

## TERM 1

## WEEK 2: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2021

### DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>2021 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School 7.00pm</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>Beginning of the Year Mass 9.15am St. Paul's Church – No visitors to attend. (NV)</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Mass 9.15am St. Paul's Church – No visitors to attend.</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>First Assembly for 2021 – Presentation of SRC for 2021 – 2.30pm – No visitors to attend</b>
<b>February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>School Closure Days – No School for Students</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Night 7.00pm St. Paul's School</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Class Prayer Service JMK, JPS and JGO – 10.00am, School Assembly MRC – 2.30pm(NV)</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Preps Attend School today and all future Wednesdays</b>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>School Assembly SJM – 2.30pm - No visitors to attend.</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation 7.00pm St. Paul's School – Year 3 and 4 Students</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Class Prayer Service JMD and JLH – 10.00am, School Assembly JMK – 2.30pm (NV)</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Class Prayer Service JRC and JJM – 10.00am, School Assembly SCF – 2.30pm (NV)</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April:</b>	<b>Easter Assembly 12.00pm - No visitors to attend.</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April:</b>	<b>End of Term I – 1.00pm Children can wear plain clothes.</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>Term II Commences at 8.40am</b>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>School Photos – More information to follow</b>

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the 2021 school year! We pray that your children will have a full year at school this year and we all remain safe and well. I extend a special word of welcome to the new families to St. Paul's and hope that your association with our school community will be a long and happy one.

I ask you to keep in your thoughts and prayers Sia, Malcolm and Meleolini Coutts and their siblings as their mother Saikolo passed away on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. We ask God to be with the family, especially her husband, Simon, at this very sad time.

I wish to advise that Mrs Amanda Gallus will be on leave throughout Term I. During this time, Miss Clare Lyons and Miss Ellen McKitterick will take Visual Arts classes this term. We look forward to welcoming Amanda back to St Paul's in Term II.

Over the holidays, Miss Teagan Biddlestone married her fiance David Desmond – we hope they have a long and happy life together. We welcome back Mrs Teagan Desmond. In some other exciting news, Miss Laura Cook became engaged to Michael Marasco just after Christmas. We congratulate Laura and Michael and wish them all the best for the future. We congratulate Mrs Jennifer Gualtieri and her husband Dane on the safe arrival of their second child, Walter on January 3<sup>rd</sup> – a brother for Parker. We wish them all the very best for the future.

I ask you to keep in your prayers Miss Kim Mullett and her family as her Auntie passed away in Ireland during the holidays. We extend our deepest sympathy to Kim and her family at this sad time.

In 2021 we welcome to St. Paul's School Mrs Miriam Collins (Year 3-6 Literacy Co-ordinator), Miss Celeste D'Souza and Miss Kathy Ly (class teachers) and Miss Ellen McKitterick (support teacher) – we welcome back to St Paul's Mrs Sarah Notaro, Mrs Pauline Zammit and Mrs Kylie Ponce Rios (class teachers). I know all the new staff will be warmly welcomed by everyone in the St. Paul's School Community.

All children should be wearing the St. Paul's hat during Term I. Any students not wearing the hats will be required to sit in the shade. No other hats are permitted to be worn.

As stated in the letter that was sent home last week, families are unable to join us at whole school Masses or assemblies at the moment. To assist families, we will record assemblies and post them on to the presenting classes SeeSaw page. If this situation changes, I will notify you as soon as possible.

Please note that there will be no school for students on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February as all staff will be updating their First Aid skills and as well as participating in wellbeing activities.

I look forward to working with you all during 2021.

Yours sincerely,  
Damian Casamento  
PRINCIPAL

The class groupings, teachers and staff for 2021 are set out below:

### **Year Prep**

Miss Laura Cook (PLC)  
Miss Kim Mullett (PKM)  
Mrs Teagan Desmond (PTD)  
Mrs Tania MacCarthy and Mrs Sarah Notaro (PTM)

### **JMA**

#### **Year 1**

Miss Janelle Micallef (JJM)  
Miss Melissa Dvorscak (JMD)  
Miss Linda Hosni (JLH)  
Miss Rhiannon Cullum (JRC)

#### **Year 2**

Mr Matthew Kowalczyk (JMK)  
Miss Genevieve O'Donnell (JGO)  
Miss Pauline Zammit / (JPS)  
Miss Clare Lyons (Term 1)  
Mrs Samantha Karipoglou (Terms 2-4)

Reading Recovery  
Math's Intervention Leader  
Math's Intervention Teacher  
Literacy Co-ordinator – 3-6  
Teacher Release/Classroom Support

Physical Education Teacher  
Library Teachers  
Visual Arts Teachers

Performing Arts Teacher  
Indonesian Teacher  
Technology Teacher  
School Administration

Learning Support Officers

Maintenance  
Canteen

### **MMA (Year 3/4)**

Miss Rebecca Calleja (MRC)  
Miss Kathy Ly (MKL)  
Ms Christine Sursock/ (MCF)  
Mrs Samantha Clarke (Term 1)  
Mrs Michelle Favero (Terms 2-4)  
Miss Celeste D'Souza (MCD)  
Mrs Claudia Reyes-Razi and Mrs Haido Borg (MRB)  
Miss Teagan Cullum (MTC)

### **SMA (Year 5/6)**

Mrs Stephanie Garcia (SSG)  
Mr Conor Fox (SCF)  
Ms Jane Manton and Mrs Kylie Ponce Rios (SJM)  
Miss Claudia Capuano (SCC)  
Miss Rebeca Lopez and Ms Samantha Hatty (SLS)  
Mr Adam Fazekas (SAF)

Mrs Marie Gallivan  
Mrs Libby Morganti  
Ms Carmel Marozzi  
Mrs Miriam Collins  
Mrs Ha-Anh Nguyen Ms Samantha Hatty Miss Ellen McKitterick  
Mrs Samantha Clarke (Term 1) Miss Clare Lyons (Term 1)  
Mr Chris Bye, Miss Lisa Peplow  
Mrs Samantha Clarke, Ms Michele Micallef, Mrs Kylie Ponce Rios  
Miss Clare Lyons/Miss Ellen McKitterick (Term 1)  
Mrs Amanda Gallus (Term 2-4)  
Ms Lynette Grixti  
Ms Leonie McCormack  
Mr Joshua Turner  
Ms Kerry Westgarth Ms Trish Morris  
Mrs Leanne Andrew Miss Diana Nguyen  
Mrs Jan Quinn Miss Nadia Juzva Mrs Nancy Sacco  
Ms Lan Nguyen Ms Louise Sposato Mrs Karen Martin  
Ms Rose Ramsay Mrs Sandra Krolo Mrs Chelsea Cole  
Mrs Ashlea Niemi  
Mr Joe Baldacchino  
Mrs Marlene Haber Mrs Jacqui Batty

### **POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP**

Principal  
Deputy Principal  
Student Wellbeing Leader (Mon – Wed) Terms 2-4  
Student Wellbeing Leader (Wed – Fri)  
Religious Education Leader / Child Safety Officer  
Numeracy Leader  
Literacy Leader / Literacy Co-ordinator – P-2  
Learning Leader  
Physical Education Leader  
Learning Diversity Leaders  
Family Engagement in Learning Leader  
Technology Leader  
Arts Leader

Prep Leaders  
Junior Leader  
Middle Leader  
Senior Leaders  
Mr Damian Casamento  
Ms Cathy Doran  
Mrs Nicole Azarnikow  
Miss Rebeca Lopez  
Miss Lisa Peplow  
Mrs Libby Morganti  
Mrs Louise Collison  
Mrs Louise Collison  
Mr Chris Bye  
Ms Mareta Parsons and Mrs Kara Brizzi  
Ms Mareta Parsons  
Mr Joshua Turner  
Miss Rhiannon Cullum  
Mrs Michele Micallef  
Mrs Teagan Desmond Miss Laura Cook  
Miss Janelle Micallef  
Miss Rebecca Calleja  
Mrs Stephanie Garcia Mr Conor Fox

### **COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

After School Care – Camp Australia

Miss Kylie Hayes



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

**For Android users and iPhone users:**

- Search **Skoolbag** in the Google play store or in the App store, and install it on your phone, PC or tablet.
- Opening this app, click on **“Add our school”**, then type **“ST. PAUL’S SUNSHINE WEST”** in the search line & click ‘search’. Once our school is found, you’ll be able to add it to your account!
- **To setup alerts:** Click on **“St Paul’s Primary”** at the top, then **“Groups”** and **“Add/Remove Groups”** and then choose your categories.
- **To update your changes:** Click on **“St Paul’s Primary”** at the top, then **“eForms”** and **“Change of Details”** and then fill up the form.
- **To report your child’s absence:** Click on **“St Paul’s Primary”** at the top, then **“eForms”** and **“Absentee Form”** and then fill up the form.

**LEARNING CONVERSATIONS**

Many thanks to the parents and teachers for making the Learning Conversations last Thursday such a success. It was an ideal chance for teachers to meet parents and for an exchange of information to take place. The full day allowed for longer conversations. Thank you for the way you used the online booking system to make your appointments. Thanks also to Mrs Kerry Westgarth, Mrs Leanne Andrew and Ms Trish Morris who made themselves available during the holidays to assist families with the bookings. Please remember to make an appointment to see your child’s teacher at any time if you have a concern.

**ANAPHYLAXIS**

There are several children at school who suffer from allergic reactions to various forms of food, plants, bites and stings. The Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) does not recommend the banning of particular items. This is based on the premise that for school age children, an essential step is to develop strategies for avoidance in the wider community as well as at school. All staff have undertaken anaphylactic training and will have it renewed this term. The school has a thorough policy, action plan and procedures for each child, including first aid response and medication storage, to ensure the wellbeing of all students. Please visit [www.allergy.org.au](http://www.allergy.org.au) for more information.

**BEFORE SCHOOL CARE**

The yard is supervised from 8.25am every morning. Parents are asked not to send their children to school before this time. Class teachers are at school but they are unable to supervise children because they will be preparing for the day’s activities. Before School Care Program operates every morning. Parents who need to drop off their children early will need to use this service. Kylie Hayes is the co-ordinator of the program. She can be contacted on 0401 362 738.

**FEES/LEVIES**

Your child’s levies are now due. Please pay all levies promptly. School fees are due on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Accounts will be sent home this week. You can pay your school fees and levies with a credit card or by direct debit from a nominated bank account or from your Centrelink payments. If you would like this to happen, please come to the office to collect a form.

**CANTEEN**

The canteen opened today – please note that only sandwiches can be ordered until Wednesday this week. You can only pay cash for the lunch orders tomorrow and Wednesday. The full menu will be available from this Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February - you will then be able to use cash as well as CDF Pay to pay for lunch orders - see below for more information on how to use CDF Pay. A price list was sent home last week. Volunteers are needed to assist in the canteen. We would be very grateful to have your assistance even if it can be for only a couple of hours per week. Please see Marlene or Jacqui in the canteen if you can help.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2021**

The following dates are very important for **ALL** students who will be attending secondary school in 2023 – our current Year 5 students. If applications for Catholic Secondary School are not in by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

**20<sup>th</sup> August 2021:** Applications close for 2023 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 Students

**14<sup>th</sup> October 2021:** Offers posted to prospective 2023 Year 7 applicants

**12<sup>th</sup> November 2021:** Final date for families to accept offers made by the Secondary School

**SACRAMENT DATES FOR 2021**

Sacrament of Penance Family Night	Tuesday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 7.00pm – St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Penance (Year 3 and 4)	Tuesday, March 16 <sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm – St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night	Tuesday, May 4 <sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm – St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3 and 4)	Sunday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 12.00pm – St. Paul’s Church
Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night	Monday, August 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 7.00pm – St Paul’s School
Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 5 and 6)	Thursday, September 16 <sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm – St Paul’s Church

**PLAY GROUP**

Please note that Play Group will start next Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February. Play Group meets each Monday morning from 9:00 – 11:00am at St. Paul’s School. Pre-school children and parents are most welcome.

**FIRST AID:**

We would appreciate any donations of boxes of tissues for our first aid supplies. Thank you for your continued support.



## CHILDREN'S ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

There are various ways that you can contact the school to advise that your child is absent from school.

1. **Contact the office:** Call 9363 1568, select 1 and then advise that your child is absent on this day. Please include your name, the child's name, the class, the date and the reason for the absence.
2. **Via the SkoolBag App:** Use the 'Absentee Form' in this app. This form can be found under the section 'eForms'.
3. **Email:** Send an email to [office@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au) or your child's class teacher on their school email address.
4. **Written Note:** A written note may be sent in advance if you know your child will be absent. If he/she is going on an extended holiday, a written note must be provided.



Guiding children's growth

## What is OSHC and why is it right for your family?

OSHC stands for Outside School Hours Care. Camp Australia's OSHC service provides enrichment and care for primary school-age children outside school hours and during the school holidays. Depending on your school, it can cover Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care.

At Camp Australia, our vision is To support families in achieving their dreams and our promise that is that we will *Guide Your Child's Growth*.

To do that we take a unique approach to OSHC based on over 30 years of experience.



Bookings now open for 2021. Secure your spot today.

### Enriching experiences that children love

Our experienced educators involve your child in designing the experiences that make up our OSHC program. Our industry leading approach to program development ensures that your child is at the heart of what we do each day.

### A place for friendships to form

OSHC is a great place for your child to meet new friends and bond over shared interests. We design programs that bring children together so they can connect and grow outside school hours.

### Easy, hassle-free care

Our service is available to all families, no matter the need. Our extended hours offer peace of mind so you can manage work, health, study and more stress-free. Plus, our industry leading Parent Portal gives you unrivalled access to make and manage your bookings.



### FREE to Register

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal at [pp.campastralia.com.au](http://pp.campastralia.com.au)

### Are you eligible for the Child Care Subsidy?

The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 85% off your fees. If you're unsure about your eligibility contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.



CDFpay is one way for you to order your child's lunch – you can also pay by cash. Please log onto <https://spsunshinewest.cdfpay.org.au> to create your account. Please make sure you click on the tab that says 'I am a new parent, Sign me up' and follow the steps.

**If you have already signed up before, please remember to go into your account and edit your child's class name for 2021.** Please remember that you can use CDFpay online to order lunch for your child or you can pay cash lunch orders. If you have any difficulty setting up an account, please contact the school office for assistance.



Instrumental Music Lessons  
On School Campus!



### Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons typically during school hours
- Only \$18.50 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

P: 1300 362 824 E: [admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au](mailto:admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au) [www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au](http://www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au)

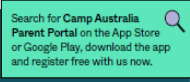


### Introducing our brand-new Parent Portal app for smartphone

Earlier this year, we conducted customer focus groups to get direct feedback from parents regarding their experience with Camp Australia.

This research highlighted the need to have a streamlined way for parents to access their accounts and manage their bookings and enrolments; and informed the design for our brand-new Parent Portal app for smartphone.

- Easy booking features.
- Simple booking calendar overview.
- Track your spend.
- Contact your service Coordinator.
- Update your and your child's details.



# CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Montes family on the safe arrival of Isaiah and Cruz born on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Raphael is a very proud big brother.

### OPERATION SCHOOLS BACK

Local Police together with members of the Highway Patrol are running an operation to mark the start of the school year. Operation Schools Back will target the safety of students arriving and departing school with the major focus being the enforcement of the 40kmph school zones. Motorists are asked to be vigilant before and after school as there will be increased pedestrian, road and pushbike traffic. Please allow an extra 5 minutes to find a safe and legal park to ensure your children's safety.

## PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOING PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL PERFORMANCES, ASSEMBLIES, SPORTING AND OTHER SANCTIONED SCHOOL EVENTS

St. Paul's Primary School allows members of the school community to take photographs and videos of their children at school assemblies, class presentations, performances, sporting events etc.

In accordance with the Privacy & Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic), Copyright Act 1968 (Cth) & Education Department guidelines, members of the school community are restricted to only photograph / video their children. These images must not be published on social media or in any other form without the prior consent of parents & guardians whose children may unintentionally appear in the images.

The school does not permit any member of the school community or invited guest to take photographs / videos of the bi-annual school production.

Note: The school does not own or control any photographs or video taken by members of the school community or invited guests.