

TERM 3 WEEK 5: Monday 9th August, 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday 13th August:** Assembly – PLC - TBC (NV)
- Friday 20th August:** Applications close for 2023 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 Students
- Friday 20th August:** Preps' 100 Days of School
- Friday 20th August:** Class Reconciliation – MKL and MCF, Assembly – SCC
- Mon 23rd – Fri 27th August:** Book Week
- Monday 23rd August:** Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night at 7.00pm – St Paul's School
- Tuesday 24th August:** Second Hand Uniform Shop – 2.50pm – 3.15pm
- Tuesday 24th August:** Reading Hour – 7.00pm
- Friday 27th August:** Book Week Parade – 9.00am Marian Gym – No visitors
- Thursday 2nd – Friday 3rd September:** Art Show (More Information to follow)
- Friday 3rd September:** Father's Day Breakfast (TBC)
- Thursday 9th September:** JMA Excursion to Melbourne Zoo – NOTE NEW DATE
- Thursday 16th September:** Sacrament of Confirmation – 7.00pm – St Paul's Church
- Friday 17th September:** Footy Colours Day – Gold coin donation to wear favourite footy colours.
- Friday 17th September:** End of Term III – 1.00pm

Dear Families,

We are all disappointed that we are in lockdown and are unable to have our students at school. It is a difficult time for all – students, families and teachers. We hope that we are out of lockdown soon and all children are in the classroom with their teachers.

Yesterday, August 8th, was the day we celebrated the life of St Mary MacKillop, Australia's first saint. She was canonised a saint on October 17, 2010. Mary Mackillop was born on January 15, 1842 in Melbourne and died on August 8th, 1909 in North Sydney. Mary was known for the care she gave to those who were poor. The Josephite sisters took on a vow of poverty – any money they received was used to help those in need – one of her famous sayings was 'Never see a need without doing something about it'. I ask you to pray to St Mary Mackillop and ask her to be with us all during this time of uncertainty. If ever you are in Sydney, I encourage you to visit the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel in North Sydney. This is where Mary is buried. It is a beautiful chapel that allows you to reflect on Mary's life. There is also a museum on the site dedicated to the life of Australia's first Saint.

Unfortunately, we were unable to have our Athletics Carnival last Friday due to the lockdown. We hope to have our Sports Day as soon as possible after all students return to school.

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.

Please note the Second Hand Uniform Stall will not be open this Wednesday 11th August as we will be in lockdown. It will next be open on Tuesday 24th August from 2.50pm – 3.15pm. We apologise for any inconvenience.

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

REMOTE LEARNING

SeeSaw Class app for Students

If you have the **SeeSaw class app**, the students can log in with their unique code that was already provided. If you don't have the app, you can access the class by going to <https://web.seesaw.me/> on the internet (e.g. using Chrome, Safari, Internet Explorer, Firefox) and clicking on 'Log In', click on 'I am a Student' and then enter your provided code (remember the spaces in the correct places!). Please note this code is a password to get access to the student's account. Therefore, please **keep this code in a safe place and do not post such codes on social media or in any publicly accessible place on the Internet.**

Google Meets

Google Meets will allow all students and classroom teachers to meet online to help connect with each other. Class teachers will advise the time of the Meets and the access codes via SeeSaw. Attached are the instructions of how to log into Google Meet.

Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.



ONLINE LEARNING TIPS

Thank you to all our families for your support during these unprecedented times of online learning. Managing our time and supporting our children is a real challenge and there isn't necessarily a right or wrong way of doing things. In order to manage our wellbeing during these times, here's 5 tips to help manage the technology side of you children's learning.

- Tip 1: Supervision** - We strongly encourage all children to use their devices in a shared space rather than being in a bedroom unsupervised.
- Tip 2: Social Media** - A reminder that most social media sites, such as Tik Tok, Snapchat, Facebook and Instagram have an age restriction of 13 years and over.
- Tip 3: Clear expectations** – Remember that you have the right to set restrictions in terms of screen time and to structure your day at home to suit your needs.
- Tip 4: Screen Time** - We strongly encourage all children to balance screen time with activities that don't involve a digital device. A ball game or reading a book are all great ways to show kids how they can learn and enjoy themselves without a mobile, tablet or computer and can help managing your day.
- Tip 5: Charging Devices** – make sure all devices are put away each night and are charged for learning the following day.

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

PREP'S 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL – Friday, August 20th

On Friday the 20th of August the Prep children will be celebrating 100 days of school! To celebrate this amazing achievement, we will be having a fun party!

We invite all of the children to come dressed as if they were 100 years old. As part of our celebration of 100 days we will be exploring all things 100. We therefore ask you to send your child to school with a collection of 100 objects. please place these items in a snap lock bag marked clearly with your child's name.

We will also be having pizza for lunch, therefore you will not need to send your child to school with lunch for that day (just brainfood and snack). If your child does not like pizza, or you think they will still be hungry, please pack their lunch. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher.

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Science Week

St. Paul's Primary School OSHC

Join us for a week filled with exciting food science experiments!



Monday	Bread experiment
Tuesday	Playdough & Wednesday making cheese
Wednesday	Fizzy Fun
Thursday	Water and Oil experiment
Friday	Dancing stick figure



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Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

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Lego Challenge

Complete a monthly Lego Challenge to go into the draw to win a prize!

Submit an image of your creation any time between 9am on the first day and 5pm on the last day of each month to be in to win a Lego kit.

Choose how to enter:

- On Facebook via the Brimbank Libraries Virtual Lego group
- On Instagram with #brimbanklibrarieslegochallenge
- Or email them to library@brimbank.vic.gov.au



Old Worlds. New Worlds. Other Worlds.

Design your own world or alternate universe using Lego.

Challenge open 1 - 31 August

Spring Into September

Design a creation inspired by spring.

Challenge open 1 - 30 September

Halloween

Create a spook-tacular Halloween inspired Lego design.

Challenge open 1 - 31 October

Kids vs. Adults

Challenge a parent, carer or older brother or sister to a Lego build-off!

Challenge open 1 - 30 November

Merry Christmas

Create a Christmas inspired Lego scene, character or something to spread some festive cheer!

Challenge open 1 - 31 December



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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: