

**TERM 3**

**WEEK 6: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2020**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September:</b>	<b>St Paul's Online Sports Day – More information to follow.</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September:</b>	<b>End of Term III - (Please note this date will be confirmed by the State Government in due course.)</b>
<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,

Last week Ms Jan Keogh, the inaugural Principal of St Francis of Assisi, Tarneit, passed away. Jan had many roles in Catholic Education – teacher, principal and principal consultant with Catholic Education, Melbourne. Jan opened St Francis of Assisi in 2012 and left in June, 2018. Over many years in Catholic Education, she has touched the hearts of many children. I ask you to keep Jan, her family and friends, and all in the St Francis of Assisi School Community in your thoughts and prayers.

Yesterday's gospel included the following famous words of Jesus: ***'So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church' (Matt 16:18)***. These words spoken by Jesus made Peter the first leader of the Catholic Church – in effect Peter was the first Pope. Jesus' disciples were reflecting on their experiences with Jesus and offering various possibilities about who Jesus was. However, it was Peter who said that Jesus was the revelation of God for the world. This is the great profession of faith and the basis on which the Church comes into being. Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. ***'I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven'.*** (Matt 16:19) Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God.

I continue to be amazed by the work the children have been completing during Home Learning. In such difficult circumstances, they are trying their best with the support of their families. I have joined many google meets in the past couple of weeks – it has been so exciting to see the children with big smiles on their faces. I have also had so much positive feedback about the small focus google meets as well. The children are very engaged with the teachers as they complete activities in small groups. I encourage all children to participate in the whole class and small group google meets. The information for the dates and times of the meets are available on SeeSaw.

At this stage, we have not been told when stage 4 restrictions will ease and when children will be able to return to school. As soon as the State Government and Catholic Education Melbourne advise us, I will inform you. I want to thank all of you for the way you have supported your children during this very difficult time. Your support, and the work of all the teaching staff, has given the children the best opportunities during home learning.

We look forward to the Online Sports Day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. More information will follow shortly. It should be a lot of fun!!!

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

## **ST. PAUL'S ONLINE SPORTS DAY**

As you might be aware, we were supposed to hold our annual sports day on August 7th. Hopefully we will be able to run some sort of sports day next term but in the meantime we will be having an Online Sports day on Friday September 4th. Children will participate in a range of activities- some for points and some for fun. The points will go towards their house total at our actual sports day in Term 4. During the week, children will be able to practice the activities that are for points. On the day, children are encouraged to dress in their house colour and submit their best scores and any videos they have made. Hopefully the weather will be fine and you could share a picnic lunch in place of our usual sausage sizzle! Class Google meets will go ahead as scheduled but the sports day will replace all other school work on the day. Further information and videos will be shared on Seesaw next week.

## **WANT MORE INFORMATION AROUND ONLINE SAFETY?**

**Join one of the eSafety Commission webinars for parents and carers, at no cost.**

These live webinars explore the latest research and they are a great way to learn how you can help your child develop the skills to be safer online.

All sessions are delivered by eSafety expert educators.

### **eSafety's parent guide to popular apps**

Taking a look at TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube. This 1 hour webinar is suitable for parents and carers.

This webinar will cover:

- popular apps used by young people
- case studies, research, and targeted advice
- where to find help and support.

### **Dates**

- Tuesday 8 September 12:30 pm
- Wednesday 9 September 7:30 pm
- Thursday 10 September 12:30 pm

**Register Here**

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>



## FAMILY WELLBEING ACTIVITY

### Positive Soundtrack

**Purpose:** To boost your mood and brain chemistry through music.

**How does this help your wellbeing?** Music taps into our emotions in a way that words alone cannot. Neuroscientist, Dr. Daniel Levitin's research shows that music 'wakes up' our brains and lifts our mood.

**Step 1:** Sit together as a family and go through your music libraries to identify songs you each have that make you feel happy and energetic. Choose songs that have an upbeat melody or that remind you of good times in your life. Also choose songs that have themes about getting through tough times; overcoming, surviving, persisting and making it through.

**Step 2:** Use the songs you have chosen to create a 'Family Fun Pack Soundtrack'.

**Step 3:** Play the soundtrack when you need to be cheered up and feel happy.

**Step 4:** Create a ritual of a 'family dance-off' each night after dinner/or once a week. This is a good way to have a laugh and to get rid of the pent-up energy of your kids before they go to bed. It's also likely to stick in their memory and when they look back on this time, they will remember this happy family practice.

Speaking of getting rid of pent up energy, one great free app for getting kids moving (even in a small space) is Go Noodle <https://www.gonoodle.com/>  
You can sign up for a free account.



### 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>

## Camp Australia's Before and After School Care wishes to say:

We miss you all our families and children who attend the service; from taking attendance with everyone on the floor to playing board games with the children. We hope that you are enjoying remote learning and that you are looking after yourself. The children who have been attending are doing various activities.



We can't wait to see you all back at the Before and After School Care Program in the near future!

Take Care and Stay Safe From the Camp Australia Team Kylie, Irije, Priyanka and the children currently attending the service!

Some children at the service helped write and Publish this piece.

## OSHC AT HOME

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Many families are looking at fun ways to fill the time when the children are learning remotely. We have brought back our **OSHC at Home** program to help support Victorian families during this second wave and new lockdown restrictions.

**OSHC at Home** is totally **FREE** and open to **all schools** and families (even if they are not users of our services). The wide array of activities can also be used by the school helping support the children doing their remote learning onsite at school.

Please click on the links below to view two of the programs released this term for your information.

- **Week 10:** [https://cdn-au.mailsnd.com/14609/U4SEnKhTBUsbAPdxU7eCdBv5Bp7e4w2VPmolhkgDi\\_c/3174858.pdf](https://cdn-au.mailsnd.com/14609/U4SEnKhTBUsbAPdxU7eCdBv5Bp7e4w2VPmolhkgDi_c/3174858.pdf)
- **Week 11:** <https://cdn-au.mailsnd.com/14609/-9BmbPKTjI4q5cfuVXNPwzZxmSIGbbAG9fNKcsjUi1Q/3177710.pdf>

Families (or the school) can also subscribe to receive all future programs directly at:  
<https://www.oshclub.com.au/oshc-at-home/>

The program is really fun and super interactive!