

TERM 1

WEEK 8: Tuesday 15th March, 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 16th March:	Preps Attend School and all future Wednesdays
Wednesday 16th March:	Day 1 of School Improvement Review
Monday 21st March:	Day 2 of School Improvement Review
Friday 25th March:	Indonesian Day – More Information to follow
Monday 28th March:	COVID 19 Vaccination Clinic at St Paul's – 2.00pm – 6.00pm
Tuesday 29th March:	2023 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
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Friday 8th April:	Easter Assembly 12.00pm - No visitors to attend.
Friday 8th April:	End of Term I – 1.00pm Children can wear plain clothes.
Monday 25th April:	ANZAC Day – no school for students
Tuesday 26th April:	Term II Commences at 8.40am
Wednesday 27th April:	School Photos – More information to follow
Wednesday 4th May:	Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night – 7.00pm – St. Paul's School
Saturday 21st May:	Sacrament of Eucharist – 12.00pm – St Paul's Church

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am excited to announce that we have employed Mrs Ngunsang Laithang as a Burmese interpreter. She will be working at St Paul's on Tuesday. I know all in our community will welcome Ngunsang to St Paul's.

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS – formally Catholic Education Melbourne) celebrates Catholic Education Week this year from 13–20 March. The theme for Catholic Education Week this year is 'The Way of the Gospel' – this theme challenges us to find the living Christ in our midst and to respond and adapt to the questions that are asked in each generation. Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate their Catholic identity, the pivotal role they play within their local community and the strength of the sector. I thank all of our families for continuing to support Catholic Education.

Congratulations to those children who received the Sacrament of Penance this afternoon. It was a wonderful ceremony. The children participated reverently in this celebration. 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. We would like to thank them for all they did in preparation for this special Sacrament. Thanks also to Fr Rene for his help with the ceremony and all the staff for their contributions.

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is on this Friday, 18 March. This year, we celebrate 12 years of action for Australia's key bullying prevention initiative, with the theme, Kindness Culture. The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is an important day in our school calendar to join schools across Australia to say 'Bullying. No Way!' Together we can make a change. Everyone has a role to play for bullying prevention. The NDA promotes school, parent and community partnerships to build safe and supportive learning environments. Today we will be sending home the St Paul's Anti Bullying Policy.

A reminder that our Prep students attend school tomorrow and all Wednesdays from now on.

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 were sent home today. 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, 29th 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 overdue. Please pay all levies promptly. The next instalment of school fees will be due on May 6th. 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.

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

Each family received a copy of the St. Paul's Anti-Bullying Policy today. The policy is a reminder that the school will not tolerate any instances of bullying. Please note the definition of bullying in the policy:

'Bullying is when someone, or a group of people, deliberately upset or hurt another person or damage their property, reputation or social acceptance on more than one occasion. There is an imbalance of power in incidents of bullying with the bully or bullies having more power at the time due to age, size, status or other reasons.' <http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/stuman/wellbeing/respectfulsafe.pdf>

The brochure lists types of bullying as well as what bullying is not. You are encouraged to contact your child's teacher in the first instance if you have any concerns as these can usually be sorted out quickly when the teacher is informed.

CHILD SAFETY AROUND ST PAUL'S

A reminder to all families to use the school crossing or the pedestrian lights when crossing Links Street and Glengala Road. This will ensure all in the community are safe. When leaving the drop off zone in the morning, please turn left out of the school driveway as Links Street is a one way street in the morning and afternoon. I also ask families not to leave their cars unattended in the drop off zone in the morning. This causes congestion in the drop off zone. If you wish to visit the school office before 8.45am you must park in Links Street and walk to school. It is unsafe to park in the visitor parking bays and cross the drop off zone without using the crossing that is supervised by staff. A reminder that no child should be left unattended in a car. Please follow all road regulations to ensure the streets around St Paul's remain safe for all.



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We **URGENTLY** need **Foster Carers** in your area. Enquire now on how you can help change a child's life.

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JUNIOR WATER POLO COME & TRY

Calling all kids aged 8 - 16 years

Come along and give it a go - learn the basics, then put your skills into action in a game!

THE DETAILS:

Where: Sunshine Leisure Centre
5 Kennedy Street, Sunshine

When: Monday 21/3, 28/3 & 4/4

Time: 6:00 - 7:00pm (arrive 5:45)

Cost: FREE

More info: info@footscraywaterpolo.com

Your OSHC presents

March 14-18

Big Art Week



After a roaring success in 2020, BIG Art Week is back to help your child express themselves through creativity. Whether it's drawing, painting, sculpting, or any other art form, we'll guide your child's emotional growth and individuality.

With a MASSIVE program filled with creative experiences, unique to each Your OSHC service - this event is not to be missed!

Government subsidies available for eligible families.

Register free and secure your spot today
www.campastralia.com.au

by Camp Australia

Big Art Comp

Plus, enter our BIG Art Comp for your chance to win one of 4 massive prizes, with a total prize pool of \$2,000!

For more information, visit
www.campastralia.com.au/bigartcomp



SUNSHINE HEIGHTS CRICKET CLUB MAJOR EVENT

Tues. 22nd of March
Ainsworth Reserve
Glengala Rd, Sunshine West

We welcome you to the second T20 match between the Sunshine Heights Cricket Club and Royal Australian Navy



Royal Australian Navy



Sunshine Heights CC



Peter Hatzeoglou
Park Scullery
Premiership Player

Featuring flag ceremony & national anthem from 4:00pm onwards

Navy Cadets in Attendance

