

## TERM 1 WEEK 9: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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 – (NV) 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
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April:	2022 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April:	Class Reconciliation MCD and MRB – 10.00am, School Assembly SSG 2.30pm (NV)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April:	Class Reconciliation MTC and MRC – 10.00am, School Assembly JMD 2.30pm (NV)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May:	Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night 7.00pm – St. Paul's School
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May:	Mother's Day Breakfast – 7.30am (TBC)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May:	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May:	Multicultural Day Celebrations
Sunday May 23 <sup>rd</sup> :	Sacrament of Eucharist 12.30pm and 2.00pm – St. Paul's Church - Year 3 / 4 Students
22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> June:	St. Paul's Production – 'Aladdin'.

Dear Parents/Carers,

This time last year, I took long service leave and travelled to Port Douglas. When I disembarked at Cairns Airport, the whole world had changed. Premier Daniel Andrews cancelled school for the remainder of the term, the AFL and NRL seasons had been cancelled along with so many other events. Little did we know what effect COVID-19 would have on our world. To date, there have been over 121 million cases of COVID-19, with over 2.6 million deaths. I thought it would all be over in a few months – how wrong I was. In recent times, there have been some positive changes worldwide. This is because vaccinations are now available. There is still a long way to go – I ask you to keep praying for all our world leaders, especially our State and Federal politicians, that all they all work together and make decisions about getting our lives back to some normality while keeping us all safe.

I hope you are able to participate in the Holy Week celebrations commencing with Palm Sunday, this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Holy Week is a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it. The message of Easter is one of hope. Jesus died on the cross but rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, a great day in the Church's Liturgical Year. I hope the Risen Christ is able to live in your hearts during the Easter season and throughout the year.

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April this year – the first week of Term 2. Children will need to be in their full summer school uniform. Information will be sent home tomorrow. Please note that SchoolPix no longer accept cash payments for photos. All orders need to be made online.

Term 1 concludes on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April at 1.00pm. The children may wear plain clothes on this day. Term 2 commences at 8.40am on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento  
PRINCIPAL

## **ANTI-BULLYING POLICY**

Each family received a copy of the St. Paul's Anti-Bullying Policy today. The policy is a reminder that the school will not tolerate any instances of bullying. Please note the definition of bullying in the policy:

*'Bullying is when someone, or a group of people, deliberately upset or hurt another person or damage their property, reputation or social acceptance on more than one occasion. There is an imbalance of power in incidents of bullying with the bully or bullies having more power at the time due to age, size, status or other reasons.'*

<http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/stuman/wellbeing/respectfulsafe.pdf>

The brochure lists types of bullying as well as what bullying is not. I encourage any of you who have any concerns to contact your child's teacher in the first instance as many concerns can be sorted out quickly when the teacher is informed.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOS – Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

School photo information will be sent home tomorrow. All school photo orders need to be made online at [www.schoolpix.com.au](http://www.schoolpix.com.au). If you are unable to order online please contact SchoolPix on 1300 766 055 to complete your order over the phone. Please refer to the school photo order form for your child's personal Order and ID numbers when you place an order.

For a special Family photo of your children together, order online by 8am on photography day. Only siblings that place an order will be photographed.

Please note that children are to be in their **full summer school uniform** on the photography day. If they have sport, they will need to bring their runners to school to change into before their lesson.

## **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 several information sessions for 2022 Prep Parents/Carers. The next session will be held on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</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.

## **RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EASTER – DONATIONS OF PRIZES FOR OUR HAMPERS**

Thanks to those families who have already returned their sold raffle tickets. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Please make donations of Easter Eggs, chocolates, lollies and gifts to the school for our hampers by March 23<sup>rd</sup>. All money and tickets are to be returned by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## **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 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 12.30pm and 2.00pm – St. Paul's Church (3 Family Members to attend with First Communicant)
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

## **WESTERN SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB/CLUB**

**Covid 19/Lockdowns/Isolation ... 2020-2021 My/Our Story  
Past...Present...Future? Effect on my life, my spirituality ...**

Four speakers will open the conversation by sharing their experiences: retired teacher, ICU nurse, working school parent, young adult who was born in Vietnam.

Then there will be the opportunity for small group sharing, before a plenary session.

**Tuesday, 23 March. Dinner 6.00 p.m. Session starts at 7.30 p.m.**

**Italia Club, Furlong Rd, St Albans, between Sunshine Hospital and Western Ring Road.**

In these times of Covid record keeping, it is **essential** that you let us know if you are coming. Please reply to [Westernsip.club@gmail.com](mailto:Westernsip.club@gmail.com) letting us know if you are coming for: 1. Meal 2. SIP session, or between 2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. call 0429 869 457.



## OUR VOICE BECOMES THEIR INNER VOICE

Our voice becomes their inner voice. What does this mean? It means that our children really listen to and internalise the things that we say.

And the truth is...when things are super busy we fall into a trap of noticing only what our children do **wrong**. We might say things like, "C'mon, why are you so slow? We're running late!" And when things are going as expected (your child dresses up on time for school), we usually don't give it proper attention.

**It's incredibly important, however, that we notice our children being good. Positive reinforcement from us directly contributes to our children's positive self-talk. Here are some examples of how what we can say when we catch our child being good.**

See The Big Life Journal for more resources around parenting and growth mindset: <https://biglifejournal.com/>

**CATCH YOUR CHILD BEING GOOD**

- Thank you for doing your best.
- You are being very loving today with your brother. Thank you.
- You got ready fast today and we're on time.
- You found a new way to get this done.
- You are being helpful today. Thank you.
- You did it!

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For further details about using CDFpay to order lunches online, please refer to the hard copy of the instructions sent home last week.

You can also find the CDFpay link via our school website.

# Get on the ball with the Australian Open



If you're aged between 12 to 15 years and want to get up close with the world's best, become a ballkid at Australian Open 2022.

Applications close 31st March 2021.



Head to [ballkids.tennis.com.au](http://ballkids.tennis.com.au) to apply now.

**HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Whether your child calls it Handball, Downball or 4-Square – it's the game that they all know and love.

*Starts next week!*

Handball, also known as Downball and 4-Square, is every child's favourite sport. The sound of every recess and lunchtime bell signifies another opportunity to compete with friends.

We wanted to give children a chance to prove themselves on the big stage - so we are excited to introduce the Handball Championships.

For more information visit [www.campastralia.com.au/handball](http://www.campastralia.com.au/handball)

**Register for Handball now through your Parent Portal**

### Key Dates

- 8 - 19 March** Official Practice in After School Care at Your OSHC
- 22 - 26 March** Service Championships in After School Care at Your OSHC
- School Holidays** Rocketeers Championships \*More information on our website
- 2 May** Regional Championships

### A message from your Coordinator



**It's free to register with Camp Australia**

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pa.campastralia.com.au](http://pa.campastralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.

### Prizes

Total prize pool of \$12,000 split across all Regional Champions.

Plus, each Your OSHC and Rocketeers Service Champion wins a Trophy!



Visit [www.campastralia.com.au/handball](http://www.campastralia.com.au/handball) for more information

