

TERM 3 WEEK 9: Monday 6th September, 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday 10th September:** Friday Fun Day – online activities all day – please check information from your child's teacher.
- Friday 17th September:** Footy Colours Day – Children to wear favourite footy colours if onsite.
- Friday 17th September:** End of Term III – 1.00pm
- Monday 4th October:** Beginning of Term IV – 8.40am (TBC)
- 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
- Monday 1st November:** Melbourne Cup Eve – No Classes for Students
- Tuesday 2nd November:** Melbourne Cup Day – No Classes for Students

Dear Families,

As you would be aware, we were recently advised that onsite learning will not resume this term. This is very unfortunate for all in the state as we want all children onsite to continue their learning with their teacher and classmates. No date has been set when classes will resume onsite and what, if any, restrictions may apply to ensure all in our community remain safe. As soon as we are aware of any announcements regarding children returning to school, we will communicate this to all families. In the meantime, 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.

A letter was sent home today advising that due to continuing restrictions and being unsure when school will return onsite, the decision has been to cancel all performances of 'Aladdin'. I am devastated that we have had to come to this decision, as the biannual production is a major highlight of St Paul's School Community. With so much uncertainty about when we will return to school, and at least a two week timeframe needed to perform 'Aladdin', we will be unable to perform 'Aladdin' before the end of the year.

This Friday is a Fun Day – there are lots of different activities available for your child to be involved in. This includes a magician, dance companies as well as school staff doing different activities. Please check the timetable provided by your child's teacher.

In some staff news, Mrs Teagan Desmond will be going on Maternity Leave from the end of this term. Miss Ellen McKitterick, who is currently on staff, will replace Teagan in PTD at the commencement of Term IV. We wish Teagan and her husband David all the very best for the safe arrival of their first child. Mrs Kylie Ponce Rios will also be going on Maternity Leave early in Term IV. Mrs Jane Manton will work fulltime in SJM, replacing Kylie in the class on Fridays, and Mrs Michele Micallef will be taking library classes on Thursdays to replace Kylie. We wish Kylie and her husband Gilberto all the very best for the safe arrival of their second child.

At the end of the newsletter, there is a note to be returned to school advising us if your children will not be returning to St. Paul's in 2022. Please return it to school promptly if your children are not returning next year as we are beginning to plan for 2022.

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.

I hope all the fathers, grandfathers, uncles and other important father figures had a great day yesterday. Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,
Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

FUNDRAISING CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Congratulations to Christian Hoang (MCF), Ola Malec (JGO), Thomas Jovancevski (JJM) and Sofia Ramos (SJM) who each won one a Coles Myers \$50 Gift Card. Thanks to all the families for supporting this fundraising event. If you have not returned any unsold chocolates or money, please do so immediately.



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

Brimbank Libraries is offering free one on one support for children wanting to practice their reading and literacy skills with one of our friendly library staff.

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>

Visit our website for more information: brimbanklibraries.vic.gov.au

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| Deer Park Keller | 4 Nwale Road, Deer Park 704B Old Calder Highway, Keller | T 9249 4660 T 9249 4670 |
| St Albans Sunshine | 71A Alfreda Street, St Albans 301 Hampshire Road, Sunshine | T 9249 4650 T 9249 4640 |
| Sydenham | 1 Station Street, Taylors Lakes | T 9249 4680 |

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/>.

ARE YOU LEAVING ST. PAUL'S AT THE END OF 2021?

QUÝ VỊ SẼ RỜI TRƯỜNG ST. PAUL VÀO CUỐI NIÊN HỌC 2021?

We have a waiting list for 2022 and need to know if your family is changing schools.

Trường đang có danh sách học sinh chờ cho niên học 2022 nên cần biết gia đình quý vị có chuyển trường cho con không.

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE OFFICE IF YOUR CHILD/REN ARE NOT RETURNING IN 2022

XIN VUI LÒNG NỘP LẠI PHẦN GIẤY NÀY CHO VĂN PHÒNG NẾU CON QUÝ VỊ KHÔNG TRỞ LẠI TRƯỜNG VÀO NIÊN HỌC 2022.

There is no need for any Grade 6 students to respond to this notice as we know that you will be at secondary school next year.

Học sinh Lớp 6 không cần phải điền vào giấy này vì Trường đã biết học sinh sẽ lên học trường trung học vào niên học sau.

Please print

My child(ren) will not be returning to St Paul's School next year. *Con/các con tôi sẽ không học ở Trường St. Paul vào năm sau.*

SCHOOL ATTENDING IN 2022.....

Tên Trường sẽ học vào năm 2022

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| Child's name _____ | Class (this year) _____ |
| <i>Tên học sinh</i> | <i>Tên Lớp (niên học này)</i> |
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BEING NEIGHBOURLY IS GOOD FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT WE KNOW:

- Children feel safer when they know the people in their community.
- Children like it when neighbours, shopkeepers or bus drivers say 'hi' and smile.
- Social isolation is a big challenge for many families.
- A friendly adult can make a big difference in the life of a child or young person.
- We can all look out for children and make sure they are safe – even if we don't know them.
- We all have a part to play in creating stronger, happier neighbourhoods for everyone.



For more information about how you can play your part or to get involved in **National Child Protection Week** (starting first Sunday September) visit: www.napcan.org.au

NAPCAN PREVENT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

HOW YOU CAN PLAY YOUR PART:

- Smile and say hello to people in your neighbourhood, including children and teenagers. Try the **Five Smiles a Day Challenge**: friendshipproject.com.au/five-smiles-a-day/
- Remember the names of children (and their pets!) and listen to what they have to say. This shows them that they are important and that you care.
- Be a positive role model. **NAPCAN's video Children See, Children Do**: napcan.org.au/children-see-children-do/ is a great reminder that children are watching everything we say and do.
- Talk to your neighbours and take the time to build relationships among parents nearby. You can start by asking people how long they have lived in the area or asking parents about their children (e.g. their ages and hobbies) to show that you are interested.
- Swap phone numbers with other families and let them know if you are doing something they could join in with e.g. going to the park to play.
- Parenting is a big job. Offer a helping hand to families in your neighbourhood. For example, offer to pick something up from the shop, watch the children, or bake some food.
- Be kind and supportive to parents rather than judging them. If you see a family that is facing challenges, you may need to ask advice from an expert about what to do. You could start by looking up advice hotlines e.g. Parentline, or Kids Helpline.
- Speak up if you see something that is unsafe e.g. broken equipment, kids playing near traffic, a small child alone, or unsociable behaviour.
- Think about how your neighbourhood could be improved for children and teenagers. Ask them what they like and what they might want to change, and help them advocate to make things better.



neighbour day
Last Sunday in March

For more information about Neighbour Day and how you can get involved visit: www.neighbourday.org

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

The Royal Children's Hospital host a Facebook Live session which focused on 'How to support your children's mental health through the pandemic'. A panel of experts talked about how you could support your child's mental health throughout the pandemic and also beyond.

If you didn't manage to view the RCH webinar 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](#))