

TERM 1

WEEK 3: Monday 8th February, 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 10 th February:	No School for Prep Students
Friday 12 th February:	First Assembly for 2021 – SJM – 2.30pm - No visitors to attend
Wednesday 17 th February:	No School for Prep Students
Wednesday 17 th February:	Ash Wednesday Mass 9.15am Marian Gym – No visitors to attend. (NV)
Friday 19 th February:	School Assembly – MTC and Presentation of SRC for 2021 – 2.30pm – (NV)
Wednesday 24 th February:	No School for Prep Students
February 25 th and 26 th :	School Closure Days – No School for Students
Monday 1 st March:	2022 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Tuesday 2 nd March:	Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Night 7.00pm St. Paul's School
Wednesday 3 rd March:	No School for Prep Students
Friday 5 th March:	Class Prayer Service JMK, JPS and JGO – 10.00am, School Assembly MRC – 2.30pm(NV)
Monday 8 th March:	Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 10 th March:	Preps Attend School today and all future Wednesdays
Friday 12 th March:	School Assembly SJM – 2.30pm - No visitors to attend.
Tuesday 16 th March:	Sacrament of Reconciliation 7.00pm St. Paul's School – Year 3 and 4 Students
Wednesday 17 th March:	2022 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 19 th March:	Class Prayer Service JMD and JLH – 10.00am, School Assembly JMK – 2.30pm (NV)
Friday 26 th March:	Class Prayer Service JRC and JJM – 10.00am, School Assembly SCF – 2.30pm (NV)
Thursday 1 st April:	Easter Assembly 12.00pm - No visitors to attend.
Thursday 1 st April:	End of Term I – 1.00pm Children can wear plain clothes.
Monday 19 th April:	Term II Commences at 8.40am
Tuesday 20 th April:	School Photos – More information to follow

Dear Parents/Carers,

I ask you to keep the St Peter's School Community in your thoughts and prayers as one of their parents passed away during the school holidays. We extend our sincere condolences to the family.

We congratulate Mrs Jacqui Kuvanci and her husband Anton on the safe arrival of their first child, Mila last Tuesday. We wish them all the very best for the future and look forward to meeting Mila later in the year.

I congratulate the children on the way they have settled into school. They are striving 'to be the best that they can be'! I know they are looking forward to the exciting activities that are planned for this year. Congratulations to our Prep students who attended their first school Mass last Friday – we missed not having our family and friends there with us.

Thank you to the Prep Families who attended the Information Session run by our Prep Teachers. Thanks to Ms Tania, Miss Cook, Mrs Desmond and Miss Kim for organizing the night. Thanks also to Ms Diana for translating for our Vietnam families and to Ms Cathy for her help on the night.

Just a reminder that no parents/carers are able to join us at Mass or assemblies until further notice. While only staff and students are present at Masses and assemblies, we are not restricted by the 1 person per 2 sqm rule. However, if we have any visitors, the rule does apply. We go from having all staff and students at assembly to having only 300 people being able to be present. We will record the assemblies and post them on SeeSaw.

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.

Please note that there will be no school for students on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th February as all staff will be updating their First Aid skills and as well as participating in wellbeing activities. There will be no school on Monday 8th March as the school will be closed for the Labour Day Public Holiday.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,
Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

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 PRIMARY 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.

INTERNET AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES POLICY

Each of the students received a copy of the Internet and Digital Technologies Policy last week. We kindly ask parents/carers to discuss this information with your child. Both the parent and the child need to sign the Student Agreement and return it to school ASAP if you wish your child to have access to computers, the internet and other digital technologies through the school’s system. Thank you very much for your kind support.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

This Friday the Grade 6 children start Interschool Sport. We play all our games at our school except the cricket team which will play at Ainsworth Reserve. Good luck to all teams.

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 (ASCI) 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 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 12th. 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

Please note that you can use cash as well as CDF Pay to pay for lunch orders - see below for more information on how to use CDF Pay. 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 20th August, 2021 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

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

14th October 2021: Offers posted to prospective 2023 Year 7 applicants

12th 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 nd at 7.00pm – St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Penance (Year 3 and 4)	Tuesday, March 16 th at 7.00pm – St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night	Tuesday, May 4 th at 7.00pm – St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3 and 4)	Sunday, May 23 rd at 12.00pm – St. Paul’s Church
Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night	Monday, August 23 rd at 7.00pm – St Paul’s School
Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 5 and 6)	Thursday, September 16 th at 7.00pm – St Paul’s Church

PLAY GROUP

Please note that 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



We extend our condolences to the Family of Jedidiah Araya (MRC) following the recent passing of their 5 day old daughter/sister Esther.

Please keep the family in your prayers.

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 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.



Softball Australia's national participation program, Softball Batter Up, is designed to be fun, flexible and engaging for children from kindergarten age to Year 6, focusing on fun activities while learning basic throwing, catching and striking skills.

Every registered participant receives an Official SBU Starter Kit to begin their softball journey.



Sunshine Softball Batter Up 2021

Venue: More Park, Esmond St, Ardeer VIC 3022

Dates: Monday 15 Feb - Monday 29 March 2021

Times: 5:00pm - 6:00pm **Ages:** 4 - 8

Contact: Jo Ingram **Ph:** 0407 230 360

Email: sunshine_softball2012@gmail.com

Register: <https://www.softballbatterup.com.au>

Cost: \$60.00



MARIAN COLLEGE

196 Glengala Road, Sunshine West 3020

Phone **9363 1711**

The College is inviting suitably qualified applicants for the role of:

BUS DRIVER – MORNING AND AFTERNOON RUN

*(Fixed term replacement for staff member on LSL)
(20hrs per week - 8 FEBRUARY 2021 – 17 SEPTEMBER 2021
DURING TERM TIME)*

Detailed application information is available on the College Website:

<http://www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au/employment>

Apply in writing to the Principal by 10 February 2021 at 4.00pm to principal@mariansw.catholic.edu.au



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.

Our school will **start the chat** about online safety to celebrate Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 9 February 2021.

Safer Internet Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about the safe and positive use of digital technology. It's also a good time to explore the role we can all play in creating a better online community.

This global campaign is celebrated by millions of people in 170 countries across the world.

Help us make every day a Safer Internet Day!

- Join our parent webinar [eSafety's guide to cyberbullying and online drama](#).
- Visit esafety.gov.au/SID for tips to start the chat at school, at home and in your community.



eSafety Commissioner



esafety.gov.au

SWIMMING SPORTS

If you have a child who is a member of a swimming squad you may wish to nominate them for the Maribyrnong Division Swimming Sports on Wednesday March 17th at Oak Park Leisure Centre, 563 Pascoe Vale Rd Pascoe Vale. Your child is able to nominate for two individual events. You will need to be able to transport your child to and from the event. Please see Mr Chris for more information.

St. Paul's 2021 Sacramental Program: Reconciliation and Eucharist – non Year Three & Four students

If your child is in Years Four, Five and Six, is baptised in the Catholic faith and has not received the following Sacraments. Please complete the form below and return it to the school office. Any questions, do not hesitate to ask Lisa Peplow in the school office.

Please Note: Children need to receive Penance and Eucharist in order to receive Confirmation.

Name of Child Class.....

My child is baptised and is **ELIGIBLE** to receive the Sacraments of (please **TICK**)

Reconciliation (Penance) - Tuesday 16th March, 7pm St. Paul's School

Eucharist - Sunday 23rd May, 12pm St. Paul's Church

Parents Name.....

Signature.....