

## TERM 2 WEEK 7: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June:	Bookings for Learning Conversations Close – 2.30pm, Second Hand Uniform Stall–2.45pm–3.15pm MMA Camp Information Session – Phillip Island Camp – 6.00pm – 7.00pm (Online)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June:	School Assembly MKO – 2.30pm
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June:	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June:	Children's School Reports sent home
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June:	Learning Conversations – Online 1.30pm – 7.00pm – School Finishes at 1.00pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June:	School Assembly SCD – 2.30pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June:	Ss Peter and Paul Feast Day Celebrations - (More information to follow)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June:	End of Term 1.00pm – children may wear casual clothes.
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July:	Beginning of Term III 8.40am
10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> July:	SHB, SCD, SVK Attending School Camp at Camp Manyung – Mt Eliza
12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> July:	SCC, SCR, SAS Attending School Camp at Camp Manyung – Mt Eliza
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July:	School Assembly MET – 2.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> July:	MMA Camp - CYC the Island Camp – Phillip Island
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July:	NAIDOC Celebration Day
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July:	School Closure Day – Staff participating in Math's Professional Development Activities
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> July:	School Assembly SVK – 2.30pm
September 12, 13 and 14:	St Paul's Production of 'Joseph' (More information to follow).

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please remind your children to cross Glengala Road and Links Street at the lights/school crossing. Some students have been crossing these two busy roads away from the crossings – this is very dangerous. A reminder that no children, students or younger siblings, should be on the adventure playgrounds before or after school.

The St. Paul's Annual Report to the School Community is available at the office or on the school website – [www.spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au). This is a report on all that took place at St. Paul's in 2022. Please feel free to take a copy or visit the website.

The children's reports will be sent home on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June – **next Tuesday**. Learning Conversations will be held on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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 300 families who have already booked their times online. If you haven't done so, please do so as by 2.30pm this Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> June – if not, your child's teacher will allocate you a time. Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://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.

There is no school for children on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June as it is the King's Birthday Public Holiday. All staff will be involved in a Math's Professional Development Activity on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July – there will be no school for students on this day.

Term II concludes on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> July at 8.40am.

I hope you all have a great week.

Yours sincerely,  
Damian Casamento  
Principal

### **UPCOMING LEARNING CONVERSATIONS – Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

Learning Conversations (Parent Teacher Interviews) will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 this Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 – THIS THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE (ONLINE)**

There will be a MMA Camp Information night on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART – Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**

Dear Families of St. Paul’s,

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Jesus taught us how to live the Catholic Social Teachings through his examples of upholding the dignity of others by giving preferential option for the poor. Poverty and hardship can compromise one’s dignity, so in order to try and uphold the dignity of members of our community we are asking the community of St. Paul’s to donate non-perishable food (canned goods, pasta etc.) to the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Students may also wear plain clothes for a small donation. A member of the Sunshine conference will pick up and distribute our donation.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and living out our faith to help those in our community.

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

### **SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM 2023**

A kind reminder for Prep parents/carers to complete and return your child’s School Entrant Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) to school if you have not yet done so. Please ensure that the SEHQ is completed and returned to your child’s teacher **no later than Week 8 – Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2023.**

Thank you very much for your kind support of our school nursing program.

### **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



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

### INDONESIAN SPEAKING COMPETITION

On Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 33 students from St Paul's Primary School participated online in the Indonesian Speaking Competition run by the Victorian Indonesian Language Teachers Association. All the students who took part had a challenging experience answering questions with another Indonesian native speaker and an Indonesian teacher from a different school. I would like to say 'Well-done' to all the students who participated in the competition and congratulations to those who are going further to the final round at the Melbourne High School on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Below are the finalist students:

- ★ Nikolas Daskalakis (JTC)
- ★ Hanna Gobena (JEF)
- ★ Zion Tjenderasa (JKL)
- ★ Dinusha Gengajeevan (JKL)
- ★ Ashmeet Singh (MKO)
- ★ Jasmitha Gengajeevan (MEM)
- ★ Annabel Nguyen (MET)
- ★ Tomo Jusup (MET)
- ★ Jashandeep Singh (MGO)
- ★ Anthony Hieu Le (SCR)

Good luck!

Terima kasih – Bu Santi



## MID-SEASON ENTRY

Register for NAB AFL Auskick now for only \$55 plus receive an exclusive goodies pack!

West Sunshine Auskick Centre

Friday 5.30pm-6.30pm

Ainsworth Reserve, West Sunshine

[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)



## 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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## EVERY DAY COUNTS!

In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year 6!

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with their classroom teacher as early as possible. Openly communicating with your child's teacher about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated. If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let their teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

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.

