

## TERM 1

## WEEK 6: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February:	2024 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
March 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	School Closure Days – No School for Students
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March:	2024 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March:	Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night 7.00pm St. Paul's School
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March:	Sacrament of Penance 7.00pm St. Paul's School – Year 3 Students
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March:	Second Hand Uniform Stall – 8.45am – 9.15am (Note Correct date)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March:	School Assembly SHB – 2.30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March:	Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March:	Preps Attend School today and all future Wednesdays
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March:	2024 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.45pm (Note Correct Time)
March 15 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> :	NAPLAN – Year 3 and 5 Students
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March:	School Assembly JJM – 2.30pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March:	2024 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.45pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March:	PREP and JMA Wellness Day – More information to follow
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March:	Second Hand Uniform Stall – 2.45pm – 3.15pm
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March:	2024 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.45pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March:	Sacrament of Confirmation 7.00pm St Paul's Church
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March:	MMA and SMA Wellness Day – More information to follow
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April:	Easter Assembly 12.00pm End of Term I – 1.00pm Children can wear plain clothes
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April:	School Closure Day – No School for Students
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April:	ANZAC Day – no school for students
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April:	Term II Commences at 8.40am
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April:	School Photos – More information to follow
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night 7.00pm St. Paul's School
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Sacrament of Eucharist 6.30pm St Paul's Church

### SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that there will be **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS THIS THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH AND FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH** as all staff will be further developing their knowledge of the new Child Safe Standards as well as updating their First Aid skills.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past two weeks our SMA students have attended two excursions – one to the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre and one to Altona Beach. On both occasions the feedback about our children has been very positive – well done to all those who attended these excursions.

Several children are wearing Apple/Smart watches to school which, in effect, are the same as mobile phones. These watches are very expensive. If they are brought to school, we accept no liability if they are lost. Any Apple/Smart watches are to be handed in to the office in the morning, as are any mobile phones. They can be collected after school from the office. Any watches or phones not handed in to the office will be confiscated and returned to parents/carers.

The Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm at St. Paul's School. The Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night (Yr 5 and 6) will be held on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm at St. Paul's School. Each child receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, and at least one family member, is to attend the meeting.

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April this year – the first day of Term 2. Children will need to be in their full summer school uniform. More information will follow later in the term.

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

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento

PRINCIPAL

## **NO CHOIR THIS WEEK – Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

A reminder that Choir Rehearsal has been cancelled for this Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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, 23<sup>rd</sup> June.**

## **SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2023**

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

<b>Sacrament of Penance (Year 3)</b>	Wednesday, March 8 <sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm – St. Paul's School
<b>Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night (Yr 5 and 6)</b>	Tuesday, March 7 <sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm - St. Paul's School
<b>Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 5 and 6)</b>	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm – St Paul's Church
<b>Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night (Year 3)</b>	Thursday, May 4 <sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm - St. Paul's School
<b>Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3)</b>	Friday, May 19 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm – St. Paul's Church

## **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](http://www.spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au) and download a form. There will be several information sessions for 2024 Prep Parents/Carers. The next session will be held tomorrow, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **VISIT FROM THE WESTERN BULLDOGS**

Tomorrow [Tuesday] three players from the Western Bulldogs will visit our school. They will be at St. Paul's when the children are eating their morning snack. The players are not able to sign pieces of paper but will be available to sign jumpers, posters or similar.

### **SMA AND MMA UPCOMING INCURSION**

Dear Families,  
On Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, and Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, the students of SMA and MMA will be participating in an incursion held by World of Maths. The students will enjoy some hands on, challenging activities.  
We all look forward to a fun experience.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Gabriel Montes [JTC] who has been selected to join the Under 8's Melbourne City Select Squad in soccer. As a 6-year-old he is the youngest player to be selected. Gabriel has been attending the Melbourne City Football school since last year and was identified as a high potential player. He also won a Best & Fairest with his Soccer club in 2022 and this year is off to a great start with matches in preseason.

Gabriel is following in the footsteps of his older brother, Raphael [MMK]! Maybe we will see the brothers, side by side, in the Australian team in 2038 when we make our attempt on that year's World Cup?!!

### **RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EASTER – DONATIONS FOR OUR PRIZES OF HAMPERS**

Raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle will be sent home next week. The tickets are \$1 each. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Please donate Easter Eggs, chocolates, lollies and gifts to the school for our prize hampers by March 28<sup>th</sup>. Tickets and money are due back by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



### **VICTORIA POLICE** **ONLINE GROOMING & SAFETY**

Our Sexual Offences and Child-abuse Investigations Team (SOCIT) have recently received an increase in reports of grooming and extortion involving young people.

Young People are talking online to strangers who are purporting to be a child. The children are being groomed into sending intimate images of themselves and then later extorted (using the intimate images) to send additional videos, explicit images, or money.

*We recommend having a conversation with your child about the information covered to assist them in staying safe online.*



to the following students who received awards at Assembly on Friday.

- PLH Scarlet Mulipola
- PMD Moza Tjenderasa
- PRB Levi Tomlin
- JJM Melissa Gurung
- JRC Jayden Zea
- JTC Nikolas Daskalakis
- JEF William Espiga
- JFC Angelina Do
- JKL Ananya Assefa
- MEM Ajoh Biar
- MET Ruth Cenhrang
- MGO Harley Bonett
- MKO Ashmeet Singh
- MMK Mia Daskalakis
- MSG Amanuel Petros
- SAS Matilda Nguyen
- SCC Addison Relingado
- SCD Jeremiah Mihtsuntu
- SCR Malcolm Coutts
- SHB Victor Mai
- SVK Andy Pham

## 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](http://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 Dornley Street, Braybrook.

Secure your seats via [www.bit.ly/3YIUN8p](http://www.bit.ly/3YIUN8p) or by scanning the QR code. For any questions, please email [registrar@ccc.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@ccc.vic.edu.au) or call 03 9296 5311.



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### APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7 2025 ONWARDS NOW OPEN

Limited places available for 2024

To submit an **Online Application Form**, please visit the College website [www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au)



### Marian College Tours

Join us for a College Tour with our Principal. This is an excellent opportunity to view our facilities and get all the information you need to make a decision about your daughters' education.

To register for a tour, please visit the College website [www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au)



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ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR  
YEAR 7 IN 2024 AND 2025.  
LIMITED PLACES FOR ENTRY IN 2023  
ARE AVAILABLE AT OTHER LEVELS



# TALK AND TOUR

*Be a Simonds Boy*

## 2023 TOUR DATES

You and your son are invited to attend a Talk and Tour with the Principal, Peter Riordan. **Tours commence at 9.15am. Bookings are essential.** Contact the Registrar on 9321 9200 or book online.

Tours provide prospective families with a great opportunity to view the school in operation. You will have the chance to discover all that Simonds Catholic College has to offer and ask any questions you may have.

FEBRUARY 3, 7, 9, 15 & 21  
MARCH 2, 7, 10, 23 & 29  
APRIL 3 & 27 MAY 3, 16 & 29  
JUNE 6, 13, & 21 JULY 13 & 26  
AUGUST 4 & 21 SEPTEMBER 15  
OCTOBER 11 & 19 NOVEMBER 8

Additional dates may be added as required.



## Open Mornings 2023

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  
3 August  
7 September

Register to attend by visiting our website [www.msj.edu.au](http://www.msj.edu.au)

