

## TERM 3

## WEEK 5: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2020

### DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October:</b>	<b>Applications close for 2022 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 Students</b>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October:</b>	<b>School Photos – new date</b>

Dear Families,

Congratulations to Mrs Sarah Notaro and her husband Sam on the safe arrival of their baby daughter Millie Rose Notaro, born on Friday the August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6.42pm weighing 3.4kgs. We wish Sarah and Sam all the best for the future, and we look forward to meeting Millie soon.

On Saturday, we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption – the day that Mary was taken body and soul to heaven. It was also an important day for all Australians as it was the day that is recognised as the end of World War II.

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1945 an atom bomb was dropped over the city of Hiroshima. In a matter of moments the entire city was destroyed, and around 78,000 people were killed instantly. Many more would die in the years to come from the effects of nuclear radiation – by the end of 1945 the death toll had reached approximately 140,000. Three days later a second bomb was dropped over Nagasaki, with similar results. Around 35,000 people died instantly and the final death toll was calculated as at least 50,000.

Understanding that his armed forces had no response to this terrifying new weapon, Japanese emperor Hirohito prepared a speech, which he broadcast to the nation on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1945. Although he never used the word 'surrender', he announced that he had told his government to accept the demands of the Allies. The alternative, he made clear, was the complete "collapse and obliteration of the Japanese nation". All over Asia and the Pacific, Japanese troops began to lay down their weapons.

As a consequence of Emperor Hirohito's speech, August 15<sup>th</sup> 1945 is officially commemorated as the anniversary of Victory over Japan Day in Britain, Australia and Korea, and unofficially so across much of Asia. Saturday was the 75<sup>th</sup> ceremony of VJ Day – I watched a ceremony that was held at the National War Memorial on Saturday. I was touched by the serviceman who fought in the Second World War – they were very proud of their achievements but very sad for the mates who lost their lives in this terrible war. We know that wars are a tragic loss of life, both for the military and the civilians. On this very special feast day of the Catholic Church, I ask you to pray to Mary that the world remains at peace.

I am very proud of some of our students who have appeared in 'Connect Magazine'. Livinia Jason, Gabrielle Henderson, Marley Fuimaono, Leikny Heimdal-Reed, Jordan Nguyen and Mia Koutsodimitropoulos all shared their thoughts on remote learning. I congratulate these students on a great achievement, and thank Ms Gill Baxter, Ms Mareta Parsons and all of the SMA teachers for their assistance. The link to the article is on the next page of the newsletter.

In recognition of these challenging times, Archbishop Peter Comensoli has recorded a special message for our Catholic school parents. Please click on the following link to listen to Archbishop Peter's message.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuC0xJKoGS0&feature=youtu.be>

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).



## IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT VISITING THE OFFICE

Thank you very much for wearing a face mask to ensure the safety of everyone in our community when visiting our school office. Please remember there are no more than three people in the office at any time and make sure you keep social distancing all the time.

We are kindly informing that all visitors now have to sign in the visitor recording register at the front desk when visiting our school. This will help with contact tracing when it is needed.

## 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

## ONLINE JUNIOR NON-FICTION BOOK SELECTION



### Have your say on Junior non-fiction book selection!

Ever wanted to have a say in what books the library purchased? (The books with the most votes will get purchased by our library.)

Well, here is your chance! Brimbank Libraries are holding our first ever online book selection and we want your help!

You can vote any time from now until August 24.

Fill up the [survey](#) from 24 to 31 August, to go in the draw to win one of three \$30 book vouchers.

For more info visit

<https://www.brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au/index.php/what-s-on/507-junior-non-fiction-book-selection>

## SMA STUDENTS PUBLISH AN ARTICLE IN CONNECT MAGAZINE!



Livinia, Gabrielle, Marley, Leikny, Jordan and Mia (absent)

St. Paul's is very proud of SMA students Livinia Jason, Gabrielle Henderson, Marley Fuimaono, Leikny Heimdal-Reed, Jordan Nguyen and Mia Koutsodimitropoulos. These students participated in a writing project throughout Term 2, to record their insights, reflections and ideas about remote learning. After identifying themes from their experiences, the students worked together to write an article which includes their own visual designs too. Please click on the link to view the article "Remote learning by remote learners" (pages 3-5).

<http://research.acer.edu.au/connect/vol2020/iss244/>

Connect magazine documents and shares the voices of students throughout Australia; it's a real achievement for St. Paul's students' to have contributed their ideas.



## FAMILY WELLBEING ACTIVITY

Setting up a *Gratitude Jar* is a simple activity you can complete on your own, or with the whole family. Read the steps below and give it a go!

### Gratitude Jar

**Purpose:** To help your children see that despite the bigger challenges in life, there are always little things to feel grateful for.

**How does this help your wellbeing?** Gratitude is an emotion that puts the negative aspects of your day/ life into perspective and research shows that gratitude helps to reduce depression. Writing down what you are thankful for is more powerful than just thinking about it – and seeing the slips of paper in your jar grow is a concrete reminder of just how good life really is.

**Step 1:** Get a jar or vase and place it in a central part of your house together with a notepad and pen.

**Step 2:** Over the week, have your family think of as many things as they can that they are grateful for, like your friendships, the good times you have had as a family, friends, good teachers, toys, technology, nice food, loved ones, the skills and talents you have, a healthy body, clean oxygen, life.

**Step 3:** As you think of each thing you are grateful for, write it down and place it in the jar. Your aim is to fill the jar by the end of the week.

**Step 4:** Each night sit down as a family for 10 minutes and pick out one note from the jar. Re-read the note as a family and discuss whatever is written on the note and how you might do more of that to increase gratitude in your family.



### ONLINE APPLICATIONS

Applications for year 7 2022 are due by 9 October, however Caroline Chisholm Catholic College is closed to the public and only open to permitted students and workers. Parents are unable to submit an application in person until restrictions ease.

To help families, a video has been created to guide them through the online enrolment process. It will help ease some of the anxieties parents/carers might be having around enrolment during stage 4 restrictions.

Please view the following video if you are interested in applying online. <https://youtu.be/-hVcGKcNOYE>

CONTACT THE REGISTRAR ON 9321 9200 OR [INFO@SCCME.LB.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU](mailto:INFO@SCCME.LB.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU) TO BEGIN THE ENROLMENT PROCESS.

**LIMITED PLACES**  
FOR 2020 & 2021 ENTRY ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AT ALL YEAR LEVELS.

**YEAR 7 2022 APPLICATIONS OPEN**

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### Article from eSafety Commissioner: How to help kids stay safe online

COVID-19 is likely to mean young people spending more time at home, and online. There are a lot of great ways they can use connected devices to learn and play, but there are also risks that you can help them avoid.

Here are some steps to help protect young people.

1. Start the chat around online safety and making good choices online
2. Use parental controls and safe search options
3. Check smart toy settings
4. Look out for unwanted contact and grooming
5. Know the signs of cyberbullying

For more details on these tips scan this QR code-



### Baby News

Congratulations to the Terepo Family (Eunice SCC) on the arrival of Giovanni who was born on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2020. We wish the Terepo Family much love and happiness.