

TERM 3 WEEK 8: Monday 30th August, 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday 3rd September: Father's Day Stall – **CANCELLED**
Thursday 9th September: JMA Excursion to Melbourne Zoo – **NOTE NEW DATE**
14, 15th and 16th September: St. Paul's Production – 'Aladdin' – if restrictions allow.
Friday 17th September: Footy Colours Day – Gold coin donation to wear favourite footy colours.
Friday 17th September: End of Term III – 1.00pm
Monday 4th October: Beginning of Term IV – 8.40am
Wednesday 13th October: Sacrament of Confirmation – 7.00pm – St Paul's Church – **NOTE NEW DATE**
21st – 22nd October: MMA Camp - Phillip Island Christian Youth Camp

Dear Families,

Yesterday at his daily press conference, Premier Daniel Andrews stated that restrictions would most likely not ease at 11.59pm on Thursday, 2nd September as we had hoped. Because of this, we will be unable to hold our Father's Day Stall on Friday. This is very disappointing, as I know the children look forward to it each year. Depending on announcements made over the next few days, there could be other events that we need to cancel. We will keep you informed of any other changes.

Once we hear confirmation from the Government about when this lockdown will end, and if there are any restrictions on crowds at events, we will make a decision about the production 'Aladdin'.

I thank you for all you are doing at this most difficult time to support your family. I hope that with continued vaccinations, lockdowns will be a thing of the past and we can live with limited restrictions. If you haven't been vaccinated, I encourage you to seek medical advice and then make an informed decision about whether or not to be vaccinated.

National Child Protection Week (NCPW) begins on Father's Day each year – this year it takes place from 5 – 11 September. The enduring message of National Child Protection Week is that 'Protecting children is everyone's business' and urges all Australians to 'Play Your Part'. The specific theme for 2021 is ***Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.*** The campaign calls on everyone to get involved with National Child Protection Week and play your part in creating safe and nurturing environments for all Australian children. We all have a role to play in protecting children from harm. We are continuing to develop our policies and procedures as part of our commitment to Child Safety and NCPW assists us to achieve this commitment.

Last Friday we celebrated Book Week – what a great celebration it was. Even though it was online, I could see all of the children dressed up as their favourite book character. Thanks to Mrs Michele Micallef and all the teachers for organising such interesting activities for the children to participate in to celebrate 'Book Week'.

If you have not enrolled your child in Prep for 2022, please do so immediately. Please complete an enrolment form and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

CHOCOLATE DRIVE RAFFLE

The Chocolate Raffle will be drawn this Wednesday 1st September. Could all Chocolate Money and/or Unsold Chocolate Boxes please be returned to the School Office ASAP so that you can go into the draw!! Those that have sold the entire box for \$60 have a chance to win 1 of 2 Rebel \$50 Gift Cards!! Don't miss out - please hand in the money to be in the draw!!



Dear Families,

Due to the current lockdown and COVID restrictions currently in place, Marian College are continuing to accept applications for Year 7, 2023.

If you require further information or assistance in completing your form, please feel free to contact the Marian College school office on 9363 1711 or email our enrolment team at enrolment@mariansw.catholic.edu.au.

Keep well and safe, Marian College Sunshine West

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Is your child needing some extra support with their reading, and are looking for a reading buddy?

Register to receive a Zoom link

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To register your child's interest please complete the online form, and a staff member will be in contact to arrange a session:

<https://www.brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au/readathome>

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Keilor	7048 Old Calder Highway, Keilor	T 9249 4570
St Albans	71A A'Friede Street, St Albans	T 9249 4650
Sunshine	901 Hemphshire Road, Sunshine	T 9249 4640
Sydenham	1 Station Street, Taylors Lakes	T 9249 4680



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Newsletter

Dear Families

We hope you are all well and staying safe in these difficult times. We have only had very small numbers in OSHC and are missing all the children and can't wait to have them all back soon.

Last week we also enjoyed Science week however we look forward to repeating these experiments when more of our children are back on site, as we know how much enjoyment they will get out of them.

This term we have been involved in gardening and talking about sustainability and how we can help while in OSHC and in our school community.

The children have planted garlic and have been tending to the thyme and strawberries, watering and learning the different methods of planting. We can't wait to be able to harvest and eat some of our crops.

Indoors the children have made a recycling poster, also have been looking at the posters we do have already in service and discussed ways to recycle. We have a scrap paper trolley for the children to reuse the paper they are finished with we also collect in large tubs recycled material/boxes ect that the children can use to create, make, bring to life whatever their imagination brings them.

Till next time

Stay Safe

Kyle, Inje and Priyanka 🍌



To register and book, visit www.campaustralia.com.au

Your OSHC.

NO HAT – NO PLAY

A reminder that from September 1st all children should be wearing the St. Paul's hat when they are outside. When we return to school, a reminder that any students not wearing their hats will be required to sit in the shaded area of the yard. No other hats are permitted to be worn. We encourage families to apply sunscreen to their children at home before they leave for school. One of the requirements of being a Sun Smart school is that children and staff wear hats from September to April when outdoors.

INTERACTIVE PLAYGROUPS

(Playgroup Victoria www.playgroup.org.au)

With the number of families in isolation increasing... these interactive playgroup sessions have been something families across the state are actively engaged with. They are delivering the following sessions weekly.

- Baby Playgroup - Monday and Thursday at 10am
- Playgroup at Home Live - Tuesday and Friday at 10am

Please share this link with your staff and the families you support. These sessions will continue for the rest of the year. To book an Online Playgroup Session, visit <https://bookings.playgroup.org.au/>.

2021 Book Week @ Home !

I'd like to express a huge thank you to our wonderful St. Paul's community of staff, families and students and extend my congratulations on your enthusiasm for our first ever Remote Book Week!



Even though we were in lockdown, I was amazed at some of the wonderful book character costumes families were able to whip up with what they could find at home. Many of you showed great creative thinking and problem solving skills in adapting old costumes or making new ones from material, clothing, cardboard boxes, foil and a dose of imagination! I was astonished to see so many students embracing books and dressing up in the google meets I popped into.

And what about our wonderful staff who joined in the fun? Not only did our teachers and learning support staff come up with amazing costumes, they put together some exciting activities to celebrate my favourite week of the year! Students took part in Quizzes, book talks, read to's, puzzles, crafts ... and more!

Speaking of which, my library book week activities will be accessible all week so I encourage you to pop into your child's library activities on their seesaw specialist class, check out the videos and comment with some feedback. I'd absolutely love to hear from you all!

Lastly, thank you to the students who warmed my heart with their excitement and love for reading. It's been a busy but extremely satisfying week.

I encourage you all to continue to share in your child's reading journey, as there truly is no greater gift than the love of books.

Ms Michele

(On behalf of Mrs Kylie and Mrs Gagliardi)

Please find on our Skoolbag app the winning books in each shortlisted category for your interest. Your children have read most of the books in the early childhood and picture book categories and might have their own opinion as to who they think should have won!

A Message to Parents

During school closures, if you're having difficulty and feeling stressed about the added pressure of now being teacher to your child/children, please remember:

You don't need to replicate the school experience.
Don't try to be your child's classroom teacher.
Just keep being the teacher you ALREADY are.
We trained for years to teach the way we do, just as you trained for years to teach the way you do!
We couldn't take over your job overnight, you won't be able to do ours.

Read with your child.

Cook with your child.

Garden with your child.

Enjoy nature with your child.

Make and create things with your child.

Sing and dance with your child.

PLAY with your child.

And above all, keep being the kind, calm role model your child needs through this challenging time.

This is how you teach.

Keep doing you.

Your child is learning from you every single day!



The Royal Children's
Hospital Melbourne

SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH DURING THE PANDEMIC AND BEYOND

Last week the Royal Children's Hospital was hosting a Facebook Live session which will focus on 'How to support your children's mental health through the pandemic'. A panel of experts talked about how you can support your child's mental health throughout the pandemic and also beyond.

If you didn't manage to view the RCH webinar last Wednesday but would like to, you can access the recording here (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1DizMUOeng>) along with a RCH fact sheet ([Supporting your child to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic](#))



We extend our condolences to the family of Faith Quach (MCF) and the family of Alicia (MCD) & Connor Mc Kerral (SJM) following the recent passing of their Grandmother.

Please keep the families in your prayers.