

TERM 3 WEEK 5: Monday 7th August, 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday 8th August:** St Mary MacKillop/Grandparents Mass (9.15am), Open Classrooms and Morning tea
- Wednesday 9th August:** Year 5 Excursion to Caroline Chisholm Catholic College
- Wednesday 9th August:** Reading Hour – 6.30pm – 7.30pm
- Thursday 10th August:** Second Hand Uniform Stall – 8.45am–9.15am
- Friday 11th August:** Book Week Parade – 8.50am
- Monday 14th August:** Tickets go on sale for 'Joseph' from 9.30am onwards
- Friday 18th August:** Applications close for 2025 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5s
- Friday 18th August:** School Assembly SAS – 2.30pm
- Monday 21st August:** The Wonder of Living Family Night for Years 5&6 Parents/Carers, 7pm
- Tuesday 29th August:** Second Hand Uniform Stall – 2.45pm–3.15pm
- Friday 1st September:** Father's Day Breakfast
- Friday 1st September:** School Assembly – JEF
- Friday 8th September:** St Paul's Children to attend 'Joseph' Matinee at Marian College – 10.00am (TBC)
- September 12, 13 and 14:** St Paul's Production of 'Joseph'
- Friday 15th September:** End of Term III – 1.00pm. Children can wear their favourite football colours.
- Monday 2nd October:** Beginning of Term IV – 8.40am
- Wednesday 29th November:** Carols Night 5.00pm – 7.00pm
- Thursday 7th December:** Graduation Mass
- Friday 15th December:** School Concludes for 2023 at 1.00pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we celebrate Book Week. I hope to see many of you at the Reading Hour on Wednesday night, 9th August, from 6.30pm – 7.30pm as well as the Book Week Parade on Friday 11th August at 8.50am. The children can dress up as their favourite book character. Thanks to Ms Michele, Ms Christine and Ms Karen for all their work to help us celebrate Book Week – especially for organising the Book Fair which raised \$1600 worth of books for our library – a tremendous effort.

Congratulation to our Prep Students who celebrated 100 days of Prep recently – they have developed so much in such a short time. Thanks to Miss Melissa Dvorscak, Miss Linda Hosni and Ms Rachael Barr for all their work making the 100 Day celebrations a special day for the Preps.

I remind families that applications for **Year 7 in 2025** for Catholic Secondary Schools must be in **by Friday, 18th 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 to be **held tomorrow, Tuesday, 8th 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.

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.

On Friday, September 1st at 7.30am there will be a sausage sizzle breakfast to celebrate Father's Day. All family members are welcome. Please keep this date free. More information will follow. The Father's Day Stall has been organised but the date is yet to be confirmed. The price of gifts will range from \$2 - \$9. More information to follow.

I hope you all have a great week.

Yours sincerely,
Damian Casamento
Principal

2023 BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

- **Reading Hour** – **This Wednesday, 9th August, at 6.30pm.** Parents/Carers and students are invited to participate in reading activities in the library and other classrooms.
- **Book Week Parade** – **This Friday, 11th 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!' Please refer to the hard copy sent home last week or posting on Audiri and Seesaw for some costume ideas and inspiration.

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

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the families who supported our Book Fair this year. Your generosity has earned our school library new books to the value of \$1600. What a wonderful gift for our students! We hope you enjoy reading together as a family.

Thank you,

Ms Michele and Ms Christine

YEAR 5 EXCURSION TO CAROLINE CHISHOLM CATHOLIC COLLEGE – Wednesday, August 9th

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 for Year 5 students**).

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

FAMILY NIGHT FOR YEARS 5&6 PARENTS/CARERS - Monday, August 21st @7pm

St Paul's school is offering Years 5&6 families the opportunity to participate in The Wonder of Living Family Enrichment Program on the topic of puberty education.

The Family Nights are warm and comfortable presentations using stories, video, shared conversations, activities, and take-home materials. The topics covered by the presenter are; puberty facts for boys and girls and emotional ups and downs. Other messages include handling change and uncertainty, talking to a trusted grown-up when you need support or information, identifying social media pressure (body perfection, selfie culture, viewing and sharing internet pornography) and acting in ways that are safe. The Family Night will be followed by one in-class Puberty and Q&A session for the students.

Please refer to the note sent home today for full details and complete/return the slip if you can attend the family night.

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 immediately. Please contact the school office for an enrolment form.

ST PAUL'S PRODUCTION TICKETS ON SALE – Monday, 14th August

You will need to book all tickets for 'Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' online from the *TryBooking.com* website. The website will be available for bookings from **Monday, 14th August 2023, from 9.30am onwards**. Please see below for how to order your tickets online.

Step 1: Use the website link, <https://www.trybooking.com/CJFFF> to log on to the online booking site.

QR Code



Step 2: Select the date that you wish to attend.

Step 3: Follow the prompts to select the seats you would like to purchase.

When booking seats, please do not leave a space between your seat and others that have previously been booked. We want to ensure that every ticket is sold.

Step 4: Follow the prompts for online payment.

The program \$5 (incl.GST), a great memento for the family, will be available for purchase on the performance nights.

Please contact the office on 9363 1568 if you need assistance with making your ticket booking.



MACSSIS

Imagine if, in about 20 minutes,
you could help improve your
child's school.

The MACSSIS family survey is open
Monday 28 August - Friday 15 September 2023.



In 2023, our school is participating in Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS). MACSSIS is an annual process whereby schools listen to the thoughts and feelings students, families and staff have about how their school can improve. These surveys help inform the ongoing improvement of schools across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The survey is available online and can be accessed from Monday 28th August until Friday 15th September 2023. The school is inviting all families to respond via this survey and participation is completely voluntary. There are no 'right' or 'wrong' answers – all responses are completely anonymous.

The survey is available in English, Arabic, Assyrian, Chaldean, simplified and traditional Chinese, Dinka, Hakha Chin, Karen, Tagalog, Vietnamese and Zomi.

In the coming weeks families will receive an email with details for how to access your survey. If you require any further information, please contact the school office.



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

- PLH Evelyn Dang
- PMD Rose Deak
- PRB Karen Rao
- JJM Jayden Rafoo
- JRC Titus Stunzner-Grey
- JTC Celine Nguyen
- JEF Louis Luong
- JFC Elizabeth Ramos
- JKL Dylan Trieu
- MEM Joanna Andemariam
- MET Siang Siang Hei
- MGO Angela Bernadino
- MKO Lumiere Bongwa
- MMK Emily Nguyen
- MSG Athena Rigor
- SAS Tristen Magro
- SCC Thuong Pham
- SCD Eva Salter
- SCR Julia Nguyen
- SHB Kenny Nguyen
- SVK Miriam Zaa Thang

A wonderful email from a visitor to the Werribee Zoo last Monday when our Junior students were there.

Hi there,
 I just want to quickly shoot through an email to say what a wonderful job the teachers did on the excursion, and how well behaved the kids were.
 I was at Werribee Zoo with my 3y/o and 8m/o today and we crossed paths with your school group a few times throughout the day.
 We've encountered many different schools at many different places on our days out, but your school stood out by miles.
 The teachers always made sure the kids were being respectful and giving other visitors space, while also making sure they got a turn and had opportunities to enjoy themselves.
 It was a great balance and I can only imagine what hard work it was to ensure the day ran smoothly, they did a fantastic job.
 The children should also be really proud of themselves! They did a great job representing the school and my 3y/o even made a comment about how they all had their listening ears on.
 Amazing job by all!



We extend our condolences to the Vu family (Laura – MEM and Selena – PMD) and the Nguyen family (Lena – JKL) following the recent passing of their Grandfather. Please keep the families in your prayers.

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

Your OSHC.

Program spotlight

St Paul's Primary School

Your OSHC by Camp Australia provides enriching experiences for children during term – before school, after school and on pupil free days. At Your OSHC we give children a supportive space to continue their development, build confidence and socialise with their friends.

What's coming up at Your OSHC this week: **7/8/2023 - 11/8/2023**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>10:30 - 11:30</p> <p>"It's time for" charades Children will take turns acting out something they would do during a time of the day and the other children have to guess.</p>	<p>10:30 - 11:30</p> <p>What's the time Mr. Wolf? One child is the Wolf. The children will call "What's the time Mr. Wolf?" The Wolf will respond with a time.</p>	<p>10:30 - 11:30</p> <p>Pizza Pockets Let's make pizza pockets!</p>	<p>10:30 - 11:30</p> <p>The Rainbow Fish The Rainbow Fish is a popular book and now let's make our own Rainbow Fish to swim around the OSHC Room.</p>	<p>10:30 - 11:30</p> <p>Post, Box, Letters & Cards Using recycled boxes children can work on making a post box. Using this they can then send each other letters and cards.</p>
<p>11:30 - 12:30</p> <p>Who am I? All about me worksheet.</p>	<p>11:30 - 12:30</p> <p>Paper Plane Championships Children each make a paper plane and they take turns racing each other to see whose wins by going the furthest.</p>	<p>11:30 - 12:30</p> <p>Ship to Shore Kids must listen to the captain's orders and do that action - until 'sharks in the water' is called and then everyone hunk!</p>	<p>11:30 - 12:30</p> <p>Go Fish Go Fish card game</p>	<p>11:30 - 12:30</p> <p>Group numbers game Children work together to get into number groups under a time limit.</p>

Register for Your OSHC

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Register now

Stop by and say hi!

Please feel free to visit the program with your children to meet the team and see what happens in our great program each school day.

Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

Visit our blog

To register and book visit www.campaustralia.com.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.

