

TERM 1

WEEK 5: Monday 20th February, 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Wednesday 22nd February: | Ash Wednesday Mass 10.00am St. Paul's Church |
| Thursday 23rd February: | 2024 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am |
| Friday 24th February: | Class Prayer Service JJM, JRC & JTC – 10.00am, School Assembly SVK – 2.30pm |
| Tuesday 28th February: | 2024 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am |
| March 2nd and 3rd: | School Closure Days – No School for Students |
| Tuesday 7th March: | Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night 7.00pm St. Paul's School |
| Wednesday 8th March: | Second Hand Uniform Stall – 8.45am – 9.15am |
| Wednesday 8th March: | Sacrament of Penance 7.00pm St. Paul's School – Year 3 Students |
| Friday 10th March: | School Assembly SHB – 2.30pm |
| Monday 13th March: | Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed |
| Wednesday 15th March: | Preps Attend School today and all future Wednesdays |
| March 15th – 27th: | NAPLAN – Year 3 and 5 Students |
| Friday 17th March: | School Assembly JJM – 2.30pm |
| Tuesday 28th March: | Second Hand Uniform Stall – 2.45pm – 3.15pm |
| Thursday 30th March: | Sacrament of Confirmation 7.00pm St Paul's Church |
| Thursday 6th April: | Easter Assembly 12.00pm |
| Thursday 6th April: | End of Term I – 1.00pm Children can wear plain clothes |
| Monday 24th April: | School Closure Day – No School for Students |
| Tuesday 25th April: | ANZAC Day – no school for students |
| Wednesday 26th April: | Term II Commences at 8.40am |
| Wednesday 26th April: | School Photos – More information to follow |
| Thursday 4th May | Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night 7.00pm St. Paul's School |
| Friday 19th May | Sacrament of Eucharist 6.30pm St Paul's Church |

Dear Parents/Carers,

Mrs Jennifer Gualtieri will be commencing parental leave this Thursday. We wish Jennifer and her husband Dane all the best as they wait for the arrival of their third child.

Thank you to all families and staff for your support of the fundraising effort for the people of Turkey and Syria. A total of \$2,283.60 was raised – an outstanding effort. Thank you. This money will be donated to Caritas Australia to assist them to help those affected by the devastation of the earthquake.

This Wednesday we celebrate Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a period of preparation for Easter and lasts for forty days. We remember how Jesus spent forty days in the desert praying and fasting. Lent is a time for us to come to know Jesus more closely. People often think of Lent as a time for giving things up, but perhaps this year we can think of Lent as a time to show Love and learn more about the Love Jesus Christ has for us and how we can live out the St. Paul's Core Values - Respect, Diversity, Learning and Care and Compassion. I encourage families to contribute to Project Compassion during the Season of Lent. I hope you can join us this Wednesday for our Ash Wednesday Mass. It will commence at 10.00am and will be held at St. Paul's Church. During Mass St Paul's staff will use ash to mark a cross on each child's forehead to show that we are in the beginning of Lent.

Thank you to all the families who attended the Sacrament of Penance Family night last week and to the staff who supported the children. The Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated on Wednesday, 8th March at 7.00pm at St. Paul's School.

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

NO CHOIR NEXT WEEK – Wednesday, March 1st

Please be advised that Choir Rehearsal has been cancelled for next Wednesday, March 1st, due to driving up to the staff conference on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you very much for your kind support.

FEES/LEVIES

Your child's levies are now due. Please pay all levies promptly. Due to the fact that school accounts have been sent home late, school fees for Term 1 are not due until March 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.**

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2023

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

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| 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 at 6.30pm – St. Paul's Church |

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL – 2023

Congratulations to the newly appointed St Paul's Student Representative Council (please see the attached list). The students were presented with their SRC badges at our assembly last Friday. The school captains, house captains and SRC will be working with Ms Peplow and Ms Cathy on leadership and student voice throughout 2023. We thank all those children who applied to be an SRC Rep in 2023 and were unsuccessful. We are very proud of everyone who applied and spoke in front of their classmates.

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 this 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.



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.

SPORTS

Registration to trial for SSV 12 Years and Under 'Team Vic' boys and girls Australian Football, mixed Netball, boys and girls Soccer and boys and girls Basketball is done through an online process managed by School Sport Victoria. The online Registration process is at www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic and closes on March 1, 2023.

Students and families must consult with their Principal to ensure they have the skill level to trial and represent their school at a national championship level. It is imperative that teachers decide on a child's capability of representing their school at a state level trial. Registration for a Division trial incurs a NON-REFUNDABLE \$25 fee.

Confirmation to attend a trial will occur before the end of Term 1, 2023. Once registered, the parent will receive an email confirming payment and a form which will require the Principal's signature.

For more information please see Mr. Chris.

PLAY GROUP

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

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.

Open Mornings 2023

Mount St. Joseph
Catholic College

Visiting our College is a great way to explore our dynamic learning spaces and see learning in action.

9:15am - 10:30am

23 February
24 March
8 June
20 July
August
7 September

Register to attend by visiting www.mscatholic.vic.edu.au

Choosing a Secondary School: Finding the right fit.

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College invites families with students in Grade 4 or 5 to join our information session*.

Choosing a secondary school for your child can be overwhelming. There are many factors to consider, and you should start your research as early as possible.

This session aims to assist families exploring secondary school options about what to consider when selecting a secondary school.

*Please note there is no tour associated with this session. Tours can be booked separately at www.cccc.vic.edu.au

Thursday, 30 March 2023 | 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Quin Auditorium, Caroline Chisholm Catholic College
 Enter via Gate 3 on the corner of Churchill Avenue and Darnley Street, Braybrook

Secure your seats via www.bit.ly/3YIUN8p or by scanning the QR code.
 For any questions, please email registr@ccc.vic.edu.au or call 03 9296 5311.

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PRE-SEASON TRAINING & REGISTRATION

EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY IN FEB
6.00am - 7.00pm

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME
COME & TRY
BOYS AGED 9 & 10.

ARDEER RESERVE
8 - 14 Helene Street Ardeer

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CALL SASHA ON 0424 700 738

Guiding children's growth

Newsletter

Camp Australia St. Paul's Primary School February Newsletter

Dear Parents and Families

Welcome back to Term 1.

Please note that educators are unable to speak with parents when the After Care Service is in operation as they are busy at this time.

If you register your child for the service and they have Asthma or Allergies please be aware all Medical Management Plan paperwork & medication needs to be completed and supplied prior to your child attending the service this is for meeting compliance and to ensure your child's health & safety.

Educators updated their first aid certificate over the holidays.

If your child/children will be attending the After school Care program please ensure they know to come as it's very important for children to arrive safely at the service. If your child/children has a booking and won't attend please inform the Coordinator on 0401 362 738.

Whats coming up next month

The children will be doing various learning experiences including felt craft, painting, gardening with Irije and outdoor games.

Kind regards,
Kylie, Irije & Suzette

To register and book, visit www.campaustralia.com.au

Your OSHC.

JUNIOR GIRLS
FOOTY 4 FUN

ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

AFL play.afl

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!