

TERM 1

WEEK 4: Monday 14th February, 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 – 1.30pm – 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.
Thursday 3 rd March:	School Closure Day – No School for Students
Friday 4 th March:	Normal School Day – (School Closure Day Cancelled – Please note)
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,

We will be presenting our SRC from each class at our assembly after lunch on Friday. I know many children have prepared a speech to read to their class explaining why they should be the SRC rep for their class. I congratulate all of these students on this great achievement as it can be very difficult to speak in front of their peers. I am very proud of all of these children – no doubt you as parents are too.

Thank you to all families for your continued support of the drop off and pick up of students. We appreciate that family members are not entering the building in the morning and are waiting for their children at the end of the day. 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.

A reminder of the Sacrament of Penance Family Night that will be held online this Wednesday, 16th February, commencing at 7.00pm. Children who are receiving the Sacrament of Penance, and at least one parent, are to join Fr Elio Capra online at 7.00pm. I look forward to seeing you online at this Family Night. At this stage, we hope that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be able to be held as planned on Tuesday 15th March. However, if there are still restrictions in place, we will have the ceremony during the day and record the ceremony for families to view at the time of the liturgy and later in the day.

Please note that there will be no school for students on Thursday 3rd March as all staff will be involved in School Review preparation and updating their First Aid skills. **The school closure day organised for Friday 4th March has been cancelled due to the venue being unavailable. Normal school will be held for all students on this day.** There will be no school on Monday 14th March as the school will be closed for the Labour Day Public Holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

CHOIR REHEARSAL COMMENCES THIS WEEK

Reminder that Middle and Senior Choir or MaSC commences this Wednesday, 16th February, from 3pm to 4pm. The choir note was sent home last week for those are interested in joining the choir. The permission note is to be completed and returned so that your child can join the choir. Please make sure you pick up your child who attends choir promptly at 4pm on Wednesdays.

Thank you for your kind support.

SWIMMING SPORTS

If you have a child who is a member of a swimming squad you may wish to nominate them for the Maribyrnong Division Swimming Sports on Wednesday, March 16th, at Oak Park Sports and Aquatic Centre, 563a Pascoe Vale Rd, Pascoe Vale. Your child is able to nominate for two individual events. You will need to be able to transport your child to and from the event. Please see Mr Chris for more information.

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.

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 were due on February 11th. Accounts have been sent home. 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

Please note that only icy poles 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. 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

elite
SWIMMING

email: squads@eliteswimming.com.au
phone: 9375 3050

SACRAMENT DATES FOR 2022

Sacrament of Penance Family Night
Sacrament of Penance (Year 3)
Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night
Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3)

Wednesday, February 16th at 7.00pm – Online – More information to follow.
Tuesday, March 15th at 7.00pm – St. Paul's School
Wednesday, May 4th at 7.00pm – St. Paul's School
Saturday, May 21st at 12.00pm – St. Paul's Church

CHILDREN'S ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

- There are various ways that you can contact the school to advise that your child is absent from school.
- 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.
 - Via the SkoolBag App:** Use the 'Absentee Form' in this app. This form can be found under the section 'eForms'.
 - Email:** Send an email to office@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au or your child's class teacher on their school email address.
 - 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.

SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM 2022

If you haven't returned your Prep child's Nursing Form, please do it immediately by tomorrow, February 15th. It is important that this form is to be completed & returned.

Thank you very much for your kind support.



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.

Virtual Information Sessions

Join us for a free virtual information session to find out how Outside School Hours Care can help your family, and how Camp Australia can guide your child's growth.

These virtual, informative, and interactive sessions will provide insight into how OSHC at Camp Australia operates. The team presenting will discuss programs that are offered, registration and booking process, billing, Child Care Subsidy and more.

Sessions

- Thursday 17 February at 12:30pm AEDT
- Thursday 17 February at 7:00pm AEDT
- Tuesday 22 February at 1:00pm AEDT
- Tuesday 22 February at 7:30pm AEDT

To register free for a Virtual Info Session, visit www.campaustralia.com.au/virtual-info-sessions

If you would like more information regarding Camp Australia's services but cannot attend any of the above sessions, please feel free to visit your service and speak with your friendly Coordinator, or you can send us an email at cshe@campaustralia.com.au.

Your OSHC.

Tailored Out of School Hours experiences.

www.campaustralia.com.au/your-oshc

ROCKETEERS

Extraordinary Holiday Adventures.

www.campaustralia.com.au/rocketeers

Register with Camp Australia

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

www.campaustralia.com.au

THE THERAPY DOG PROGRAM



St Paul's would like to announce that a therapy dog will be working at the school this year. The therapy dog program will be operating in conjunction with the existing school counselling program delivered at St. Paul's by CatholicCare Victoria. The School Counselling Program is a confidential service offered free of charge to all students. Select students who engage with the counselling program are invited to work with Poppy the therapy dog. Poppy is a 'Lead the Way' certified Therapy Dog.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Poppy and the Therapy Dog Program, please contact the wellbeing team, or the school counsellor (and Poppy's handler) Chloe (chloe.derosbo-davies@ccam.org.au).

A Little about Poppy:

Poppy is a Standard Schnauzer born on the 13th of November 2020. She is a friendly and outgoing dog who loves pats and cuddles from people. When she's excited she wiggles her whole body and gives a little 'Awoooo'. This is her way of saying "hello! Please give me cuddles!" She loves to play tug of war, and enjoys a game of fetch (though she does not always like to give the ball back!)



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