

TERM 1

WEEK 4: Monday 13th February, 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 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
Thursday 23 rd February:	2024 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 24 th February:	Class Prayer Service JJM, JRC & JTC – 10.00am, School Assembly SVK – 2.30pm
Tuesday 28 th February:	2024 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
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:	Second Hand Uniform Stall – 8.45am – 9.15am
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
Friday 17 th March:	School Assembly JJM – 2.30pm
Tuesday 28 th March:	Second Hand Uniform Stall – 2.45pm – 3.15pm
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,

We will be presenting our SRC from each class at our assembly after lunch on Friday. I know many children have prepared a speech to read to their class explaining why they should be the SRC rep for their class. I congratulate all of these students on this great achievement as it can be very difficult to speak in front of their peers. I am very proud of all of these children – no doubt you as parents are too. Please join us at 2.30pm.

A reminder of the Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Night that will be held at St. Paul's School this Thursday, 16th February, commencing at 7.00pm. Children who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and at least one parent, are to attend. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday, 8th March at 7.00pm at St. Paul's School.

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.

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

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 or your child's class teacher on their school email address.
- 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.

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)	Friday, May 19 th 6.30pm – St. Paul's Church

FEES/LEVIES

Your child's levies are now due. Please pay all levies promptly. School fees were due on February 10th. 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.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

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. If you think you qualify for the CSEF, please contact the office for a form. Please complete and return the CSEF form to school, along with a copy of your Centrelink Card as soon as possible. **The CSEF program for 2023 closes on Friday, 23rd June.**

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

2024 PREP ENROLMENTS

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.

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.

SUNSHINE HEIGHTS JSC
EST. 1958

Sunshine Heights is looking for junior female soccer players for 2023!

AGED 5-14
ALL LEVELS OF ABILITY WELCOME!
CALL MICHAEL 0418377737

SUNSHINE HEIGHTS JSC

COME AND JOIN OUR FAMILY FRIENDLY CLUB

SPACES AVAILABLE IN ALL TEAMS UP TO UNDER 13

TRAINING TUESDAY & THURSDAY @ 5.30PM
CASTLEY RESERVE

CALL MICHAEL 0418377737

MaSC COMMENCES THIS WEEK

Reminder that Middle and Senior Choir or MaSC commences **this Wednesday, 15th February, from 3pm to 3.50pm at the Performing Arts Room.**

Copies of the choir note have been sent home today for those are interested in joining the choir. The permission note is to be completed and returned so that your child can join the choir. Please make sure you pick up your child who attends choir promptly at **3.50pm** on Wednesdays.

Thank you for your kind support.

LIBRARY BAG REMINDER

Please remember to bring your library bag to school with any library books to return safely inside, the day before your library lesson. Library bags should be **waterproof where possible and can be any design.** Our St Paul's Library bag can be purchased from the same place you buy our school uniform if you would like to. **Any long lasting waterproof bag would be ideal though.** Borrowing can only occur with a library bag so that our books are protected and kept in good condition.

Thank you for your support of our library program
Ms Michele and Ms Christine



PLAY GROUP

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



Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

JOIN US AT OUR FEBRUARY OPEN DAY

Register now at ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinage or phone 03 9859 6499



JUNIOR GIRLS FOOTY 4 FUN



Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL, Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

Footy 4 Fun Junior Girls is all about giving girls (turning 8-12 years old in 2023) the opportunity to experience football in a fun and safe environment through fun activities and modified games.

WHEN

8:30am - 10:30am
Sunday 19th February
Sunday 26th February
Sunday 5th March

WHERE

Albion Football Club
JR Parkside Reserve
Stanford Street, Sunshine



REGISTER HERE!

Welcome to

2023

St. Paul's Primary School

Your OSHC.

by Camp Australia



We are very excited to start the new school year with you and your children. To celebrate, come and meet the Your OSHC team at your school, see the service in action and find out about the inspiring programs your team has planned.

Date: Thursday 16th February, 2023

Time: 8:30am – 9:00am

Location: The OSHC room



Open Day

8:30am - 9:00am

Visit our services and grab your coffee on us.



All activities will be COVID Safe and adhere to all health guidelines. Our team will follow COVID-19 cleaning practices and ensure adequate ventilation.



FREE to Register

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

Register now free



Book from your smartphone

Download the Parent Portal app to make and manage bookings with ease.

Find out more

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