

TERM 1

WEEK 7: Monday 7th March, 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 9 th March:	No School for Prep Students
Monday 14 th March:	Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 15 th March:	2023 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
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
Monday 28 th March:	COVID 19 Vaccination Clinic at St Paul's – 2.00pm – 6.00pm
Tuesday 29 th March:	2023 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
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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 continue to pray for peace in Ukraine – the images that continue to come out of the cities in Ukraine are very sad and distressing. We pray that the world leaders can work together to support the Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, and his government and put pressure on the Russian president, Vladimir Putin, to withdraw from Ukraine immediately.

International Women's Day is celebrated each year on March 8th. Tomorrow provides us with the opportunity to join voices with people around the world and shout our message for equal rights loud and clear: "Women's rights are human rights!" We celebrate all women, in all their diversities. We embrace their facets and intersections of faith, race, ethnicity, gender or sexual identity, or disability. We celebrate those who came before us, those who stand beside us now, and those who will come after. It's a time to celebrate the achievements of women, whether social, political, economic or cultural as well as an opportunity to show women the respect that they deserve in society but do not always receive. I thank God for all the women in my life and all they do for me and for their loved ones.

We ask the community of St. Paul's to pray for the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Penance next Tuesday at St Paul's Church at 1.15pm. As families are unable to join us at this special celebration, we will be providing a link so that you can watch the ceremony live or at a time that is suitable to you and your family. The children have been very well prepared by Miss Peplow, Mrs Garcia, Mrs Christine, Miss Kim, Miss Ellen, Miss Genevieve, Miss Celeste, Mrs Gualtieri and Ms Carroll. We know that God will continue to guide all the students in their lives, no matter what they do. Thank you to all the families who attended the Sacrament of Reconciliation Family night last week and to the staff who supported the children.

There will be no school next 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.

Term 1 concludes on Friday, 8th April at 1.00pm. The children may wear plain clothes on this day. Term 2 commences at 8.40am on Tuesday 26th April.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EASTER – DONATIONS OF PRIZES FOR OUR HAMPERS

Raffle tickets for our Easter raffle will be sent home next week. The tickets are \$1 each. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, 6th April. Please make donations of Easter Eggs, chocolates, lollies and gifts to the school for our hampers by March 28th. All money and tickets to be returned by Monday 3rd April. Thank you for your ongoing support.

COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC - ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL – MONDAY 28TH AND TUESDAY 29TH MARCH

A COVID-19 vaccination clinic will be hosted at St Paul's School on Monday, March 28 and Tuesday, March 29. You are free to collect your child from school early and take them to the clinic or return later with your child. We will let you know what room in the school the clinic will be set up in shortly.

Expert clinical staff will be there to provide the Pfizer vaccine to children at the school and their families including parents, grandparents and younger siblings aged 5-11. We would love to see you there. The clinical staff are also happy to answer any questions you might have about vaccinations and they understand if you want more time to think about it and choose not to get vaccinated that day. Please note you will need to take your child to the clinic if you want them to receive the vaccination – the school will **NOT BE TAKING ANY CHILDREN TO THE CLINIC**. Please come along to the school and help keep our community safe. Please see further information on the Skoolbag App and the school website - www.spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au .



PREP ENROLMENTS - 2023

Enrolments for Prep 2023 are now open. We encourage any parents/carers who have not enrolled their child for Prep in 2023 to do so. Please contact the school office for an enrolment form. There will be several information sessions for 2023 Prep Parents/Carers. The next session will be held on Tuesday, 15th March, at 9.15am. Please let any interested people know of this date. Please ask them to contact the office to advise if they will be attending the session.

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.

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.

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

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.
- 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.



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.

Join the community

Unlock a world of opportunity by joining the Camp Australia community. It's free, only takes about 10 minutes to register and gives you access to heaps of great benefits.

Access our inspiring before and after school programs



Your OSHC.

Our Before School, After School and Pupil Free Day experiences are tailored to your child and designed to inspire their confidence, creativity, and independence. Our inspiring experiences include science experiments, cooking classes, group sport and so much more.

Why Your OSHC and Rocketeers benefits

Your Child.

With a suite of experiences available in every service, your child can direct their own session. This plays a critical role in developing their confidence, curiosity, resilience and social skills. Plus, it's a great time for your child to spend time with friends while engaging in new experiences.

Experience true, guided engagement with our

Passionate Educators.

Every day, our Educators embody our promise of Guiding Children's Growth. They do this by tailoring experiences to your child's interests, incorporating their own skillsets and passions along the way.



Access our extraordinary holiday adventures



ROCKETEERS

Every school holiday break is a new mission for your child to embark on. With hundreds of fantastic feature experiences every mission, your child will be engaged from morning until evening. Your child's holidays could be filled with trampoline parks, big sporting carnivals and filmmaking workshops.

Exclusive access to national competitions like

Handball Championships and Big Art Comp.

Every year we plan lots of great competitions and events for children to take part in. Other events have included our Experimental Cookbook Competition and the Rocketeers Film Festival.

Access exclusive

Loyalty Benefits.

We're always on the lookout for key partnerships to help families. Recently we shared exclusive tutoring discounts and you can expect plenty more to come in the future.

Register free, and join the CA community, today!

Not only do you get access to all the above, but it means that you can book your child into all these great experiences at any time. Download our Parent Portal app and register now.



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 this 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)