

**TERM 3**

**WEEK 2: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2020**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October:** Applications close for 2022 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 Students

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October:** School Photos – new date

Dear Families,

Yesterday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, is the day the Church remembers St. Joachim and St. Anne, the parents of the Virgin Mary. Despite the importance of their role as the maternal grandparents of Jesus, we do not know too much about them. Regarding Joachim, we know that he was a shepherd from Jerusalem, married to Anne. They did not have any children, and they were a rather elderly couple when, one day, while Joachim was at work in the fields as usual, an angel appeared to announce the birth of a child, and Anna also had the same vision. So they called their little girl Mary, which means “loved by God,” and then they moved to Nazareth, where they educated Mary, teaching her the law of the Lord. Yesterday allowed us the opportunity to remember our Grandparents, whether they are living or are no longer with us. I know my grandparents loved me very much and all of them gave so much help to my parents, and in turn my parents and my wife’s parents have given us so much support. We would have celebrated our grandparents at Mass next week – we will need to remember them and thank them over the phone and continue to pray for them.

As you may have heard, or seen in the media, there have been recently confirmed COVID case associated with nearby schools. The advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer is that it is safe for your students and families to continue attending school under current arrangements. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has assured that any other schools potentially impacted would be contacted by them directly and advised accordingly. DHHS is currently undertaking contact tracing in relation to these recent cases nearby. They will contact any member of our school community that has had close contact with a confirmed case. Please note that at this stage, DHHS has not been in contact with St Paul’s.

Our school continues to work closely with the DHHS and Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) to ensure our practices reflect current advice and support the safety and wellbeing of our school community. We are undertaking significant extra school cleaning measures and hand hygiene continues to be a priority. It is also important that we all continue to monitor our own and the health of our children. If you or your child develops any symptoms, stay at home, seek medical advice and call the school to let us know. Please remember to wear a mask any time you leave your home.

A reminder that any levies that have been charged for Extra Curricular activities will be credited back to your family accounts should we have to cancel programs because of COVID-19. For example, if the MMA Camps or SMA camps do not proceed, we will credit your accounts the amount for the camps. More information about this will follow next term when we know whether we can reschedule events or activities that families have been charged for.

If you have not enrolled your child in Prep for 2021, please do so immediately. Please complete an enrolment form and return it to the office as soon as possible.

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](mailto: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.

## GOOGLE MEET

Thank you for all your efforts with your Google Meets today. This was our first go at Google Meets and we had some minor teething issues. I was really pleased, however, to see so many students connecting with their class online today. Here are a few reminders and hints that might help for future meets.

1. The students need to be logged into their [@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au) email accounts (we had some issues with the Prep logins today that we are going to try and fix for next time).
2. Google Meet will work on both an iPad or a computer. Please download the free app if you are using your own iPad.
3. The Google Meet won't let you on before the teacher logs on (so try not to be too eager and early).
4. Please have a look at Seesaw prior to your scheduled Google Meet and your classroom teacher will post a code/nickname that you will need to join.

Thank you for your support,  
Josh Turner, ICT Co-ordinator

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2020 - UPDATED

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 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice. We cannot emphasize 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.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2020:** Offers posted to prospective 2022 Year 7 applicants

**15<sup>th</sup> December 2020:** Final date for families to accept by offers made by the Secondary School



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.**

## MOVE IT 4 KIDS

GETTING KIDS IN QUARANTINE MOVING



A special musical comedy session to get kids in quarantine up and moving – letting off some steam – expending energy and keeping fit!

It will leave everyone happier and healthier and ready to be active each day (even if we need to stay indoors).

This is a unique musical experience that draws children and adults into a wonderful family story of active play, and the adventures of a camping holiday!

Its very helpful if parents join in as well – so kick off your shoes and lets all get moving!

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Running on  
**Tues 21st & Tues 28th July**  
@ 11am (AEST)  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86526626208>  
Meeting ID: 865 2662 6208  
Password: 220019

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## READY, STEADY... FAMILY!



## STRESS MANAGEMENT FOR MUMS



THIS IS AN INTERACTIVE ZOOM GROUP for Mums in the WEST

Run over 4 weeks  
Tuesdays 11 am  
Starting Tues 28<sup>th</sup> July

It's fine to have babies and toddlers with you

We will be talking about practical ways to feel better and manage the ups and downs of parenting, plus how to handle really tough times and where to get support

Book using email below and we will send you a Zoom link

FREE!

Book at [rsfintake@ds.org.au](mailto:rsfintake@ds.org.au) OR call Sinem on 9663 6733



We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land where we work and pay respects to elders past, present and future.

## JESUS BLESSING

On the first day of term three, staff and students who were on site could not help but notice a new addition to the yard. Everyone recognised the new statue, it was Jesus Christ. The students on site asked, what is He doing? One clever student suggested Jesus was praying the Lord's Prayer. Matthew 19:13-15 is the telling of the story when Jesus was talking to crowds in Judea, he was spending time answering questions from people who followed Him. These people had brought their children to see Jesus so He could pray for them. The disciples disapproved of the children approaching Jesus, but He replied "Let the children come to me". This scripture depicts the humility of Jesus Christ and his love and acceptance of everyone, including children. On Wednesday, 22nd of July, Fr Rene blessed the statue in front of a small number of senior students and staff who were on site. In the meantime, Jesus will be waiting with his hands out ready to welcome the students back to school.

*"Let the children come to me" Matthew 19:14*



### WHEN YOU ALL NEED A BREAK FROM ONLINE LEARNING HEAD OUTDOORS...

A noticing nature walk is about observing the environment with all senses.

- All you need is somewhere to walk.
- Going at your child's pace and asking questions can encourage your child to notice things.

#### A 'noticing' nature walk: why it's good for children

Going on a nature walk and deliberately noticing things encourages children to observe with all their senses. Children can learn to focus their attention and take in the details of things around them. It can be a peaceful, reflective experience for you and your children.

#### What you need for a noticing nature walk

All you need is somewhere to walk. You can:

- walk around your local area if you live near the bush
- go to a local park or nature reserve

#### How to do a noticing nature walk

Walk with your child, at your child's pace. Encourage your child to pay attention to the environment with all their senses. You can do this by asking questions as you go. For example:

- **Seeing questions:** what can you see? Look all around you, up at the sky and down at the ground.
- **Smelling questions:** what can you smell? Can you describe the smell? Leafy? Like mud?
- **Hearing questions:** what can you hear? Birds? The wind? Other people?
- **Feeling and touching questions:** what can you feel? Is the sun warm? Is the ground rough or smooth?

You can collect small items, if you're allowed to, like leaves, pebbles and feathers. Talk about them – for example, 'What kind of bird do you think this came from?' and 'What a pretty pattern on that leaf!'. Take as long as your child wants. You don't have to finish the walk if something catches your child's interest along the way. Let the walk be about connecting with the environment and enjoying time together, rather than getting to the end.

When you get home, make some time for your child to reflect on the walk. Your child could draw pictures of it, write a story about it, or perhaps [make a collage](#) with leaves and feathers.

#### Adapting a noticing nature walk for children of different ages

You can adapt this activity to your child's age in the way you talk, the questions you ask, how far you walk and how fast or slow you go.



Join us **online** for our  
**YEAR 7 2022**  
**INFORMATION NIGHT**  
All year levels welcome

Wednesday  
12 August 2020  
at 7pm

Applications  
for Year 7 2022  
are now open

Applications close 9 October 2020  
Limited places available for Years 8–12 2021



For bookings, visit:  
[www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au)

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A Kildare Education Ministries Catholic school for girls in the Brigidine tradition  
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A new way of  
**EXPLORING HER WORLD**

Join us online for  
a **Talk & Tour**  
of our College.

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