

TERM 1

WEEK 8: Tuesday 14th March, 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 15th March:	Preps Attend School today and all future Wednesdays
Wednesday 15th March:	2024 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.45pm
March 15th – 27th:	NAPLAN – Year 3 and 5 Students
Friday 17th March:	School Assembly JJM – 2.30pm – Archer Ross – Shave for a Cure.
Thursday 23rd March:	2024 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.45pm
Friday 24th March:	PREP and JMA Wellness Day
Tuesday 28th March:	Second Hand Uniform Stall – 2.45pm – 3.15pm
Wednesday 29th March:	2024 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.45pm
Thursday 30th March:	Sacrament of Confirmation 7.00pm St Paul's Church
Friday 31st March:	MMA and SMA Wellness Day – More information to follow
Thursday 6th April:	Easter Assembly 12.00pm. 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
Tuesday 9th May:	Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30am – More information to follow
Wednesday 10th May:	2024 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 19th 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 Narelle Mullenger will be on leave for the remainder of the term – she will be travelling through central Western Australia. We wish Narelle all the best during her trip – she will return to St Paul's next term. Ms Lan Nguyen will be on leave from March 20th – she will be travelling to Vietnam. We wish Lan all the best on her trip. She will also return next term.

Congratulations to Xavier Tsouras as he has been one of 12 players (under 12s) to be selected from Australia to play soccer in the Mediterranean International Cup in Barcelona, Spain. The tournament will take place from the 4th - 9th April. We wish Xavier all the very best throughout the tournament.

A reminder that our Prep students attend school tomorrow and all Wednesdays from now on.

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) celebrates Catholic Education Week this year from 12–19 March. Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate their Catholic identity, the pivotal role they play within their local community and the strength of the sector. The theme is 'Forming lives of faith, hope and love in the light of Christ'. I will be attending the Catholic Education Week Mass this Friday with our School Leaders, Miss Peplow and Miss Maddy. I thank all of our families for continuing to support Catholic Education.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday 30th March commencing at 7.00pm at St Paul's Church. Bishop Martin Ashe will be visiting the Year 5 and 6 students on Tuesday 21st March at 10.30am.

Please note there is a school closure day on Monday 24th April as staff will be working on how to give our students voice and agency in their learning.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Congratulations to those children who received the Sacrament of Penance last week. It was a wonderful ceremony. The children participated reverently in this celebration. The children were well prepared by Miss Peplow, Mrs Garcia, Mrs Kathryn, Miss Ellen, Miss Genevieve, Miss Eanya and Mr Kolwaczyk. We know that God will continue to guide all the students in their lives, no matter what they do. We would like to thank them for all they did in preparation for this special Sacrament. Thanks also to Fr Rene and Fr Rowan for their help with the ceremony and all the staff for their assistance.

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

Each family received a copy of the St. Paul's Anti-Bullying Policy today. The policy is a reminder that the school will not tolerate any instances of bullying. Please note the definition of bullying in the policy:

'Bullying is when someone, or a group of people, deliberately upset or hurt another person or damage their property, reputation or social acceptance on more than one occasion. There is an imbalance of power in incidents of bullying with the bully or bullies having more power at the time due to age, size, status or other reasons.'

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/what.aspx>

The brochure lists types of bullying as well as what bullying is not. You are encouraged to contact your child's teacher in the first instance if you have any concerns as these can usually be sorted out quickly when the teacher is informed.

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EASTER – DONATIONS FOR OUR PRIZES OF HAMPERS

Raffle tickets for our Easter raffle were sent home last week. The tickets are \$1 each. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 5th April. Please donate Easter Eggs, chocolates, lollies and gifts to the school for our prize hampers by March 28th. Tickets and money are due back by Monday 3rd April. Thank you for your ongoing support.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2023

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

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

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 next session will tomorrow, Wednesday 15th 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL – FIRST DAY OF TERM II

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 26th 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.

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.**

PREP & JMA WELLNESS DAY – Friday, March 24th

As a conclusion to our Inquiry unit, "Healthy Life Choices", the students in Prep, Years One and Two will be taking part in a "Wellness Day" from 8.50am until 1pm on Friday, March 24th. The families are welcome to join us on the day. If you are interested in joining us, please complete the tear-off slip from the note & return to school by Monday, March 20th. We look forward to seeing you at the "Wellness Day".

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

ARCHER ROSS AND THE WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE



On Friday at the school assembly, Archer Ross will be taking part in the World's Greatest Shave by shaving off all his hair in front of everyone to raise money to help conquer blood cancer.

On this day, we will also be having a Crazy Hair Day to help raise awareness of this terrible disease. Children are all encouraged to wear something in their hair, wear a wig or spray their hair with different colours. They are asked to donate a gold coin for participating in the Crazy Hair Day. Children can wear plain clothes on this day. Any donations big or small will count.

You can donate online through the following link which should like to support Archer. The link is <https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?RegistrationID=877651>. You can also donate money at the school office. Thank you for your support to this great cause.



Aussies of the Month 2023

Congratulations to
Elyse Nguyen (SCR) & Harley Bonnet (MGO)
who were recently named St. Paul's Aussies of the Month for February for their contributions to Specialist classes.

SUNSHINE HEIGHTS JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

JUNIOR GIRLS - Aged 11-14
Castley reserve, Pellew st Sunshine,
Training **Tuesday and Thursdays**
Daryl 0418 534 690 Andriy 0490 178 627



IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

Sunshine Heights Football Club

Ainsworth Reserve - Glengala Road - West Sunshine

Starting on the 21st of April - Every Friday @ 5.30pm

Joyce
0421 379 493

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The St Paul's Community acknowledges the Wurundjeri people, the Traditional Custodians of the land, who have, since the Dreamtime, walked on and cared for the lands upon which we gather.

We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country and pay our respect to elders, past and present, as we commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.