

TERM 2

WEEK 5: Monday 22nd May, 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Monday 22nd May: | Bookings for June Learning Conversations Open at 4pm |
| Wednesday 24th May: | Prep Excursion to Essendon Traffic School, Second Hand Uniform Stall–8.45am–9.15am |
| Friday 26th May: | National Sorry Day, School Assembly MEM – 2.30pm |
| 27th May – 3rd June: | National Reconciliation Week |
| Friday 2nd June: | School Assembly SCR – 2.30pm |
| Thursday 8th June: | Bookings for Learning Conversations Close - 4pm, Second Hand Uniform Stall–2.45pm–3.15pm |
| Friday 9th June: | School Assembly MKO – 2.30pm |
| Monday 12th June: | King's Birthday Public Holiday |
| Thursday 15th June: | Learning Conversations – Online 1.30pm – 7.00pm – School Finishes at 1.00pm |
| Friday 16th June: | School Assembly SCD – 2.30pm |
| Thursday 22nd June: | Ss Peter and Paul Feast Day Celebrations - (More information to follow) |
| Friday 23rd June: | End of Term 1.00pm – children may wear casual clothes. |
| September 12, 13 and 14: | St Paul's Production of 'Joseph' (More information to follow). |

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week we saw the aftermath of the bus/truck collision involving students from Exford Primary School. I ask you to keep the children, families and staff of Exford Primary School in your thoughts and prayers as it will take the support of all in their local community and state to recover from this incident.

I ask you to keep in your prayers Mrs Rhiannon Micallef, Miss Teagan Cullum and a past staff member, Miss Vanessa Cullum, as their Grandmother/Mother passed away last week. We extend our deepest sympathies to them and their families.

Congratulations to our children who received the Sacrament of Eucharist last Friday evening. The children participated reverently in the celebration. Many thanks Miss Lisa Peplow, Mrs Stephanie Garcia, Miss Ellen McKitterick, Mrs Kathryn Oram, Mr Matthew Kowalczyk, Miss Genevieve O'Donnell and Miss Eanya Tone for the way they prepared the children. Thanks also to the school choir for singing so well – they sounded beautiful. Thanks to Mrs Michele Micallef and Ms Lynette Grixti for leading the choir. I would also like to thank the St. Paul's staff for their assistance prior to and on the day. Thanks also to Father Rowan and Father Joseph for leading us in a very beautiful liturgy. We hope all the children will always remember this special day and that they will regularly attend Mass with their family and receive the Eucharist many more times.

National Sorry Day is celebrated on May 26th and National Reconciliation Week is celebrated from May 27th until 3rd June each year. National Sorry Day is a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how Australians can all play a part in the healing process for the people and nation. National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2023, Be a Voice for Generations, encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and socialise. For the work of generations past, and the benefit of generations future, let's choose to create a more just, equitable and reconciled country for all.

If you have not enrolled your child in Prep for 2024, please do so immediately. If you have not submitted an application, your child may be put on a waiting list.

There will be a MMA Camp Information night on Thursday 8th June commencing at 6.00pm – information will be provided for the Phillip Island Camp on July 17/18. The meeting will be held online – a link for a Google Meet was sent home today. All families are encouraged to join us.

A reminder that bookings for Learning Conversations to be held on Thursday 15th June **open today at 4.00pm.**

I hope you all have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

CHOIR CANCELLATION – Wednesday, May 31st

Please be advised that there will be no choir rehearsal on Wednesday, May 31st (Week 6). Thank you very much for your kind support.

UPCOMING LEARNING CONVERSATIONS – Thursday, June 15th

Learning Conversations (Parent Teacher Interviews) will be held on Thursday 15th June 2023 from 1.30pm. Please refer to the hard copies of the letter and the booking instructions sent home via your eldest children last week for the details. Children will be dismissed at 1.00pm to allow conversations to begin at 1.30pm.

Bookings will open today, Monday 22nd May, at 4.00pm and must be finalised before **4pm on Thursday 8th June 2023**, when bookings for this event will close. **Please note that these conversations will be held online.** Interviews will run for ten minutes - however you will need to allow 10 minutes between each interview to ensure the interviews stay on schedule. Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code 'hd2d5' to get access to the booking page.

For parents that do not have internet access, please call the school to arrange a time. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 9363 1568 for support.

The children's reports will be sent home on Tuesday 13th June.

PREP UPCOMING EXCURSION – Wednesday, May 24th

To support our Inquiry Unit 'How do our senses keep us safe?' the Preps will be going on an excursion to the Traffic School in Essendon to practise riding bikes and to learn road rules. Prep children are to wear full sports uniform and closed toe footwear suitable for bike riding (runners) on the excursion day.

CANTEEN – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for FRIDAYS

Volunteers are required to assist in the Canteen on Fridays. Any help would be greatly appreciated, in particular between 12pm to 1pm to assist with putting lunches into Class Baskets. Please contact the School Office if you can help. Thank you.

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. Prep Interviews will begin next week. Please note - If you have not submitted an application for Prep 2024, your child may be put on a waiting list.

ST. PAUL'S SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL

Please note that the next date for the selling from the St. Paul's Second Hand Uniform Stall is this Wednesday, 24th May. Items of clothing will be sold from 8.45am – 9.15am. The second date in Term II is Thursday, 8th June from 2.45pm – 3.15pm. The cost of all items of clothing is \$5.00. I encourage families to make donations of school uniforms to the second hand uniform stall. Please wash any donations before taking them to the school office. Please make sure they are in good condition ie not damaged or faded logos.

Thanks to Effie Ross for her assistance co-ordinating the stall.

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

Baby News



Congratulations to the Pelman Family
(Waleeya MSG, Melodic JTC & Arnold PRB)
on the safe arrival of their baby brother
Simote on Saturday, 6th May 2023.

We wish the Pelman Family much love and happiness.

INDONESIAN SPEAKING COMPETITION

Friday, 26th May 2023

On this Friday, 26th May, I am proud to announce that 33 students from our school will participate in the Indonesian Speaking Competition run by the Victorian Indonesian Language Teachers Association. The competition will be online at our school and at three other schools around Melbourne West. We wish them all the best for their performances speaking, singing and reading poetry to an Indonesian native speaker or to another Indonesian teacher. It will be a great experience and challenge for them to show their ability to learn Indonesian at our school.

Terima kasih (Thank you)

Bu Santi

HOW TO ENCOURAGE GOOD BEHAVIOUR: 15 TIPS

A positive and constructive approach is often the best way to guide your child's behaviour. This means giving your child attention when he behaves well, rather than just applying consequences when he does something you don't like.

For further information visit

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/encouraging-good_behaviour.html/context/1758

There are also translations in Vietnamese, Arabic, Persian, simplified Chinese available online.

WESTERN REGION WINTER T-BALL COMPETITION

**MINI T-BALL
4-7 YRS** **MAJOR T-BALL
8-12 YRS**

COST
\$60 FOR NEW MEMBERS
\$10 COMPETITION FEE FOR EXISTING MEMBERS

FOR NEW OR EXISTING MEMBERS OR PERMIT MEMBERS
MIXED GENDER TEAMS
PATHWAY TO JUNIOR SOFTBALL

WEDNESDAY'S 5-7PM
STARTING JULY 12TH
RUNNING FOR 12 WEEKS

VENUE: SUNSHINE SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, MORE PARK, ESMOND ST, ARDEER

REGISTER HERE:

HOME RUN HEROES **SOFTBALL**

Contact:
sunshine.softball2012@gmail.com
www.revolutionise.com.au/sunshine_safhome/

MINI T-BALL 5 PLAYERS PER TEAM **MAJOR T-BALL** 7 PLAYERS PER TEAM

MAXIMUM OF 12 TEAMS PER DIVISION

Parent Information Night

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College invites families interested in joining our school community to our Parent Information Night.

Our Principal, Mr Robert Brennan, will be sharing with you who we are, what we offer and what our plans are for the future.

Information on our enrolment process for Year 7 2025 will be available on the night.

Session 1 Tuesday, 6 June 2023 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Session 2 Tuesday, 6 June 2023 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Doors open 15 minutes prior to start time.

Location St. Madeleine Centre, 65 Churchill Avenue Braybrook.

RSVP Register your attendance by Monday, 29 May by scanning the QR code or visiting cccatholic.edu.au

The St Paul's Community acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which 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.

