWARD

Congratulations to Pancharlie Liyanage Peiris in MNZ who completed an art piece for the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) to celebrate NAIDOC Week. Her poster titled 'Uluru' won an award in the children's category.



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With this app we can keep you informed about events, changes to timetables, give you access to permission notes, newsletters and emergency alerts.

Kindly reminder - once you have downloaded Skoolbag App into your phone, please make sure you add 'St. Paul's School Sunshine West' to 'My Schools' and check it regularly for any updates from our school.

<u>CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND – PLEASE NOTE APPLICATIONS NOW CLOSE</u> <u>JULY 24TH</u>

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**.



to the following students who received awards at Assembly on Friday, $26^{\rm th}$ June.

PJM Emily Tha Men

PLC Lucas Dang

PTB Olivia Vu

PTS Primrose Pese

JCL Tony Bui

JGO Ivy Nigido

JJK Jason Truong

JLH Achol Leng

JMD Harley Bonett

JMK Clara Nario

MMF Nicola Jason

MNZ Liana Alomo

MRB Amber Sharma

MRC Denise Nguyen

MSC Tubesta Assefa

MTC David Duong

SCC Chrystal Luong

SCF Emily Rafoo

SJM Henry Phan

SRC Sia Coutts

SRL Luka Milinovic

SSG Sofia Tsamperis







