

TERM 4 WEEK 9: Monday 29th November, 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday 3rd December:** 'Aladdin Day' – SMA watch performance at Sun Theatre, Prep – 4 watch at school and families to watch at home at night
Prep Students presenting Week II of Advent Prayer service - 2.30pm and on Seesaw
- Tuesday 7th December:** All Christmas Raffle tickets and money due.
- Wednesday 8th December:** Christmas Raffle Winners Drawn
- Wednesday 8th December:** Year 1 – 6 Orientation for 2022, Reports Sent Home
- Wednesday 8th December:** Online Bookings for 2022 Learning Conversations open – 4.00pm
(Information sent out today)
- Thursday 9th December:** Year 6 Big Day Out, Graduation Ceremony available at 7.00pm
- Friday 10th December:** SMA Students presenting Week III of Advent Prayer service - 2.30pm and on Seesaw
- 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
- Monday 31st January, 2022:** Learning Conversations – 8.45am – 7.00pm – No school for student

Dear Families,

I ask you to keep in your prayers all members of the Marian College Community as one of their teachers, Ms Cathie Callaghan, passed away recently. We offer our deepest sympathy to Mr Ray Pisani, Principal of Marian College, and all in the community as well as Cathie's family.

This Sunday we light the second Advent Candle. I ask you to say the following Advent prayer with your family.

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us. He is the Saviour of us all. O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light the second candle of the Advent wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. Father, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

Thanks to our MMA students for presenting a beautiful ceremony that reflected Week 1 of Advent last week. Our Prep students will be leading our Week 2 of Advent assembly on Friday – it will be shared with all classes at 2.30pm as it was recorded last week. The Advent assemblies will be shared on Seesaw.

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

Thank you to those families who have returned their raffle tickets already. Thanks also for the wonderful donations for our hampers for the raffle and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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 Wednesday, 8th December.



CANTEEN UPDATE

Please note hot food will be limited from Monday, 6th December. The last day for online orders will be Friday, 3rd December. You will still be able to order lunches from the canteen – please write the order on a brown paper bag. The last day the canteen will be open for 2021 is Thursday, 9th December. We thank Marlene Haber and Jacqui Batty for their work in the canteen this year.

PREP AND JMA SANTA LETTERS

Dear Prep and JMA Parents/Carers,

Please note that the Prep and Junior children will be walking to the post box to post their Santa letters at some point during this week (Week 9). If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher.

Warm regards,
PREP and JMA Teachers



THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to Bunnings Sunshine for supporting the St. Paul's 2022 Prep Transition Program by providing pencils, rulers and bags for our incoming Prep students.

Your support is very much appreciated!

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.

SMA UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 3rd December: The SMA students will be attending a screening of the St. Paul's Production of Aladdin Jr. at The Sun Theatre, Yarraville. The link to the recording will be shared with families on Seesaw that day. Well done to all students and members of our community who were involved in the Production.

Thursday 9th December: The Grade 6 students will be attending an excursion to 'Funtopia Maribyrnong' as part of our graduation celebration 'Big Day Out!' It will be a celebration of their hard work this year and over their journey at St. Paul's Primary School. Permission notes to be returned by 3/12/21.

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.

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

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AT
SUNSHINE LEISURE CENTRE**

To celebrate International Day of People with Disabilities, Sunshine Leisure Centre is partnering with Reclink Australia in giving free access to the centre to members of the community living with disability and their carers to try out swimming, gym and other active programs.

For anyone interested, please contact (03) 9249 4615 or email seand@brimbank.vic.gov.au for a warm welcome and tour around the centre.

The free access to the centre will be from 29th November – 3rd December 2021 from 10am-2pm.

Visit <https://www.brimbank.vic.gov.au/events/idpdslc> for more details.

**BIG SUMMER READ LAUNCH
AT SUNSHINE LIBRARY**

[Sunshine Library](#) invites you to the launch of [BIG Summer Read](#), a program to keep kids reading all summer long.

Featuring roving entertainment, badge making and craft, be sure to come down for the fun and sign up to participate in this year's BIG Summer Read!

Register at your local library or at one of our launch events to participate in the BIG Summer Read.

Complete the challenges to go into the draw to win one of two tablets, as well as some small prizes along the way!

Wednesday, 1st December @ 4pm, Sunshine Library

Congratulations

to

Analise Petersen

(Year 6 Graduate - 2020)

**has been selected for the Victorian
under 12 state soccer team**



For the full article, please visit
<https://brimbanknorthwest.starweekly.com.au/sport/sunshine-school-girl-selected-for-state-team/>



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**Instrumental Music Lessons - on school campus
Places available for Term 1, 2022**



Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons typically during school hours
- Only \$19.50 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Online lessons (after hours) are also available direct to your home – contact us to find out more
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

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