

TERM 1

WEEK 2: Tuesday 31st January, 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 3 rd February:	Beginning of the Year Mass 10.00am St. Paul's Church
Thursday 16 th February:	Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Night 7.00pm St. Paul's School
Friday 17 th February:	First Assembly for 2023 – Presentation of SRC for 2023 – 2.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd February:	Ash Wednesday Mass 10.00am St. Paul's Church
Friday 24 th February:	Class Prayer Service JJM & JRC & JTC – 10.00am, School Assembly SVK – 2.30pm
March 2 nd and 3 rd :	School Closure Days – No School for Students
Tuesday 7 th March:	Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night 7.00pm St. Paul's School
Wednesday 8 th March:	Sacrament of Penance 7.00pm St. Paul's School – Year 3 Students
Friday 10 th March:	School Assembly SHB – 2.30pm
Monday 13 th March:	Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 15 th March:	Preps Attend School today and all future Wednesdays
March 15 th – 27 th :	NAPLAN
Thursday 30 th March:	Sacrament of Confirmation 7.00pm St Paul's Church
Thursday 6 th April:	Easter Assembly 12.00pm
Thursday 6 th April:	End of Term I – 1.00pm Children can wear plain clothes
Monday 24 th April:	School Closure Day – No School for Students
Tuesday 25 th April:	ANZAC Day – no school for students
Wednesday 26 th April:	Term II Commences at 8.40am
Wednesday 26 th April:	School Photos – More information to follow

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the 2023 school year! I extend a special word of welcome to the new families to St. Paul's and hope that your association with our school community will be a long and happy one. On January 22nd, we celebrated the Lunar New Year – it is the Year of the Cat (Rabbit in China). We wish all those who celebrate the Lunar New Year all the best for the year ahead.

I ask you to keep in your prayers Miss Ellen McKitterick as her Grandfather passed away in Ireland last week. We also keep in our prayers Miss Teagan Cullum and her fiancé Jarrod as his Grandmother passed away recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to Ellen, Jarrod and Teagan.

Every year is a very busy year – 2023 will be no different. We have school camps, plenty of excursions and whole school celebrations. In particular we have our School Production 'Joseph' at the end of term 3. The dates of the production are September 12th, 13th and 14th. Please note there will be no school for children on March 2nd and 3rd as staff will be further developing their knowledge of the new Child Safe Standards as well as updating their First Aid skills.

In 2023 we welcome to St. Paul's School Mrs Kathryn Oram and Miss Eanya Tone (Class Teachers), Mrs Santi Sherry (Indonesian Teacher), Mrs Bridgette Cimbalevic (School Nurse), Mrs Blerina Cakeri, Mrs Jazmin Moscossa, Mrs Dianna Grillo and Miss Amy Bull (Learning Support Officers). We welcome back to St Paul's Mrs Vanessa Josifovski from maternity leave – she will be teaching with Mrs Kylie Ponce Rios in Year 5/6. I know Vanessa, Santi, Kathryn, Eanya, Bridgette, Amy, Blerina, Dianna and Jazmin will be warmly welcomed by everyone in the St. Paul's School Community.

Mrs Jennifer Gualtieri and Mrs Teagan Desmond will be commencing Maternity Leave at various times this term. Jennifer will begin Maternity Leave on February 23rd and Teagan will commence Maternity Leave on April 5th. They will be taking on various roles in their time at school this term.

Many thanks to the parents and teachers for making the Learning Conversations yesterday such a success. It was an ideal chance for teachers to meet parents and for an exchange of information to take place. Thank you for the way you used the online booking system to make your appointments. Thanks also to Mrs Kerry Westgarth, Mrs Trish Morris and Mrs Helen Diomides who made themselves available during the holidays to assist families with the bookings for Learning Conversations. Please remember to make an appointment to see your child's teacher at any time if you have a concern.

All children should be wearing the St. Paul's hat during Term I. Any students not wearing the hats will be required to sit in the shade. No other hats are permitted to be worn.

I look forward to working with you all during 2023.

Yours sincerely,
Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL



With this app we can keep you informed about events, changes to timetables, give you access to permission notes, 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 PRIMARY SUNSHINE WEST”** in the search line & click **‘search’**. Once our school is found, you’ll be able to add it to your account!

- **To setup alerts:** Click on **“School Profile”** near the bottom, then click **“Groups”** and **“Add/Remove Groups”** and choose your categories.
- **To update your changes:** Click on **“School Profile”** near the bottom, then click **“eForms”** and **“Change of Details”** and fill in the form.
- **To report your child’s absence:** Click on **“School Profile”** near the bottom, then click **“eForms”** and choose **“Absentee Form”** and fill in the form.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2023

The dates for the celebration of the Sacraments and the Family nights in 2023 are:

Sacrament of Penance Family Night (Year 3)	Thursday, February 16 th at 7.00pm – St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Penance (Year 3)	Wednesday, March 8 th at 7.00pm – St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night (Yr 5 and 6)	Tuesday, March 7 th at 7.00pm - St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 5 and 6)	Thursday 30 th March at 7.00pm – St Paul’s Church
Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night (Year 3)	Thursday, May 4 th at 7.00pm - St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3)	Saturday, May 21 st at 12.00pm – St. Paul’s Church

ANAPHYLAXIS

There are several children at school who suffer from allergic reactions to various forms of food, plants, bites and stings. The Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) does not recommend the banning of particular items. This is based on the premise that for school age children, an essential step is to develop strategies for avoidance in the wider community as well as at school. All staff have undertaken anaphylactic training and will have it renewed this term. The school has a thorough policy, action plan and procedures for each child, including first aid response and medication storage, to ensure the wellbeing of all students. Please visit www.allergy.org.au for more information.

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 and Irije Demeri are the co-ordinators of the program. They can be contacted on 0401 362 738.

FEES/LEVIES

Your child’s levies are now due. Please pay all levies promptly. School fees are due on February 10th. Accounts will be sent home this week. 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

The canteen opened for lunches today – only sandwiches and toasties will be available this week. The full menu will be available from February 6th. CDF Pay has also opened to order lunches online. Please note that only icypoles will be available to be purchased at recess and lunchtime for the first few 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. A price list was sent home today. 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 2023

The following dates are very important for **ALL** students who will be attending secondary school in 2025 – our current Year 5 students. If applications for Catholic Secondary School are not in by Friday 18th August, 2023 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

- 18th August 2023:** Applications close for 2025 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 Students
- 20th October 2023:** Offers posted to prospective 2025 Year 7 applicants
- 10th November 2023:** Final date for families to accept offers made by the Secondary School

PLAY GROUP

Please note that Play Group will start next Monday, 6th February. Play Group meets each Monday morning from 9.15am – 10.30am. Pre-school children and parents are most welcome.

FIRST AID

We would appreciate any donations of boxes of tissues for our first aid supplies. Thank you for your continued support.



Learn a language on Saturday morning!

The Victorian School of Languages is a government school committed to the provision of language programs for students in years F to 12 who do not have access to the study of those languages in the mainstream schools in all education sectors. The school offers over fifty languages through both face-to-face teaching in centres across the state and through distance education.

The Victorian School of Languages Area West 1 is located at: **Footscray High School, Bayside P-12 College and Sunshine College** and offers the following languages: **Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Chin (Hakha), Croatian, Dutch, Hindi, Japanese, Macedonian, Spanish, Thai and Vietnamese.**

Classes are held between 9.00 am and 12.20 pm and in order to assist with course costs a small annual contribution is appreciated: \$80.00 in Years F to 10 and \$95.00 for VCE. Adults may be accepted in VCE classes only and the annual charge is \$220.00.

Online enrolments for new students in 2023 are now being accepted. For further details please visit <http://www.vsl.vic.edu.au> or contact the Area Manager on **9689 1166**.

Camp Australia Guiding children's growth

What is OSHC and why is it right for your family?

OSHC stands for Outside School Hours Care. Camp Australia's OSHC service provides enrichment and care for primary school-age children outside school hours and during the school holidays. Depending on your school, it can cover Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care.

At Camp Australia, our vision is to support families in achieving their dreams and our promise is that we will Guide Your Child's Growth.

To do that we take a unique approach to OSHC based on over 30 years of experience.

Enriching experiences that children love

Our experienced educators involve your child in designing the experiences that make up our OSHC program. Our industry leading approach to program development ensures that your child is at the heart of what we do each day.

A place for friendships to form

OSHC is a great place for your child to meet new friends and bond over shared interests. We design programs that bring children together so they can connect and grow outside school hours.

Easy, hassle-free care

Our service is available to all families, no matter the need. Our extended hours offer peace of mind so you can manage work, health, study and more stress-free. Plus, our industry leading Parent Portal gives you unlimited access to make and manage your bookings.

FREE to Register

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

Are you eligible for the Child Care Subsidy?

The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 85% off your fees. If you're unsure about your eligibility contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.

Bookings now open for 2021. Secure your spot today.

Introducing our brand-new Parent Portal app for smartphone

Earlier this year, we conducted customer focus groups to get direct feedback from parents regarding their experience with Camp Australia. This research highlighted the need to have a streamlined way for parents to access their accounts and manage their bookings and enrolments, and informed the design for our brand-new Parent Portal app for smartphones.

- Easy booking features.
- Simple booking calendar overview.
- Track your spend.
- Contact your service Coordinator.
- Update your and your child's details.

Search for Camp Australia Parent Portal on the App Store or Google Play, download the app and register free with us now.

OPERATION SCHOOLS BACK

Local Police together with members of the Highway Patrol are running an operation to mark the start of the school year. Operation Schools Back will target the safety of students arriving and departing school with the major focus being the enforcement of the 40kmph school zones. Motorists are asked to be vigilant before and after school as there will be increased pedestrian, road and pushbike traffic. Please allow an extra 5 minutes to find a safe and legal park to ensure your children's safety.

Are you eligible to join Saver Plus & receive \$500 for your back to school costs?

Must meet all eligibility criteria:

- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- Be 18+ years old

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CDF pay

CDFpay is one way for you to order your child's lunch at St Paul's – you can also pay by cash for your child's lunch order. Please log onto <https://spsunshinewest.cdfpay.org.au> to create your account if you are a new parent. Please make sure you click on the tab that says 'New Parent Account' 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 2023.

If you have any difficulty setting up an account, please contact the school office on 9363 1568 for assistance.

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 Thursday March 9th 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.

STARTING SCHOOL: THE EARLY WEEKS

Your child might need some support when school starts. Here are some simple things you can do to help these first few weeks go smoothly:

Try to drop off your child at school before the bell goes in the morning. Also pick your child up on time. If you're late it could make your child feel very anxious.

- If [your child is worried about being separated from you](#), look for ways to distract your child at school drop-off. For example, you could try meeting a friend at the gate or walking to school with another child and parent.
- Make after-school time a bit special, with a snack and time for you and your child to chat.
- Be patient if your child wants to blurt out every little detail about school, or clams up completely. You could try saying something like, 'Tell me one good thing about your day', rather than asking a lot of questions.
- Be flexible with snacks and meals. Your child will probably be very hungry after school. If you give your child a small, healthy snack straight after school, it'll help to keep them going until dinner.
- Don't expect too much academic progress too soon. If your child is happy and seems to be enjoying school, that's a real achievement. The rest will come later.
- Remember that it's common for children to play with many different children and also to play on their own sometimes. It takes a while before they settle into a group of friends.
- If your child doesn't seem to be settling well, or tells you about teasing or [bullying](#), speak to your child's classroom teacher.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOING PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL PERFORMANCES, ASSEMBLIES, SPORTING AND OTHER SANCTIONED SCHOOL EVENTS

St. Paul's Primary School allows members of the school community to take photographs and videos of their children at school assemblies, class presentations, performances, sporting events etc.

In accordance with the Privacy & Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic), Copyright Act 1968 (Cth) & Education Department guidelines, members of the school community are restricted to only photograph / video their children. These images must not be published on social media or in any other form without the prior consent of parents & guardians whose children may unintentionally appear in the images.

The school does not permit any member of the school community or invited guest to take photographs / videos of the bi-annual school production.

Note: The school does not own or control any photographs or video taken by members of the school community or invited guests.

Sunshine Heights Football Club

Junior Registration Come and Try Day



**NEW PLAYERS WANTED!!!!
BOYS & GIRLS AGED 6-9**

**MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY
5PM
AINSWORTH RESERVE
GLENGALA ROAD
SUNSHINE WEST**

**CALL JOYCE
0421 379 493**

***CHILD MUST TURN 7 YEARS OF AGE BEFORE 30 APRIL 2023**



**Instrumental Music Lessons- on school campus
Places available for Term 1, 2023**



Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online.
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons typically during school hours
- Only \$20.00 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Online lessons (after hours) are also available direct to your home – contact us to find out more
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

P: 1300 362 824

E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au

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St. Paul's Primary School



2023 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 baptised and is **ELIGIBLE** to receive the Sacraments of (please **TICK**)

Reconciliation (Penance) - Wednesday 8th March, 7pm St. Paul's School
Eucharist - Friday 19th May, 6:30pm St. Paul's Church

Parents Name.....

Signature.....