

## TERM 3 WEEK 3: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July:	<b>TOMORROW - School Closure Day</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> July:	<b>Prep Celebrating 100 Days of School; School Assembly SVK – 2.30pm</b>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> July:	<b>Year 1 and 2 Excursion to Werribee Zoo</b>
July 31 <sup>st</sup> – Aug 4 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>Book Fair</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August:	<b>Prep Excursion to ACMI</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> August:	<b>School Assembly JFC – 2.30pm</b>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> August:	<b>St Mary MacKillop/Grandparents Mass (9.15am), Open Classrooms and Morning tea</b>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August:	<b>Year 5 Excursion to Caroline Chisholm Catholic College</b>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August:	<b>Reading Hour – 6.30pm – 7.30pm</b>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> August:	<b>Book Week Parade – 8.50am</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> August:	<b>Tickets go on sale for ‘Joseph’!! More information to follow soon.</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> August:	<b>Applications close for 2025 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5s</b>
September 12, 13 and 14:	<b>St Paul’s Production of ‘Joseph’</b>

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Year 3 and 4 students had a wonderful time at Phillip Island last week – no doubt the highlight was the penguin parade. It was beautiful night. I would like to thank Miss Ellen and Mrs Garcia for all their work organizing the camp. Thanks to all the staff who attended the camps – Miss Ellen, Miss Vivienne, Miss Genevieve, Mr Kowalczyk, Miss Eanya, Mrs Kathryn, Mr Adam, Mr Turner, Ms Cathy, Ms Haido, Ms Lopez, Mrs Nicole, Miss Nadia, Miss Maddy, Mrs Ashlea, Mrs Louise, Mrs Liz and Miss Emma. If it were not for these staff giving of their time so generously, there would be no camps. Once again the students are to be congratulated on the way they looked after each other and had lots of fun. Thanks also to the staff that remained at school and took on extra responsibilities during the camp.

What a wonderful day we had on Friday as we celebrated NAIDOC Celebration Day. We began the day with a Acknowledgement of Country Ceremony led by Kira from Djirri Djirri Dance Group. The children then participated in many activities including flying and decorating their boomerang, learning dances, playing sport and listening to Indigenous stories. A huge thank you to Mrs Ashlea, a proud Yorta Yorta Woman, for all her organisation of the day. Without her passion, the day would not have been as successful. Thanks also to all the staff who helped out in so many ways – special thanks to Mr Rob for organizing the fire for the smoking ceremony as well as cooking all the sausages for lunch. Thanks also to those who volunteered to assist with the sausage sizzle – Joe Baldacchino, Jacqui Batty, Christina Iacovella, Tania Ramos and Lien Vo.

I remind families that applications for **Year 7 in 2025** for Catholic Secondary Schools must be in **by Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> August**. Our Year 5 students must enrol by this date if they wish to attend a Catholic Secondary School in 2025.

Please feel free to join us for a very special Mass the Feast Day of St. Mary MacKillop / Grandparents Mass on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August. The Mass will be held at St. Paul’s Church and will begin at 9.15am. Grandparents will be able to visit the children in their classrooms after Mass and then join us for Morning Tea. Invitations went home last week.

If you have not enrolled your child in Prep for 2024, **please do so immediately**. Your child will be put on a waiting list if you do not apply immediately.

A reminder that there is no school for children **tomorrow** as all staff will be involved in a Math’s professional development day.

I hope you all have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento

Principal

## 2023 BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS – Weeks 4 & 5

- **Book Fair - Open on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> July, and ends on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, at 1.30pm.** The sale of books during the book fair helps earn new books for the library. Please note this is a voluntary event.
- **Reading Hour – Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, at 6.30pm.** Parents/Carers and students are invited to participate in reading activities in the library and other classrooms.
- **Book Week Parade – Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> August at 8.50am.** Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character, favourite book or a costume inspired by this year's book week theme 'Read, Grow, Inspire!'. Look out for the Seesaw postings for inspiration.

**Thank you for your wonderful support of our Library program, and keep reading!**

## JMA UPCOMING EXCURSION – Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

JMA will be attending an excursion to the Werribee Open Range Zoo as part of our Term 3 Inquiry unit 'What Do Animals Need To Survive?' Our aim is to familiarize the students with the habitats of animals. The students will participate in a session run by the zoo staff about animal habitats and attend a safari bus tour of the zoo. Buses will leave at 9am and return by 3pm.

Thank you very much for your kind support.

## 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.

## NAPLAN REPORTS

Earlier this year, our Year 3 and Year 5 students completed the 2023 National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy, commonly referred to as NAPLAN.

Please be advised that their confidential report with an informational brochure for parents has been sent home today with your child in a sealed envelope.

If you have any questions or require information translated, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

## 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

### **YEAR 7 PLACEMENT LETTER (STATE SCHOOL) FOR 2024**

Please note that Grade 6 students should have received the Year 7 (State School) placement notification letter sent home last week. Please complete the Placement Acceptance slip and return to the school office or classroom teacher by **9<sup>th</sup> August**.

If your child has not been accepted in their 1<sup>st</sup> preference, and you wish to appeal, you must complete the enclosed appeal form and hand it back to the school by **no later than 28<sup>th</sup> July**.

If you have any queries or need assistance, please call Helen at the office.

### **YEAR 5 EXCURSION TO CAROLINE CHISHOLM CATHOLIC COLLEGE – Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**

Year 5 students will be attending an excursion to Caroline Chisholm Catholic College in Braybrook to watch their school production of 'Chicago'.

Year 5 students will travel by bus to CCCC at 11.45am and return by bus to St Paul's school at 3pm. The students are asked to wear their full winter uniform and carry a small bag with their packed lunch (**no lunch orders please**).

The students are not allowed to bring electronic devices, mobile phones or money on the excursion.



On **Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of July** Preps will be celebrating 100 days of school! This day marks the one hundredth day of your Prep child's schooling.

We ask that on this day, the children come dressed in a celebration outfit (casual/party clothes) or they can choose to dress up like they are 100 years old (get creative with glasses, hair, walking stick). They will be participating in other fun activities relating to this special day.

We ask that on this day, your child brings 100 small objects to count. Please send this in a labeled bag. This could be paper clips, buttons, stickers, pencils or anything else you can think of!

### **PREP UPCOMING EXCURSION – Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

To support our Inquiry Unit 'How to help our fairytale friends' the Preps will be going on an excursion to ACMI where they will engage in a fairy tale and fantasy workshop. Here, they will gain an understanding of a green screen and how it's used, engage in dramatic play and turn themselves into fairytale characters.

Children are to wear full sports uniform and bring along their snack, lunch and a water bottle.



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- Be studying or have a child in school
- Have some regular income from work
- Be 18+ years old



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**Eligibility Criteria**

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- Unemployment
  - Health issues/illness
  - Financial difficulties
  - Independent living and/or homelessness
  - Natural disasters
  - Bereavement
  - Domestic and family violence



### Camps, Sports and Education Fund

**Funding to attend activities like:**

- school camps or trips
- swimming and school-organised sports programs
- outdoor education programs
- excursions and incursions

\$125 per year for eligible primary school students

\$225 per year for eligible secondary school students.



SCAN ME

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Parent must be a health/concession card holder;
- Or families on protection/bridging visas, or seeking asylum;
- Or children in out of home care



### Computerbank

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**Eligibility Criteria**

- Concession/Health Care Card holders
- Students
- Asylum seekers

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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.

