

TERM 1

WEEK 3: Monday 6th February, 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 14 th February:	SHB & SAS Attending Excursion to the Mary Mackillop Heritage Center
Thursday 16 th February:	SCD & SVK Attending Excursion to the Mary Mackillop Heritage Center
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
Monday 20 th February:	SCR & SCC Attending Excursion to the Mary Mackillop Heritage Center
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 – Year 3 and 5 Students
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
Thursday 4 th May	Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night 7.00pm St. Paul's School
Friday 19 th May	Sacrament of Eucharist 6.30pm St Paul's Church

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank those family and friends who attended the Beginning of the Year Mass on Friday. It was a very special ceremony. Thanks to all the children, especially the Preps, for the way they sat quietly and listened to Fr. Rene and for their wonderful singing.

Enrolments for Prep 2024 are now open. We encourage any parents/carers who have not enrolled their child for Prep in 2024 to do so. Please contact the school office for an enrolment form or go to www.spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au and download a form. There will be several information sessions for 2024 Prep Parents/Carers. The first session will be held on Thursday, 23rd February, 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.

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.

Our first assembly will be on February 17th – we will be presenting the SRC for 2023. Please join us at 2.30pm.

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. There will be no school on Monday 13th March as the school will be closed for the Labour Day Public Holiday.

Have a great week.

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 16th at 7.00pm – St. Paul’s School
- Sacrament of Penance (Year 3)** Wednesday, March 8th at 7.00pm – St. Paul’s School
- Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night (Yr 5 and 6)** Tuesday, March 7th at 7.00pm - St. Paul’s School
- Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 5 and 6)** Thursday 30th March at 7.00pm – St Paul’s Church
- Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night (Year 3)** Thursday, May 4th at 7.00pm - St. Paul’s School
- Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3)** **Friday, May 19th 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church – Correct Date.**

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 (ASCI) 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.

LIFE EDUCATION Parent information Session

Over the coming weeks, all classes will be having a lesson with an educator from Life Education Victoria. These lessons support the classroom learning children are doing in relation to their health and wellbeing. We will also have a visit from the Life Ed mascot, Harold the Giraffe, at a whole school assembly. The topics are as follows:
Prep - Harold’s Friend Ship **JMA** - Growing Good Friendships
MMA - All Systems go **SMA** - Decisions
 If you would like further information about Life Education and what the program entails, you are invited to attend an information session with the Life Ed Educator on **Wednesday 8th February at 9.00am**. The session will run for half an hour and will be held in the Archive Room (Second-hand uniform portable).



CANTEEN

You can now use cash as well as CDFPay to pay for lunch orders - see below for more info on how to use CDFPay. 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.

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.

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

Play Group meets each Monday morning from 9.15am – 10.30am. Pre-school children and parents are most welcome.

ST. PAUL'S FEAST DAY
Sunday, 12th February 2023

Feast Day Mass will be held at 3pm with benediction, national costumes and a procession, with celebrations to continue in the hall afterwards. Come and join in the fun. Everyone welcome.

FIRST AID

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

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.

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.

Camp Australia Guiding children's growth

Meet the team

St. Paul's West Sunshine



Kylie
Role
Coordinator

About

Fact 1: I have a Diploma In Outside School Hours Care and have been the Coordinator for 15 years of the OSHC Program.

Fact 2: I also have an Advanced Diploma in Community Services Sector Management.

Fact 3: I love to exercise and have a Leisure Centre and fitness Membership and love Zumba!

Fact 4: I have travelled to Thailand and Uluru

Fact 5: I like spending time with family & friends



Irije
Role
Coordinator/ Assistant

About

Fact 1: I have my Diploma in Outside School Hours Care and have worked for Camp Australia for 15 years.

Fact 2: I love to travel and have been overseas to America, Turkey, Albania, Thailand, Macedonia

Fact 3: I love to spend time with my family and grandchildren



Suzette
Role
Assistant

About

Fact 1: Suzette has worked in OSHC for 15 years as a Coordinator and Assistant.

Fact 2: Suzette has travelled overseas to Thailand

Fact 3: Suzette likes to spend time with family and friends

PMI PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE

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 382 824 E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au

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

Sunshine Heights Football Club

Junior Registration
Come and Try Day

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

MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY
5PM

AINSWORTH RESERVE
GLENALA ROAD
SUNSHINE WEST



CALL JOYCE
0421 379 493

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