

TERM 1

WEEK 9: Monday 21st March, 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 25 th March:	Indonesian Day – Children can wear something red and white
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
Thursday 28 th April:	2023 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Tuesday 3 rd May:	Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30am – More information to follow
Wednesday 4 th May:	Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night – 7.00pm – St. Paul's School
Thursday 5 th May:	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 6 th May:	Family Day – Cultural Dress Parade – More information to follow
Monday 9 th May:	2023 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Wednesday 18 th May:	2023 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Saturday 21 st May:	Sacrament of Eucharist – 12.00pm – St Paul's Church

Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to Mrs Rhiannon Micallef and her husband, Hayden, as they are expecting their first child later this year. We wish them all the best during this very exciting time.

I know Ibu McCormack and the children are looking forward to our Indonesian Day this Friday – please remember the children can wear red and white to school on Friday – the colours of the Indonesian flag.

A reminder that we will be having a COVID 19 Vaccination Hub at St Paul's next Monday, 28th March and Tuesday 29th March from 2.00pm – 6.00pm. I encourage anyone who wishes to have their child vaccination to bring them along to the hub on these two days. There is more information on the school website. Please note there will be staff available to speak to about any concerns you may have. If you choose not to proceed with the vaccination, that is fine.

Last Thursday, Miss Peplow, our school captains Chloe and Liam and I went to the Catholic Education Week Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. It was a wonderful celebration of Catholic Education in a beautiful building. All the children from many schools across Melbourne were so reverent as they listened to Archbishop Peter as he spoke about two very important saints in our Church – St Paul and St Patrick.

On the MACS website, there are various videos of Principals, Parish Priests and Parents talking about Catholic Schools. Fr Rene, Tania Ramos, a member of the new School Advisory Council and I were interviewed recently and our responses are included in the videos. Please feel free to visit <https://www.macs.vic.edu.au/>, click on the 'News and Events' tab, then 'Catholic Education Week', 'Resources', 'Working Together in Mission', and then click on videos 2, 3 and 4. I thank Fr Rene and Tania for giving of their time to be filmed while reflecting on St Paul's School.

There will be various events taking place over coming weeks. This includes the Mother's Day Breakfast on Tuesday, 3rd May. Please note that all those over 18 years of age will be required to show their vaccination status (double dosed) to enter the school. These are the current Government and MACS requirements.

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 last 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, 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.

CANTEEN – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for FRIDAYS

Volunteers are required to assist in the Canteen on Fridays. Any help would be greatly appreciated, in particular between 12pm to 1pm to assist with putting lunches into Class Baskets. Please contact the School Office if you can help. Thank you.

LIBRARY NEWS!

I'm happy to say that prep students have been borrowing for a couple of weeks now and are really enjoying taking a library book home to share with their families. Please remember that ALL STUDENTS need a library bag of their own to bring each week.

Thank you and Happy reading together!
Ms Michele (Library Teacher)

Congratulations

Congratulations go to Pancharlie Lyanage Peiris [SAF] who competed in the Maribyrnong Division Swimming Championships at Oak Park Aquatic Centre last Wednesday. She came second in her freestyle event qualifying her for the Western Region Metropolitan swimming finals at Kardinia Aquatic Centre, Geelong.

Well done Pancharlie and good luck in Geelong!



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Hari Indonesia 2022 Indonesia Day

On Friday March 25th, the students and staff at St Paul's will celebrate Indonesia Day. This is a day to celebrate Indonesian language and culture at our school.

All students will participate in cultural activities throughout the day. Our special guests from the group 'Baguskan' will teach dance to students in Years 3 and 4 and gamelan instruments to Year 5 and 6 students.

During the morning, all students will participate in class activities that will help them learn more about Indonesian culture. Students will also have an opportunity to ride on a becak.(an Indonesian bike taxi or pedicab).

After lunch our special guest, Aaron, will put on a Wayang Kulit (shadow play) for the whole school. Then from 2.10pm until 2.50pm, the middles and seniors will show staff and students from the whole school what they have learned in the workshops.

Unfortunately, we are not able to invite parents and guardian to the performance due to Covid-19 restrictions.

All students are encouraged to wear something **red and white**, Indonesia's national colours, on this special day.

Ibu McCormack
Indonesian teacher

