

TERM 4 WEEK 8: Monday 22nd November, 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 22nd November: 2022 Prep Information night for parents/carers – online – more information to follow.

Thursday 25th November: 'Aladdin Day' – SMA watch performance at Sun Theatre, Prep – 4 watch at school and families to watch at home at night

Friday 26th November: Plain Clothes Day – Donations made for Christmas Raffle

Wednesday 8th December: Year 1 – 6 Orientation for 2022, Reports Sent Home

**Wednesday 8th December: Online Bookings for 2022 Learning Conversations open – 4.00pm
(More information to follow)**

Thursday 9th December: Year 6 Big Day Out, Graduation Ceremony available at 7.00pm

Monday 13th December: School Closure Day – Planning for 2022 – no school for students

Wednesday 15th December: School Year Ends – 1.00pm – children may wear plain clothes

Friday 31st January, 2022: Learning Conversations – 8.45am – 7.00pm – No school for student

Dear Families,

Congratulations to our children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday night. After two weeks of uncertainty, all children were able to become adult members of the Catholic Church. Both ceremonies were very moving with the children participating reverently in the celebrations. The children were very well prepared by Miss Peplow, Mrs Garcia, Miss Capuano, Mr Adam, Miss Jane, Mrs Kylie, Mr Fox and Miss Carroll. I would also like to thank the St. Paul's staff for their assistance prior to and on the day. Thanks to Fr Rene for celebrating this Sacrament with us. We hope all the children will have great memories of this special day and remember that the Holy Spirit is always with them.

Today was the first day that all classes were at school for the term. In what have been very difficult circumstances, all in our community have shown great resilience. I thank the staff for all their work to ensure your children have had the best opportunity to learn in such difficult times, and to all families for your support throughout this time.

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. On Sunday, the first Advent Candle on the Advent wreath will be lit. Advent is a time when we prepare for the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. It is a time to think about the true meaning of Christmas. Are we ready for Christmas? I encourage all families to participate in the Advent liturgies at St. Paul's Church over the coming weekends. With the size of congregations at weekend Masses increasing, you may have the opportunity to attend one of the Masses. In this way we will be ready for the coming of Jesus Christ. Our Middle students will be leading our Week 1 of Advent assembly on Friday – it will be shared with all classes at 2.30pm as it will be recorded prior to Friday. We will share these on SeeSaw for all in our community to see. These Advent Ceremonies will replace our Carols this year.

Thank you to those families who have settled their accounts for 2021. If you have not done so, could you please ensure that all accounts are paid as soon as possible. Please make an appointment to see me if you have any concerns about settling your account.

We will be unable to celebrate our Year 6 Graduation at St Paul's Church this year due to restrictions of numbers at the church. As was the case last year, we will be recording the Graduation Ceremony on Monday 6th December. **All Year Six students are to be wearing their full summer school uniform to school on this day.** We will then make the ceremony available via a link for families to view on Thursday 9th December at 7.00pm.

Please note that there will be no school for students on Monday, December 13th as all staff will be planning for 2022.

I hope you have a great week.

Yours sincerely,
Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets for our Christmas raffle went home last week. Tickets are \$1.00 each and there will be ten tickets in each booklet. You are encouraged to sell a complete book of tickets.

There will be a plain clothes day this Friday, 26th November. The children can wear plain clothes if they bring items from home to donate for the raffle. These donations will then be put into hampers. Some items that could be brought to school in return for wearing plain clothes could be: new toys, gifts, wine, non-perishable foods, napkins, bon bons, wrapping paper, mince pies, Christmas cakes, coloured popcorn or anything else that would be suitable for hampers for our Christmas Raffle. Each classroom will have a box to collect the donations. If every family donated one item we would have a great collection. This year we will be donating 16 of the hampers to the St Vincent De Paul Society. I am sure your donations will give great joy to families who will be struggling this Christmas.

Please support us by donating goods to the raffle and buying tickets. All tickets and money should be returned to school by Tuesday, 7th December. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday, 9th December.



SPORTS NEWS

Good luck to the four grades this week who are competing for double house points in our Festival of Athletic Sports. Unfortunately, those grades were isolating when our Athletics Sports Day was held so now they have the chance to compete for their houses and earn a ribbon. The children may dress up in their house colours. We'll video those races and announce results on Friday.

Our school sport captains will help with recording, judging and videoing.

Here are the times when the grades will compete on the DCG:

- **TUESDAY LUNCHTIME** – JRC, MCD
- **WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME** - SAF
- **THURSDAY LUNCHTIME** - MTC

Good luck to everybody!

Please note that Grade 6 children need to return their St Paul's sports tops, which they wore when playing football, to school this week. We were in the middle of our season when Covid forced us to lock down.

ATTENTION LIBRARY END OF YEAR

Dear Families,

Please note that all library books need to be returned to the library during your child's library lesson in Week 9. Letters with the cost of any lost books will be sent home after that.

Thank you, Ms Michele & Mrs Gagliardi.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2022

The following dates are very important for **ALL** students who will be attending secondary school in 2024 – our current Year 4 students. If applications for Catholic Secondary School are not in by Friday 19th August, 2022 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

19th August 2022: Applications close for 2024 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 4 Students

21st October 2022: Offers posted to prospective 2024 Year 7 applicants

11th November 2022: Final date for families to accept offers made by the Secondary School

TRANSITION FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL TO HIGH SCHOOL

It is an exciting time for students and families. Transitioning from primary school to high school is full of emotions. It can be exciting, overwhelming, nerve-wracking or no big deal. Whatever your child may be feeling, the transition means change. Below are tips for a smooth transition:

- Talk to your child about what they are looking forward to and what they are worried about. Listen when they share their feelings and worries.
- Reassure your child that it is natural to worry about high school. Any change comes with big emotions.
- Encourage your child to see the positives about high school. Highlight the new opportunities they will have, for example, sports teams, a music program, science classes, new friends.
- Talk to your child about how they can keep in contact with old friends and how to make new friends.
- Share your experiences of high school or the experiences of friends and family.
- If there is no orientation program, you can look through the school website and any information packs you have together.

Newsletter

Camp Australia St. Pauls OSHC – November Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to see the children returning to Before Care and After Care and we will be providing lots of fun learning experiences for the children.

What's been happening?

We have been doing lots of science activities including Whizz fiz and oil, food colouring and milk experiment the children learnt about intentional learning such as Measuring, counting quantities and different types of ingredients. This extends children's knowledge in mathematical concepts.

The intentional teaching is positive interaction which guides communication, working collaboratively whilst grade six children can show leadership skills throughout the experiments by facilitating and guiding the younger children.



Staff Training
All educators will be renewing their Child Protection Training Victoria this term ensuring we keep the children safe by following correct procedures.
New Educator Ramandeep is continuing her Certificate III in Child Care studies.
Educators will be renewing their car certificate over school holidays.

Community Involvement

The service supported the school's safety Day for Daniel by having a discussion on safety and safety activity sheets.

What's coming up next month?

Future exciting learning experiences coming up based around Christmas!

Christmas Craft experiences including Wreath yarn kit craft, wooden snowflake decorations.

We can't wait to see you all soon back at Before and After School Care.

Stay Safe

Kylie, Inje and Ramandeep

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We extend our condolences to the Cenhrang Family (Chin Chin - JGO) following the recent passing of her Grandfather. Please keep the Family in your prayers.

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Brimbank Libraries CHRISTMAS FUN

13 - 17 DECEMBER

Join us for festive stories, songs, craft fun and an online talk with beloved Australian author Jackie French.

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BIG Summer Read

THE BIG SUMMER READ LAUNCH PARTY
WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER, 4-5PM @ SUNSHINE LIBRARY

Celebrate the launch of this fun program to keep you reading over the holidays, with roving entertainment, badge making and craft, and plenty of opportunities to sign up for the BIG Summer Read.

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