

TERM 3 WEEK 3: Monday 26th July, 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 27 th July:	School Closure Day – Staff participating in Writing Professional Development Activity
Friday 30 th July:	JMA Excursion to Melbourne Zoo
Wednesday 4 th August:	Second Hand Uniform Shop – 8.45am – 9.15am
Friday 6 th August:	Whole School Sports Day (No visitors can attend)
Monday 9 th August:	Mary MacKillop Feast Day Mass – 9.15am St Paul's Church – No Visitors
Friday 13 th August:	SMA Level Class Mass, Assembly – PLC (NV)
Friday 20 th August:	Applications close for 2023 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 Students
Friday 20 th August:	Preps' 100 Days of School
Friday 20 th August:	Class Reconciliation – MKL and MCF, Assembly – SCC
Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th August:	Book Fair
Monday 23 rd August:	Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night at 7.00pm – St Paul's School
Tuesday 24 th August:	Second Hand Uniform Shop – 2.50pm – 3.15pm
Tuesday 24 th August:	Reading Hour – 7.00pm
Friday 27 th August:	Book Week Parade – 9.00am Marian Gym – No visitors
Thursday 2 nd – Friday 3 rd September:	Art Show (More Information to follow)
Friday 3 rd September:	Father's Day Breakfast (TBC)
Thursday 16 th September:	Sacrament of Confirmation – 7.00pm – St Paul's Church

**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY TOMORROW – TUESDAY, 27TH JULY
NO SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS OR ONLINE WORK AVAILABLE
(MOVED FROM THURSDAY, 29TH JULY)**

Dear Families,

We look forward to welcoming back our students on Wednesday. Hopefully there will be no extension of the lockdown. Please remember that we have moved our school closure day from this Thursday 29th July to **tomorrow** – in this way the children will attend school from Wednesday for the remainder of the week, without an interruption on Thursday. Thank you for your understanding.

One of our past students, Reba Stewart, is representing Australia at the Olympics. Reba graduated from St Paul's in 2013. She will be competing in the Taekwondo competition tomorrow at 2.00pm. We wish Reba all the very best.

There are quite a few events coming up in the next few weeks. Unfortunately, we will be unable to have visitors attending. Our Whole School Sports will be held on Friday, August 6th, however no visitors will be allowed. We will record each race as we did last year and post them to SeeSaw. We will be having our Mass to celebrate St Mary McKillop on Monday, 9th August – we were also hoping to celebrate our grandparents at this Mass. Again, we will be unable to have visitors onsite. We hope to invite our grandparents to a special celebration later in the year. You would also be aware that we have had to postpone performances of 'Aladdin' until the beginning of Term 4 – hopefully it will be able to proceed then.

I remind families that applications for **Year 7 in 2023** for Catholic Secondary Schools must be in by **Friday, 20th August**. Our Year 5 students must enrol by this date if they wish to attend a Catholic Secondary School in 2023.

If you have not enrolled your child in Prep for 2022, **please do so immediately**. Your child will be put on a waiting list if you do not apply immediately.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

ST. PAUL'S ATHLETIC SPORTS - Friday, 6th August

On Friday, 6th August, we will be holding our annual St Paul's Athletic Sports on the wonderful D.C.G at our school. The activities commence at 9.00am. Juniors and Preps have individual running races followed by relays. The Middles and Seniors will have field events followed by sprints. There will be a recess break at 11.00am. At 11.30am the Juniors and Prep children will take part in various field events. At this time the Middles and Seniors will have their relay races.

Presentations will take place at 12.30pm followed by a sausage sizzle. Please note the canteen is not open on this day so if your child does not eat sausages you will need to provide lunch for them. Children, parents and carers are encouraged to wear the colours of their children's houses. Children should still wear their sports uniform but may include a coloured Tee Shirt, ribbons or similar.

Unfortunately, **no visitors will be allowed** to attend this event. Therefore, we will post a video of the event on Seesaw for your viewing pleasure!

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

FUNDRAISING CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Many thanks to all families for supporting this fundraising event. If you have not returned any unsold chocolates or money, please do so immediately. Please note that extra boxes of chocolates are available for sale – please contact the office if you would like to sell an extra box.

WHAT IS THE NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA (NCCD)?

Schools must now complete the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) every year. It counts the number of students who receive additional adjustments or 'help' at school with their learning. This data provides information to the Federal Government and the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria about the number of students receiving adjustments which enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students. Please refer to the NCCD Information sheet posted on Skoolbag app for further details.

RESOURCES: GET ACTIVE KIDS - TAKE 2!

Have you applied for your **Get Active Kids voucher** yet? Round two of applications are now open.

Victorian families with a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card can apply for up to \$200 to support their child's sport and active recreation activities. Find out more: <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/activities/>

CALLING ALL CREATIVE ST PAUL'S COMMUNITY MEMBERS!



We would love to present any art pieces you have created in our school art show! They can be in the form of paintings, sculptures, wooden carvings, decorated cakes, textiles including knitting- absolutely anything at all creative!

Please attach the following label to the back of your art piece.

Labelled art pieces to be submitted to the school reception office by Monday, 30th August.

Thank you for sharing your talents with our community.

Mrs Rhiannon Micallef and Mrs Michele Micallef
St. Paul's School Arts Leaders



Artist's name:

Artist's child/ family member's name:

Grade of the child:

Title of art piece:

SHARING AND LEARNING TO SHARE

- Sharing helps children make and keep friends and cooperate with people.
 - Children get better at sharing as they learn to manage emotions and see other points of view.
- Help children learn to share by praising sharing and giving them opportunities to practise.

Helping your child learn about sharing

Children learn a lot from just watching what their parents do. When you model good sharing and turn-taking in your family, it gives your children a great example to follow.

Children also need opportunities to learn about and practise sharing. Here are some ways to encourage sharing in everyday life:

- Talk about why sharing is good for your child and others. You can say something like, 'When you share your toys with your friend, everyone gets to have fun'.
- Point out good sharing in others. For example, 'Your friend was sharing her toys really well. That was very kind of her'.
- When you see your child trying to share or take turns, give your child plenty of [praise](#) and attention. For example, 'I liked the way you let Aziz play with your train. Great sharing!'
- Play games with your child that involve sharing and turn-taking. Talk your child through the steps, saying things like, 'Now it's my turn to build the tower, then it's your turn. You share the red blocks with me, and I'll share the green blocks with you'.
- Talk with your child about sharing before playdates with other children. For example, you could say, 'When Georgia comes over, you'll need to share some of your toys. Why don't we ask her what she wants to play with?'

When your child finds it challenging to share

If your child finds sharing challenging, it's a good idea to stay nearby when your child plays with other children, and encourage your child so they don't forget to share. When your child does try to share, you can say exactly what your child did well and how proud you are.

There's no reason to avoid playdates if your child is still learning to share. Instead, use playdates as a chance to help your child practise. You can remind them at the start of the playdate that sharing is a good thing to do with friends, and help them to decide what toys they could share.

When you use consequences for not sharing, it's important that the consequences relate to the thing that's being shared – or not shared! For example, if children aren't sharing a toy train, you might take the train away from both of them for a short period of time. Neither child can play with the train, so the consequence feels the same for both of them. This can also get children thinking about what they need to do if they want to play with the toy together.

When you think they're ready, you can give the toy back so children get another chance to show they can share.

School-age children

By the time most children start school, they're beginning to understand that other people have feelings too. This means they're more likely to share and take turns, although it might still be hard for them to share a favourite toy or game.

School-age children also have a strong sense of fairness and might not want to share a toy or play a game if they think they won't get a fair go. It might help to check the rules of the games your child is playing, and reassure your child and others that they'll all get a turn.

At this age, your child will be much more patient and tolerant than they used to be. Your child will also be keen to do the right thing and can form more complex friendships, which really helps with the idea of sharing. Your child can get a lot of practice sharing at school too – for example, sharing paints in art, or playing games together at recess or lunch.

Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

Hi Families,

We will be doing a Science week coming up in August with lots of fun experiments!

If anyone has barbie dolls or costume dress ups in good condition that they would like to donate to the service this would be appreciated.

Have a great week!
Kylie, Irije, Priyanka

Activities coming up

- Outdoor games
- Money bingo
- Drawing competition

What's on the menu

- Sandwiches
- Pancakes
- Platter cheese, sultanas, rice crackers

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at sa.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.



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Tuesday 31 August 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

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