

TERM 2 WEEK 6: Monday 29th May, 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 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 MMA Camp Information Session – Phillip Island Camp – 6.00pm – 7.00pm (Online) |
| Friday 9th June: | School Assembly MKO – 2.30pm |
| Monday 12th June: | King's Birthday Public Holiday |
| Tuesday 13th June: | Children's School Reports sent home |
| 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. |
| Monday 10th July: | Beginning of Term III 8.40am |
| 10th – 12th July: | SHB, SCD, SVK Attending School Camp at Camp Manyung – Mt Eliza |
| 12th – 14th July: | SCC, SCR, SAS Attending School Camp at Camp Manyung – Mt Eliza |
| 17th – 18th July: | MMA Camp - CYC the Island Camp – Phillip Island |
| Friday 21st July: | NAIDOC Celebration Day School Assembly SAS – 2.30pm |
| Tuesday 25th July: | School Closure Day – Staff participating in Maths Professional Development Activities |
| September 12, 13 and 14: | St Paul's Production of 'Joseph' (More information to follow). |

Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to Mrs Nicole Azarnikow and her husband Andrew as they are expecting their second child later this year – a little brother or sister for Gemma. We wish them all the very best for the future. It is great to have Miss Maddy Byrne back at St Paul's as she has completed her placement.

Congratulations to those children who participated in the Indonesian Speaking Competition last Friday. Thanks to Bu Santi for organising this opportunity for the children in our school to participate in.

Friday was a very special day as we celebrated National Sorry Day. Aunty Annette led us in a Welcome to Country and a smoking ceremony. The children were taught an Aboriginal Dance and then completed Sorry Day activities in the classroom. Thanks to Mrs Ashlea Niemi, our Koorie Education Worker, for all her she did to organise a wonderful day. On July 21st, we will be having a NAIDOC Celebration Day – more information will follow shortly.

The children's reports will be sent home on Tuesday, 13th June. Learning Conversations will be held on Thursday, 15th June between 1.30pm and 7.00pm. Children will be dismissed at 1.00pm to allow conversations to begin at 1.30pm. Please remember the learning conversations are online. Thank you to the over 200 families who have already booked their times online. If you haven't done so, please do so as soon as possible. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au, enter the code **hd2d5** and press "Go".

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.

Term II concludes on Friday 23rd June at 1.00pm. The children are able to wear plain clothes as it is the last day of term. After School Care will operate from 1.00pm until 6.00pm on this day. Term III commences on Monday 10th July at 8.40am.

I hope you all have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
Principal

CHOIR CANCELLATION – This Wednesday, May 31st

Please be advised that there will be no choir rehearsal **this 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 recently sent home via your eldest children and the Audiri (Skoolbag) App for the details. Children will be dismissed at 1.00pm to allow conversations to begin at 1.30pm.

Bookings are currently open and must be finalised before **2.30pm 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.

MMA CAMP INFORMATION NIGHT - THURSDAY 8TH JUNE (ONLINE)

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 last week. All families are encouraged to join us.

ST. PAUL'S SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL

Special thanks to Effie Ross, Tanya Parry and Loan Ho for opening the Second Hand Uniform Stall last week.

Please note that the next date for the selling from the St. Paul's Second Hand Uniform Stall 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 have faded logos.

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 began today. Please note - If you have not submitted an application for Prep 2024, your child may be put on a waiting list.

MAKE EVERY MINUTE COUNT!

School begins at 8:40am

Arriving at school on time support your child's learning. Being late to school disrupts the start of class and your child misses out on important learning.

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



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

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| PLH | Frankie Strinovic |
| PMD | Laukau Coutts |
| PRB | Jordan Caruana |
| JJM | Eli Murray |
| JRC | Andy Nguyen |
| JTC | Kenna O'Keefe |
| JEF | Hanna Gobena |
| JFC | Melani Dao |
| JKL | Lucy Jerkovic |
| MEM | Michael Boilu |
| MET | Kayla Tran |
| MGO | Primrose Pese |
| MKO | Kate Zahra |
| MMK | Zara Jason |
| MSG | Milly Laidlaw |
| SAS | Ryan Pham |
| SCC | Oscar Mullin |
| SCD | Jessica Kwok |
| SCR | Saad Ali |
| SHB | Lance Mushapaidze |
| SVK | Andy Tu |



An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

Girls blossom as members of the AGC, learn and set off the stage. Your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our whole performers have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Healy's Bandstand, Amy Shark and Kylie Minogue. We are proud to have represented Qantas for 25 years in the iconic Qantas Club Australia Home advertising campaign and of hundreds of live events.

Now accepting Semester 2 enrolments for our rehearsal sessions in Berwick, Box Hill, Caulfield North, Dandenong, Ewington, Glen Waverley, Glenborough, Highbury, Hawthorn, Row, Ringwood and Yarrville.



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JOIN US AT OUR JUNE OPEN DAY

Register now at ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc or phone 03 9859 6499



School is better when your child is here

Going to school every day is the most important part of your child's education. There are no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness. The best thing you can do is support your child to get to school every day.

A positive attitude towards school, healthy habits and routines, and parental involvement can support your child's regular school attendance and prevent chronic absence patterns.



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1. Establish positive habits to promote attendance

- Set good bedtime and morning routines to make the process of getting to school smoother for everyone. Try to prepare as much as possible the night before, e.g. school uniform, school bag packed.
- Ensure your child gets enough sleep and exercise to support their physical and mental health.
- Talk positively about the importance of school attendance with your child. Explain that it is an important part of growing up, a legal obligation and that you expect them to attend every day.
- Show an interest in your child's school and become involved where possible. Keep notes, newsletters, etc. in a place where they are visible reminders of school news for the whole family. Talk about school activities in a positive manner.
- Discuss any changes to usual routines in advance with your child, such as alternative drop-off and pick-up arrangements, to ensure clarity and minimise anxiety.

2. Changes in your child's attitude towards school

We all have those days when it is just too hard to get up and feel motivated to go to work or school, but if this occurs regularly, it may be a sign that your child needs support. Early intervention is vital to address physical, emotional or social reasons for school avoidance before it progresses to chronic absence problems and on to school refusal.

Signs of school avoidance to look out for

- feeling sick before school, e.g. waking up with a headache, stomach-ache or sore throat
- tearfulness, clinginess and dawdling before school – struggling to get out of bed, leave the house or get out of the car
- complaints about attending school and reluctance to talk about school
- missing classes and being late for class.

What is happening at school?

Early signs of school avoidance may be identified at school through observations and insights by your child's teachers. Work in partnership with the school to support your child's attendance and wellbeing.

Further Resources

- [Anxiety about going to school](#) – Victorian Government
- [Attendance and missing school](#) – Victorian Government
- [How can I get my teenager to school?](#) – Victorian Government
- [Early Signs of School Avoidance/Refusal](#) – Travancore School
- [Tips for Promoting School Attendance](#) – Travancore School
- [Understanding School Avoidance and School Refusal](#) – Travancore School
- [School refusal: children and teenagers](#) – Raising Children Network
- [Understanding school refusal](#) – Headspace
- [School refusal](#) – Be You
- [Everything you need to know about school refusal](#) – ReachOut

3. What can you do when you see the signs?

- Work with your child to understand what is happening and so that they feel supported and empowered. Listen with compassion but be consistent in expectations.
- Speak with your child's teacher(s) about your concerns.
- Consider taking your child to the GP to rule out or address any physical or emotional health problems.
- Request and attend school meetings with your child and their teacher to develop strategies to support increased attendance.



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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

MINIMUM OF 12 TEAMS PER DIVISION

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

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

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

REGISTER HERE

HOME RUN HEROES

Contact: sunshine softball2012@gmail.com
www.revolutionbase.com.au/sunshine-sa/teams/

SOFTBALL

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.

