

## TERM 1

## WEEK 5: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2021

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February:	No School for Prep Students
February 25 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> :	School Closure Days – No School for Students
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> March:	2022 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March:	Sacrament of Penance Family Night 7.00pm St. Paul's School
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March:	No School for Prep Students
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March:	Class Prayer Service JMK, JPS and JGO – 10.00am, School Assembly MRC – 2.30pm(NV)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March:	Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March:	Preps Attend School today and all future Wednesdays
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March:	School Assembly SJM – 2.30pm - No visitors to attend.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March:	Sacrament of Penance 1.00pm St. Paul's Church– Year 3 and 4 Students (NV)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March:	2022 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March:	Class Prayer Service JMD and JLH – 10.00am, School Assembly JMK – 2.30pm (NV)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March:	Class Prayer Service JRC and JJM – 10.00am, School Assembly SCF – 2.30pm (NV)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March:	2022 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April:	Easter Assembly 12.00pm - No visitors to attend.
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April:	End of Term I – 1.00pm Children can wear plain clothes.
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April:	Term II Commences at 8.40am
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April:	School Photos – More information to follow
22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> June:	St. Paul's Production – 'Aladdin'.

### SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that there will be **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS THIS THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AND FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY** as all staff will be updating their Level 2 first aid qualifications and participating in wellbeing activities.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I ask you to think of Mrs Pauline Zammit and Ms Leonie McCormack and their families as Pauline's Mother-in-law and Leonie's Father-in-law passed away last week. Please keep Pauline, Leonie and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to the newly appointed SRC of St Paul's (please see the attached list). The students were presented with their SRC badges at our assembly last Friday. The school captains, house captains and SRC will be working with Ms Peplow and Ms Cathy on leadership and student voice throughout 2021. Congratulations to the students who were announced as Library Monitors by Mrs Michele Micallef last Friday – they will be presented with their badges as soon as possible.

A reminder of the Sacrament of Penance Family Night that will be held next Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, commencing at 7.00pm. The meeting will be held at St Paul's School. Children who are receiving the Sacrament of Penance, and at least one parent, are to attend. I look forward to seeing you at this Family Night. If your child is in Year 4 and they attended the meeting in 2020, they do not need to attend again next week. A note was sent home today advising that we have moved the Sacrament of Penance to Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00pm – unfortunately no family are able to attend as our numbers are large and we cannot all fit into St Paul's Church. We will be recording the ceremony for families to view at the time of the liturgy and later in the day.

There will be no school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 **“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.

**PREP ENROLMENTS - 2022**

Enrolments for Prep 2022 are now open. I encourage any parents/carers who have not enrolled their child for Prep in 2022 to do so. Please contact the school office for an enrolment form. There will be six information sessions for 2022 Prep Parents/Carers. The first will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 9.15am. Please let any interested people know of this date. Please contact the office to advise if you will be attending the session.

**CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND**

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund is the new Government Funding to assist families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities. Centrelink health care card holders and Pensioner Concession card holders may be eligible for a payment of \$125. If you feel you may qualify for this payment please complete the CSEF Application Form and return it to the Office together with a **copy of your Centrelink Card**.

**FEES/LEVIES**

Your child’s levies are now due. Please pay all levies promptly. School fees were due on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Accounts have recently been sent home. 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.

**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
<i>Sacrament of Penance (Year 3 and 4)</i>	<i>Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm – St. Paul’s Church (No Family to attend)</i>
Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night	Tuesday, May 4 <sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm – St. Paul’s School
<i>Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3 and 4)</i>	<i>Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12.00pm and 2.00pm – St. Paul’s Church (3 Family Members to attend with First Communicant)</i>
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

**PARKING IN LINKS STREET AT PICK UP TIME**

A reminder to parents that parts of the south side of Links Street (on the other side of Glengala Road) have "No standing between 8am and 4pm signs" which should be obeyed. We also ask that you do not park in or across resident’s driveways or on nature strips. These restrictions and requests are made with student safety in mind and to ensure the safe flow of traffic. Brimbank Council regularly sends parking officers out so people not obeying the traffic rules will be fined if caught. Parking is available at St Paul’s Church, in the car park of the St Paul’s hall and in other surrounding streets.

**MIDDLE AND SENIOR CHOIR (MaSC)**

The permission note was sent home last week to invite the Middle & Senior students to join MaSC. MaSC will meet after school on Thursdays in Library until 4.15pm. Please return the note if you are interested in joining the choir. Kindly be advised that the choir rehearsal is not on this week as the school will be closed for the staff’s two-day conference. The choir will start the very first rehearsal on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> March.

**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.





to the following students who received awards at Assembly on Friday.

PKM	Allena Nguyen
PLC	Laura Nario
PTD	Grace Dao
PTM	Charli Briffa
JGO	Emma Rafoo
JJM	Keira Nguyen
JLH	Annabelle Tran
JMD	Quincy Bol
JMK	Zara Jason
JPS	Elnathan Bongwa
JRC	Phong Ta
MCD	Jagger Nguyen
MCF	Tial Than Kim
MKL	Elise Nguyen
MRB	Piper Coote
MRC	Kenny Nguyen
MTC	Eunice Relingado
SAF	Kohan Balasopoulos
SCC	Angela Fautuaalii
SCF	Zoe Teseregounis
SJM	Olivia Dinami
SLS	Emily Schembri
SSG	Zara Nguyen

**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.

**THE BUDDY BENCH**

For most students the school yard is a place to play with friends and create lifelong childhood memories. For some students, it can be a chaotic and daunting place. Some students may find it difficult to approach a group of students and say, “Hey, can I play?”

As a part of the VCAL program at Marian College, one of the projects was to design and construct a ‘Buddy Bench’ for primary school aged students. The Marian students took time to carefully plan and design a bench suitable and inviting for those who might need that little bit of extra help making friends on the playground.

The ‘Buddy Bench’ is also known as a friendship bench. This bench will be placed in the St. Paul’s School playground for students to sit on when wanting or needing to make new friends. The ‘Buddy Bench’ is distinctively designed to be different from other seating around the playground. When a student sits on the ‘Buddy Bench’, it helps other students and staff recognise students who need help in saying, “Hey, can I play?”

The St. Paul’s School community would like to thank the Marian College VCAL students for their kind contribution to our school playground promoting the St. Paul’s School Core Value of Care and Compassion.



**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) - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 1pm St. Paul’s Church

Eucharist - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 12pm or 2.00pm St. Paul’s Church

Parents Name.....

Signature.....