

TERM 1

WEEK 3: Monday 7th February, 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 9 th February:	No School for Prep Students
Wednesday 16 th February:	No School for Prep Students
Wednesday 16 th February:	Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Night 7.00pm – Online–More information to follow
Friday 18 th February:	First Assembly for 2022 – Presentation of SRC for 2022 – 2.30pm – No visitors to attend
Wednesday 23 rd February:	No School for Prep Students
Tuesday 1 st March:	Compliance School Review
Wednesday 2 nd March:	No School for Prep Students
Wednesday 2 nd March:	Ash Wednesday Mass 9.15am St. Paul's Church – No visitors to attend.
March 3 rd and 4 th :	School Closure Days – No School for Students
Wednesday 9 th March:	No School for Prep Students
Monday 14 th March:	Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 15 th March:	Sacrament of Reconciliation 7.00pm St. Paul's School – Year 3 Students
Wednesday 16 th March:	Preps Attend School today and all future Wednesdays
Wednesday 16 th March:	Day 1 of School Improvement Review
Monday 21 st March:	Day 2 of School Improvement Review
Friday 25 th March:	Indonesian Day – More Information to follow
Friday 8 th April:	Easter Assembly 12.00pm - No visitors to attend.
Friday 8 th April:	End of Term I – 1.00pm Children can wear plain clothes.
Monday 25 th April:	ANZAC Day – no school for students
Tuesday 26 th April:	Term II Commences at 8.40am
Wednesday 27 th April:	School Photos – More information to follow

Dear Parents/Carers,

I ask you to keep in your prayers Miss Celeste D'Souza as her Grandfather passed away recently. We pass on our condolences to Celeste and her family at this sad time.

I congratulate the children on the way they have settled into school. They are striving 'to be the best that they can be'! I know they are looking forward to the exciting activities that are planned for this year. Congratulations to our Prep students who attended their first school Mass last Friday – even if it was online. We missed not being at St Paul's Church and having our family and friends there with us.

Thank you to those families who did not enter the school building this morning. Your support to ensure all in our community remained safe was greatly appreciated. If you wish to walk your child into the school, please enter via the Glengala Road Pedestrian gate. Please remember that when the music starts, you may walk your child/ren to the glass doors, but do not enter the building. Teachers/LSOs will be there to take your children to their class if they are unsure where to go. Please note that once family members are able to help in classrooms or to assist on excursions, you will need to have a Working With Children's Check Card as well as have had three doses of the COVID 19 vaccination – you will be required to provide evidence of this.

All children should be wearing the St. Paul's hat during Term I. Any students not wearing the hats will be required to sit in the shade. No other hats are permitted to be worn.

Please note that there will be no school for students on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th March as all staff will be involved in School Review preparation and updating their First Aid skills. There will be no school on Monday 8th March as the school will be closed for the Labour Day Public Holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL



With this app we can keep you informed about events, changes to timetables, give you access to permission notes, newsletters and emergency alerts.

For Android users and iPhone users:

- Search **Skoolbag** in the Google play store or in the App store, and install it on your phone, PC or tablet.
- Opening this app, click on **“Add our school”**, then type **“ST. PAUL’S SUNSHINE WEST”** in the search line & click ‘search’. Once our school is found, you’ll be able to add it to your account!

- **To setup alerts:** Click on **“St Paul’s Primary”** at the top, then **“Groups”** and **“Add/Remove Groups”** and then choose your categories.
- **To update your changes:** Click on **“St Paul’s Primary”** at the top, then **“eForms”** and **“Change of Details”** and then fill up the form.
- **To report your child’s absence:** Click on **“St Paul’s Primary”** at the top, then **“eForms”** and **“Absentee Form”** and then fill up the form.

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS – ONE PACK PER CHILD AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION THIS WEEK

The next supply of rapid antigen tests will be available for collection from the Junior Eating Area on Wednesday 9th February and Thursday 10th February between 8.30am - 9.00am and 2.30pm - 3.00pm. They will also be available for collection on Friday 11th February between 8.30am - 9.00am. Any tests not collected by Friday morning will be sent home with the eldest child in the family. Each child is able to receive another box of 5 tests – you are encouraged to give your child a test on Tuesday and Thursday for the next three weeks.

ANAPHYLAXIS

There are several children at school who suffer from allergic reactions to various forms of food, plants, bites and stings. The Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) does not recommend the banning of particular items. This is based on the premise that for school age children, an essential step is to develop strategies for avoidance in the wider community as well as at school. All staff have undertaken anaphylactic training and will have it renewed this term. The school has a thorough policy, action plan and procedures for each child, including first aid response and medication storage, to ensure the wellbeing of all students. Please visit www.allergy.org.au for more information.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

The yard is supervised from 8.25am every morning. Parents are asked not to send their children to school before this time. Class teachers are at school but they are unable to supervise children because they will be preparing for the day’s activities. Before School Care Program operates every morning. Parents who need to drop off their children early will need to use this service. Kylie Hayes is the co-ordinator of the program. She can be contacted on 0401 362 738.

FEES/LEVIES

Your child’s levies are now due. Please pay all levies promptly. School fees are due on February 11th. Accounts will be sent home this week. You can pay your school fees and levies with a credit card or by direct debit from a nominated bank account or from your Centrelink payments. If you would like this to happen, please come to the office to collect a form.

CANTEEN

The canteen opened for lunches today - the full menu is available. Please note that only icypoles will be available to be purchased at recess and lunchtime for the first three or four weeks of the year. You will be able to use cash as well as CDF Pay to pay for lunch orders - see below for more information on how to use CDF Pay. A price list was sent home last week. Volunteers are needed to assist in the canteen. We would be very grateful to have your assistance even if it can be for only a couple of hours per week. Please see Marlene or Jacqui in the canteen if you can help.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2022

The following dates are very important for **ALL** students who will be attending secondary school in 2024 – our current Year 5 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 5 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

ELITE SWIMMING
JUNIOR SQUADS
 now open for bookings...
 TUESDAY & THURSDAY
 5-6 PM
 Victoria University
 email: squads@eliteswimming.com.au
 phone: 9375 3050

SACRAMENT DATES FOR 2022

Sacrament of Penance Family Night	Wednesday, February 16 th at 7.00pm – Online – More information to follow.
Sacrament of Penance (Year 3)	Tuesday, March 15 th at 7.00pm – St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night	Wednesday, May 4 th at 7.00pm – St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3)	Saturday, May 21 st at 12.00pm – St. Paul’s Church

FIRST AID:

We would appreciate any donations of boxes of tissues for our first aid supplies. Thank you for your continued support.



CHILDREN'S ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

There are various ways that you can contact the school to advise that your child is absent from school.

1. **Contact the office:** Call 9363 1568, select 1 and then advise that your child is absent on this day. Please include your name, the child's name, the class, the date and the reason for the absence.
2. **Via the SkoolBag App:** Use the 'Absentee Form' in this app. This form can be found under the section 'eForms'.
3. **Email:** Send an email to office@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au or your child's class teacher on their school email address.
4. **Written Note:** A written note may be sent in advance if you know your child will be absent. If he/she is going on an extended holiday, a written note must be provided.

EARLY INTERVENTION PARENTS UNDER PRESSURE

FREE SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS




Do you have a child between the ages of 2- 5 years old? Are you feeling stressed and finding it hard to manage your child's behaviours? Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand is offering a FREE 8 consecutive week support group for parents in the Brimbank Melton area.

WHEN:
TUESDAY MORNINGS, THURSDAY EVENINGS OR SATURADAY MORNINGS
STARTING FROM WEEK OF 13TH FEBRUARY 2022
WHERE: TO BE CONFIRMED

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE NOW OPEN!
Registration and interviews are essential
Contact:
Sam Saminathan or Thuy Nguyen
by phone on: (03) 8312 8800



CDFpay is one way for you to order your child's lunch – you can also pay by cash. Please log onto <https://spsunshinewest.cdfpay.org.au> to create your account. Please make sure you click on the tab that says 'I am a new parent, Sign me up' and follow the steps.

If you have already signed up before, please remember to go into your account and edit your child's class name for 2022.

Please remember that you can use CDFpay online to order lunch for your child or you can pay cash lunch orders.

If you have any difficulty setting up an account, please contact the school office for assistance.



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!

P: 1300 362 824 E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au







JUNIOR REGISTRATION COME & TRY

WEDNESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY
5:00-6:00PM AT AINSWORTH RESERVE

GIRLS AND BOYS AGED 6-12
MEMBERSHIP ONLY \$199

Joyce: 0421 379 493 **PLAY FOR FREE IF ELIGIBLE WITH:** 

St. Paul's Primary School



2022 Sacramental Program: Reconciliation and Eucharist – non Year Three students

If your child is in Years Four, Five and Six, is baptised in the Catholic faith and has not received the following Sacraments, please complete the form below and return it to the school office.
Any questions, do not hesitate to ask for Lisa Peplow in the school office.

Please Note: Children need to receive Penance and Eucharist in order to receive Confirmation.

Name of Child Class.....

My child is baptized and is **ELIGIBLE** to receive the Sacraments of (please **TICK**)

Reconciliation (Penance) – Tuesday 15th March, 7pm St. Paul's School

Eucharist – Saturday 21st May, 12pm St Paul's Church

Parents Name Signature

SPORTS NEWS

Registration to trial for SSV 12 Years and Under 'Team Vic' boys and girls Australian Football, mixed Netball, boys and girls Soccer, boys and girls Basketball, Volleyball and Hockey is done through an online process managed by School Sport Victoria. The online Registration process is at www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic and closes on March 1, 2022.

Team Vic 12 Boys and Girls Cricket also follows this process and closes on the same date. Follow this link <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic/pages/cricket.aspx> to find all of the information and the RED buttons when you are ready to go ahead and register.

Students and families must consult with their Principal to ensure they have the skill level to trial and represent their school at a national championship level. It is imperative that teachers decide on a child's capability of representing their school at a state level trial. Registration for a Division trial incurs a NON-REFUNDABLE \$25 fee.

Confirmation to attend a trial will occur before the end of Term 1, 2022. Once registered, the parent will receive an email confirming payment and a form which will require the Principal's signature.

For more information please see Mr. Chris.

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2022

Safer Internet Day is coming up on Tuesday 8th February. This is a global initiative that brings families, schools, organisations and governments from 170 countries together to raise awareness about online safety.

We can all help to make life online enjoyable by being kind and respectful to each other. Here at St Paul's we will be starting the year in our ICT lessons looking at how we can stay safe online.

Josh Turner (ICT Coordinator)

Below are some handy digital safety hints:

Top 5 digital safety tips (<https://www.optus.com.au/about/network/regional-coverage/news/community-sponsorship/5-tips-for-parents-on-cyberbullying>)

1. Take an interest & stay involved

Start a conversation with your children about the kind of apps and social media they're on. Discuss the various behaviours they see online in others, how they feel about those. Reinforce the importance of 'stranger danger' and privacy.

2. The whole world test

Aside from avoiding trolls and bullies, their privacy is also at stake. Make them aware that electronically communicated information and pictures, if not reported and removed, is permanent. Before posting anything, they should be asking themselves; *would I post this picture or comment if I knew it would be seen by everyone in the world?*

3. The real-life test

Sometimes young people participate in and enable bullying behaviour without even realising it. Encourage discussions around their own online behaviour and messaging and get them to ask themselves if it would stack-up in real life:

Would I say that in person?

Since they can't see my body language or my smile, will they know I'm joking? Or will they be hurt?

4. Don't feed the trolls

Trolls feed on reaction, it makes them feel powerful and clever so don't give them a reaction. Take the power away from them: STOP– don't retaliate, don't engage and collect evidence with screen shots

BLOCK – block the person immediately

REPORT - report them to the site admin and/ or the Office of the eSafety Commissioner which is where you can request having material removed.

5. Speak up

Encourage your children to tell you, if they're being bullied or they know of someone else being targeted. Better still ask them and talk about the risks. Depending on a parent's reaction, some children can be afraid to tell. Some fear it might make things worse by escalation, especially if it's another student, or they're not believed or told they shouldn't let it bother them.

BOONWURRUNG NGARGEE YOUTH DANCE GROUP 2022

Learn and share about Boonwurrung culture and stories, working towards a performance working with choreographer Katy McKeown, First Nations student artists and under the cultural guidance of N'arweet Carolyn Briggs AM.

For Indigenous children aged 10 and above, no experience necessary. FREE.

Semester 1 Dates:

- Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th February 10am-1pm
- Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th March 10am-1pm
- Sunday 24th April 10am-1pm
- Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd May 10am-1pm
- Performance dates to be confirmed.



Venue: Victorian College of Arts, Building 864, Studio 301 234 St Kilda Rd (you will see the dancer sculpture) Southbank campus

Please email a copy of your vaccination status in advance to access the University buildings to K.McKeown@unimelb.edu.au

Victorian College of Arts is the red brick building adjacent to NGV (National Gallery of Victoria) (on the left if you are facing NGV and then cross the road and walk until you get to the dancer sculpture and go downstairs.

Parking- the nearest car park is the Arts Centre **Station-** Flinders Street

Bring a snack and a water bottle. Please do not attend if you have any signs of illness. Regretfully anyone younger than 10 years cannot attend currently due to covid regulations. To sign up email or DM Katy @ #boonwurrungngargee

K.McKeown@unimelb.edu.au / 0481 956 091 .

Supported by the University of Melbourne and Boonwurrung Foundation.