

## TERM 1 WEEK 10: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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, School Assembly JTC – 2.30pm
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 – Children are to wear full summer school uniform
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May:	Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night 7.00pm St. Paul's School
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May:	International Day of Families
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May:	Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30am – More information to follow
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May:	2024 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May:	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May:	Class Reconciliation – MMK, MET, MEM – 10.00am, School Assembly JRC –2.30pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May:	2024 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.45pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May:	School Assembly SCC – 2.30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May:	Sacrament of Eucharist 6.30pm St Paul's Church
September 12, 13 and 14:	St Paul's Production of 'Joseph' (More information to follow).

Dear Parents/Carers,

Ms Mareta Parsons will be concluding at St Paul's next Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April as she will be going on long service leave for the remainder of the year and will not be returning to St Paul's in 2024. Mareta began in Catholic Education in 1976 when she began teaching at St Margaret's in Geelong. Mareta began teaching at St Paul's in 2008 – in that time she has taken on many different roles. She has made an outstanding contribution to Catholic Education throughout this time. I thank her for the support she has given me in this time. We wish her all the very best for the future – she will be missed.

Please keep in your prayers Ms Mareta Parsons, Ms Kara Brizzi and Miss Kathy Ly. Mareta's brother in law passed away last week - she has travelled to Perth for the funeral service. Kara's grandmother passed away on Friday. Kathy's Grandmother passed away in Vietnam - she will be travelling to Vietnam tomorrow and will return to St Paul's on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April. We extend our condolences to Mareta, Kara, Kathy and their families.

I hope you are able to participate in the Holy Week celebrations commencing with Palm Sunday, this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Holy Week is a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it. The message of Easter is one of hope. Jesus died on the cross but rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, a great day in the Church's Liturgical Year. I hope the Risen Christ is able to live in your hearts during the Easter season and throughout the year.

Please note there is a school closure day on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April as staff will be working on how to give our students voice and agency in their learning. School photos will be taken on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April – the first day of Term 2. Children will need to be in their full summer school uniform. All photo orders must be completed online. Please use your child's unique ID in the personalized order flyer previously sent home when you place a photo order.

Term 1 concludes on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00pm. The children may wear plain clothes on this day. Term 2 commences at 8.40am on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Have a great week.  
Yours sincerely,  
Damian Casamento  
PRINCIPAL

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL

The second hand uniform stall will be open **tomorrow** at 2.45pm. Please enter the school through the office. Thanks to Effie Ross for co-ordinating the stall.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS – WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – FIRST DAY OF TERM II

A kind reminder that children will need to wear their full summer school uniform on the photo day, Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>.

All photo orders must be done online. Please use your child's unique ID in the personalized order flyer previously sent home.

St. Paul's School West Sunshine  
SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:  
**Wednesday, 26 April 2023**  
**ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.SCHOOLPIX.COM.AU**  
Early Bird orders with free delivery to your school close 5 working days after your last photography session  
A postage fee will apply for orders placed after this date.  
Sibling orders must be placed prior to 8am on Wednesday, 26 April 2023.  
Misplaced your order flyer? Please visit [www.schoolpix.com.au](http://www.schoolpix.com.au) and use the student search to find your child's unique ID or contact our Customer Care team on 1300 766 055.  
Please note: Cash orders will not be accepted.  
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## RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EASTER – DONATIONS FOR OUR PRIZES OF HAMPERS

Raffle tickets for our Easter raffle were sent home. 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 tomorrow.** Tickets and money are due back by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – THIS THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Many of our Year 5 and 6 children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 7.00pm at St Paul's Church. The children have been very well prepared by Miss Peplow, Ms Borg, Mrs Razi, Miss Capuano, Mrs Boulton, Mrs Kylie, Mrs Schembri, Ms Anna and Miss Celeste. I ask you to continue to pray for the children as they make their final preparations to receive this Sacrament.

## 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 Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, at 1.45pm. 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.

## 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.**

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

**18<sup>th</sup> August 2023:** Applications close for 2025 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 Students

**20<sup>th</sup> October 2023:** Offers posted to prospective 2025 Year 7 applicants

**10<sup>th</sup> November 2023:** Final date for families to accept offers made by the Secondary School

## **MOTHER'S DAY STALL TEAR OFF SLIP – PHIẾU ĐẶT MUA QUÀ TẠI GIAN HÀNG MỪNG NGÀY LỄ MẸ THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY – THỨ NĂM, NGÀY 11 THÁNG 05**

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_  
Họ Tên Học Sinh \_\_\_\_\_ Lớp \_\_\_\_\_ Giáo Viên \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes I would like to purchase a Mother's Gift - No. of Gifts:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vâng, Tôi muốn mua quà cho Ngày Lễ Mẹ - Số lượng quà:**

The cost of each gift ranges between \$2.00 and \$10.00.

**Giá mỗi món quà từ \$2 đến \$10.**

I am able to assist with the Mother's Day Stall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May  (Please tick the box if you can help)

You must have a current Working With Children Check Card to assist with the Mother's Day Stall.

*Tôi có thể phụ giúp Gian hàng Mừng Ngày Lễ Mẹ ngày thứ Năm, 11 tháng 05 – Xin đánh vào ô vuông nếu quý vị có thể giúp. Quý vị phải có Thẻ Làm Việc với Trẻ Em còn hiệu lực để có thể phụ giúp cho Gian hàng mừng Ngày của Mẹ.*

Helper's Name (Tên người phụ giúp): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Điện thoại) \_\_\_\_\_



Above: Saint Paul's Primary School pupil Archer is shaving his head for the World's Greatest Shave, with his friends Oana, Thomas, Thomas and Ivy excited to help. (Image courtesy of Star Weekly)

(Source: Starweekly.com.au - March 21<sup>st</sup> 2023)

**CHILD SAFETY AROUND ST PAUL'S**

A reminder to all families to use the school crossing or the pedestrian lights when crossing Links Street and Glengala Road. This will ensure all in the community are safe. Please do not drop off your children at the front of the school without parking safely in a parking bay. The council are issuing fines to drivers who do not park in designated parking bays. When leaving the drop off zone in the morning, please turn left out of the school driveway as Links Street is a one way street in the morning and afternoon. I also ask families not to leave their cars unattended in the drop off zone in the morning. This causes congestion in the drop off zone. If you wish to visit the school office before 8.45am you must park in Links Street and walk to school. It is unsafe to park in the visitor parking bays and cross the drop off zone without using the crossing that is supervised by staff. A reminder that no child should be left unattended in a car. Please follow all road regulations to ensure the streets around St. Paul's remain safe for all.



Dear Parents and families,

The OSHC children have been participating in a Handball Competition, the children have been learning gross motor development, hand eye coordination, cooperation and building on social skills. The Handball Champion will play off in the Region in May.

The children have also loved gardening with Irije growing tomatoes and strawberries. We water our produce everyday and watch their growth.

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

If you would like to ask questions or would like more information regarding the service please visit the service between 8:30am and 8:45am Monday to Friday.

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

Irije will be on leave from March 29<sup>th</sup> until April 26<sup>th</sup>. Suzette will be filling in during this time.



If your child/children will be attending the After school Care program please ensure they know to come as soon as the bell rings, it's very important for children to arrive safely at the service. If your child/children have a booking and don't attend please inform the Coordinator on 0401362738.

**Whats coming up next month Easter Crafts**

The children will be doing various learning experiences including beading, painting, indoor and outdoor games.

Kind Regards Kylie, Irije & Suzette

To register and book, visit [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)



**Baby News**



Congratulations to the Webb-Hamdany Family (Ryan PLH) on the safe arrival of Zayn Lux on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March. We wish the Webb-Hamdany Family much love and happiness.

*The St Paul's Community acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the Traditional Custodians of the land that we teach, learn and pray. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait people have to Country and pay our respects to Elders, past and present as we commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.*