## St. Paul's Primary School



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TERM 3 WEEK 3: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 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,

This Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, is the day we celebrate the life of St Mary MacKillop, Australia's first saint. She was canonised a saint on October 17, 2010. Mary Mackillop was born to Scottish immigrants on January 15, 1842 in Melbourne and died on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1909 in North Sydney. In 1860 she moved to the small rural town of Penola, South Australia, to serve as governess for the children of her aunt and uncle. There MacKillop provided her cousins with a basic education and soon extended this to the poor children of the town. A young priest, Father Julian Tenison Woods, encouraged her to continue this work, assuring her that educating the poor would be an ideal way to serve God.

In 1866 Mary MacKillop and Fr Tenison Woods founded Australia's first order of nuns, the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, commonly known as the Josephites. She also established St. Joseph's School in a converted stable in Penola, providing a free education to children from the area. In 1867 MacKillop took vows and became the first mother superior of the sisters. The following year the sisters opened schools in other Australian cities, as well as an orphanage and a refuge for women released from prison.

Mary was known for the care she gave to those who were poor. The Josephite sisters took on a vow of poverty – any money they received was used to help those in need – one of her famous sayings was 'Never see a need without doing something about it'. This was Mary's motto throughout her life. On Saturday I ask you to pray to St Mary Mackillop and ask her to be with us all during this time of uncertainty. If ever you are in Sydney, I encourage you to visit the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel in North Sydney. This is where Mary is buried. It is a beautiful chapel that allows you to reflect on Mary's life. There is also a museum on the site dedicated to the life of Australia's first Saint.

When you visit the office next, I ask you to look out for the updated 'Welcome' print on the front of the reception desk. It looks fantastic and recongnises all those in our community. It shows that all in the St Paul's School Community are welcomed. Special thanks to Mrs Leanne Andrew for all her work organising the print.

A reminder that all visitors to our office should be wearing a face mask to ensure the safety of staff and all in our community. I thank you for ensuring you follow the directive of the Victorian Chief Health Officer.

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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.

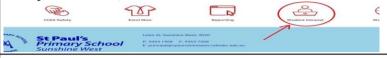
Have a great week.

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 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 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 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.

- 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.



### Online Music Lessons- Term 3

Direct to your home via video link to our tutor



- Primary Music Institute now offer online instrumental music lessons a fun. flexible option that students can access from home whilst they are learning remotely this term. All you need is an
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available





THIS IS AN INTERACTIVE ZOOM GROUP for Mums in the WEST

Run over 4 weeks Tuesdays 11 am Starting Tues 28th 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!















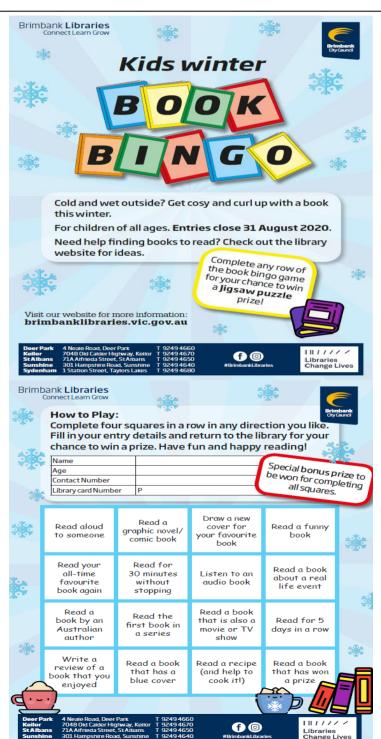
# **Retail Operations Update**

N LIGHT OF RECENT COVID-19 DEVELOPMENTS, WE WILL BE ADJUSTING OUR RETAIL STORE TRADING HOURS FROM MONDAY, JULY 20.

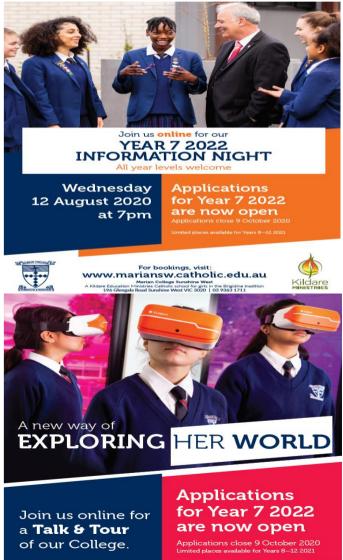
# Tuesday - Friday 10am - 5pm Saturday 10am - 1pm

\*\*NOTE: SUNBURY STORE // WED, THUR, FRI 10AM - 4PM & SATURDAY 10AM - 1PM KINGSFORD STORE // WED, THUR. FRI 10AM - 5PM & SATURDAY 10AM - 1PM

OUR ONLINE STORE REMAINS FULLY OPERATIONAL AND IS PROCESSING ORDERS AS USUAL AT WWW.PSW.COM.AU







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