

TERM 1

WEEK 6: Monday 28th February, 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 School – No visitors to attend.
Thursday 3 rd March:	School Closure Day – No School for Students
Friday 4th 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 1.15pm St. Paul's Church – Year 3 Students – no families to attend – Ceremony to be recorded and made available to families
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,

No doubt you are all shocked and saddened by the images coming out of Ukraine over the past week. We pray for peace in Ukraine and hope that the Russian government withdraw their soldiers so that Ukrainians can return to their homes and begin to live in peace again.

I ask you to keep in your prayers the community of Annunciation Primary School in Brooklyn as one of their teachers Jacqui, passed away last week. We extend our deepest sympathy to all in the community, especially Jacqui's family.

Congratulations to Mrs Vanessa Josifovski and her husband Shaun on the wonderful news that they are expecting their third child later this year. We wish Vanessa and Shaun all the very best for the future.

This Wednesday we celebrate Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a period of preparation for Easter, which lasts for forty days. We remember how Jesus spent forty days in the desert praying and fasting. Lent is a time for us to come to know Jesus more closely. People often think of Lent as a time for giving things up, but perhaps this year we can think of Lent as a time to show Love and learn more about the Love Jesus Christ has for us and how we can live out the St. Paul's Core Values - Respect, Diversity, Learning and Care and Compassion. We will celebrate Mass at St Paul's with all classes watching the Mass online - St Paul's staff will use ash to mark a cross on each child's forehead to show that we are in the beginning of Lent.

A reminder that we will be holding the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday 15th March at 1.15pm. The ceremony will be recorded – families will be able to watch it live or later in the day at a time that suits you.

Please note that there will be no school for students this 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 Friday.** There will be no school on Monday 14th March as the school will be closed for the Labour Day Public Holiday.

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 27th April this year (Term 2). Children will need to be in their full summer school uniform. More information will follow later in the term.

Yours sincerely,
Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

SMA NEWS

Dear Senior Families,

This term in Literacy, we have been exploring persuasive writing with a focus on the importance of saving our environment.

Starting Monday 28th February, we would like the students to watch parts of *National Geographic - Welcome to Earth*.

This short docuseries is rated PG, and it explores Earth's greatest wonders and reveals its most hidden secrets. It will provide them with additional context for their Writing lessons. If you have any concerns about your child watching this film, please feel free to contact your child's teacher via phone or email.

Thank you,
SMA teachers.

THE MENTAL HEALTH IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS PILOT PROJECT

Dear Year 2 & Year 4 Parents,

Our school is participating in the Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHIPS) pilot. A letter about the pilot project will come home to you with your child this week and outlines the following:

All parents/guardians of grades 2 and 4 children are invited to join the research. To participate, we are asking that you kindly complete two 15-minute online surveys (the first in Term 1 and the second in Term 4) about your child's emotional and behavioural development and your knowledge of mental health and wellbeing in children. You do not have to be involved if you do not want to.

The letter includes a link to the Participant Information and Consent Form and survey and is repeated below for your convenience: redcap.link/mhips2022-CEOM

Please complete the survey by Friday 11 March.

If you have any questions about the research, please contact the MCRI research team at mhips@mcri.edu.au or call 03 9936 6072.

Kind regards,

Damian Casamento (Principal) & Rebeca Lopez (Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator)

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund is Government Funding to assist families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities. Centrelink health care card holders and Pensioner Concession card holders may be eligible for a payment of \$125. An CSEF Application Form were already sent home – if you think you qualify for the CSEF, please return the form to school, along with a copy of your Centrelink Card. There was also information sent home about the new fee concession program – please visit the office to obtain a form if you would like to apply for this fee concession program.

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 - please collect a form from the office if you wish to do so.

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

SACRAMENT DATES FOR 2022

Sacrament of Penance (Year 3)

Tuesday, March 15th at 1.15pm – St. Paul's Church – Ceremony to be recorded and shown live or at a later time.

Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night

Wednesday, May 4th at 7.00pm – St. Paul's School

Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3)

Saturday, May 21st at 12.00pm – St. Paul's Church

LIBRARY NEWS

Please note that library borrowing will begin this week for prep students. That means they need to have their library bag at school on the day of their lesson (Tuesday for PLC & PMD, Thursday for PLH). We have been practising how to look after our books when we take them home and talking about how we must look after them and return them in a library bag the following week.

It is an expectation that EVERY student at St Paul's has their own library bag and brings it to their library lesson.

This is an important part of your child's learning and I thank you for your support.

Ms Michele



With this app we can keep you informed about events, changes to timetables, give you access to notices, 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 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.

* **Note:** If you have encountered a technical issue saying you are not authorized when you tried to reload our school into the App, please update the App by downloading the latest version (version 6.14.1) via App store or Google Play.



to the following students who received awards at Assembly on Friday.

PLC	Lily Charalambous
PMD	Kiara Sheriff
PLH	Amelie Le-Huynh
JJM	Ella Nguyen
JRC	Shiloh Akauola
JRM	Jordan Bonett
JTC	Sienna Sposato
JKL	Kayla Hoang
JMK	Emma Vella
JPF	Laura Vu
MCD	Thomas Ha
MCK	Isabel Seyoum
MEM	Alexia Apostolikas
MGC	Ava Borg
MGO	Aaron Lam
MSG	Christian Hoang
SAF	Heaven Mebrhatu
SCC	Nicola Jason
SCF	Oscar Mullin
SCR	Heleina Toelupe
SHB	Ryan Lam
SVJ	Jagger Nguyen



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Newsletter

Camp Australia St. Pauls OSHC – March Newsletter

TERM 1 BEGINS!

Dear Parents and families,

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 this term.

We have been doing lots of learning experiences this term, Irije has been teaching the children intentional learning by supporting children in learning how to crochet which teaches children fine motor development, patience and social skills.

The children have also been learning life skills and social skills by helping educators serve fruit by following hygiene practices such as wearing gloves and using tongs.

What's been happening?



Coming up next Month will be the Big Art Week March 14th -18th. For more information, visit

www.campastralia.com.au/bigartcomp

Kind regards

Educators Kylie and Irije

Our Services Educators!

Our Educators Kylie Hayes and Irije Demiri are Diploma in OSHC Qualified.

As Educators we do ongoing training to further develop our skills in the OSHC industry.

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