

## TERM 1 WEEK 7: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

### DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Preps Attend School today and all future Wednesdays</b>
<b>March 13<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>NAPLAN</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Class Prayer Service JLH, JEF &amp; JKL – 10.00am, School Assembly JRC – 2.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>2025 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:</b>	<b>Class Reconciliation MGR, MET &amp; MAM – 10.00am, School Assembly JTH – 2.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>2025 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Easter Assembly 12.00pm, End of Term I – 1.00pm Children can wear plain clothes</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>Term II Commences at 8.40am</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>School Photos – More information to follow</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>Indonesian Day – More information to follow</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>2025 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am</b>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>ANZAC Day Public Holiday</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>School Closure Day – Staff developing skills/programs for students with additional needs</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night – 6.30pm – St Paul's School</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May:</b>	<b>International Day of Families – More information to follow</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May:</b>	<b>Mother's Day Breakfast – 7.30am</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May:</b>	<b>Mother's Day Stall</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May:</b>	<b>Class Reconciliation MEM, MVN &amp; MAK – 10.00am, School Assembly SKL – 2.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May:</b>	<b>2025 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May:</b>	<b>School Assembly SRC – 2.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May:</b>	<b>Sacrament of Eucharist Mass – 6.30pm – St Paul's Church</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May:</b>	<b>Celebration of National Sorry Day, School Assembly MAK – 2.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September:</b>	<b>Art Show (More information to follow)</b>

Dear Parents/Carers,

I ask you to keep in your thoughts and prayers the school communities of Caroline Chisholm Catholic College, Braybrook, St Mary's, Altona and Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Manor Lakes. The principal at CCCC, Mr Rob Brennan, passed away on Saturday night. In recent times, a student has passed away at St Mary's and a member of staff at OLSC. We ask God to be with their loved ones at this very sad time.

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) celebrates Catholic Education Week this year from 10–17 March. Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate their Catholic identity, the pivotal role they play within their local community and the strength of the sector. The theme is 'In the light of Christ'. I will be attending the Catholic Education Week Mass this Friday with our School Leaders, Miss Peplow and Miss Maddy. I thank all of our families for continuing to support Catholic Education.

A reminder that our Prep students attend school tomorrow and all Wednesdays from now on.

In Term II, there will be no school for students on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April (ANZAC Day) and Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April as all staff will be further developing their skills and programs to ensure students with additional needs can reach their full potential.

Term 1 concludes on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00pm. The children may wear plain clothes on this day. Term 2 commences at 8.40am on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento  
PRINCIPAL

## **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Congratulations to those children who received the Sacrament of Penance last week. It was a wonderful ceremony. The children participated reverently in this celebration. The children were very well prepared by Miss Peplow, Miss Eanya, Miss Ellen, Miss Amanda, Mrs Rhiannon, Mrs Gualtieri, Ms Amanda, Mrs Kylie and Miss Vivienne. We would like to thank them for all they did in preparation for this special Sacrament. Thanks also to Fr Rene and Fr Rowan for their help with the ceremony and all the staff for their assistance.

## **CHOIR CANCELLATION IN WEEK 8 – Next Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Please note that our choir will run normally this Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, but it will be cancelled in Week 8 (next Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March). The last choir rehearsal for this term will be on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you very much for your kind support.

## **NAPLAN 2024**

NAPLAN online testing begins tomorrow for students in Year 3 and Year 5. Tests for both Year 3 and Year 5 students will be conducted on the following days

- Writing - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March
- Reading - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March
- Conventions of Language - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March
- Numeracy - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

If a student is away on the day of a test there will be opportunities for them to do the missed test on another day until Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A brochure further explaining NAPLAN was sent home last week. Should you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or the school office. Information and demonstration tests can also be found on the following website: <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers>

## **RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EASTER – DONATIONS FOR OUR PRIZES OF HAMPERS**

Thank you to those families who have already returned their raffle tickets and money and have made donations to our prize hampers. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Donations of Easter Eggs, chocolates, lollies and gifts to the school for our prize hampers are to be in by March 18<sup>th</sup>. Tickets and money are due back by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOS – WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April this year – this is in the first week of Term 2. Children will need to be in their full summer school uniform. More information will follow later in the term.

## **2025 PREP ENROLMENTS**

Enrolments for Prep 2025 are now open. We encourage any parents/carers who have not enrolled their child for Prep in 2025 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. There will be several information sessions for 2025 Prep Parents/Carers. The next session will be held on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, at 1.30pm. Please let any interested people know of this date. Please ask them to contact the office to advise if they will be attending the session.

## **CANTEEN HELPERS for FRIDAYS PLEASE**

Volunteers are needed to assist in the canteen on FRIDAYS (12pm – 1.30pm) to put lunches into the baskets. We would be very grateful to have your assistance even if it can be for only a couple of hours. Please see Marlene or Jacqui in the canteen if you can help.

You can now use cash as well as CDFPay to pay for lunch orders – scan this QR Code to access CDFPay.



## **ANTI-BULLYING POLICY**

Each family received a copy of the St. Paul's Anti-Bullying Policy today. The policy is a reminder that the school will not tolerate any instances of bullying. Please note the definition of bullying in the policy:

*'Bullying is when someone, or a group of people, deliberately upset or hurt another person or damage their property, reputation or social acceptance on more than one occasion. There is an imbalance of power in incidents of bullying with the bully or bullies having more power at the time due to age, size, status or other reasons.'*

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/what.aspx>

The brochure lists types of bullying as well as what bullying is not. You are encouraged to contact your child's teacher in the first instance if you have any concerns as these can usually be sorted out quickly when the teacher is informed.

## **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 \$150. 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 2024 closes on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June.**



## LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to the SMA students who have been appointed as our library monitors! The roster is up on the pinboard at the foyer outside the canteen. We are looking forward to working with you all to help keep our library running smoothly. Below is the list of the 2024 Library Monitors:

Henry Tran (SKL)	Ethan Le (SAS)
Carmen Tran-Dang (SKL)	Ryan Pham (SAS)
Kendall Ilijoski (SKL)	Aishya Majak (SAS)
Min Tuta Thura (SKL)	Faith Quach (SAS)
Chloe Nguyen (SAK)	Alexia Apostolikas (SAS)
Cieanna Bugeja (SAK)	Harley Bonett (SAS)
Hana Nguyen (SCC)	Elyse Nguyen (SRC)
Pumy Piyathunga (SCC)	Damon Tang (SRC)

## FREE CRICKET PROGRAM AT ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

Last Wednesday a number of children participated in the St Paul's after school cricket program. It took place on the DCG and the children had lots of fun.

The program continues for the next three Wednesdays [13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March] from 3pm to 4pm and it's not too late to join. There are also giveaways and the program is free.

Please see the QR code in this newsletter for more information.



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Bookings Open  
10 March

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Tuesday 2 – Sunday 14 April  
Scan to see program



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## INDONESIAN NEWS - BERITA INDONESIA

Save the date for the Indonesian Day Celebration at our school on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Term 2 and get ready to embark on a cultural journey as we gear up to celebrate Indonesian Day with red and white colours. The day will be filled with engaging activities including traditional dance workshops, gamelan (traditional instruments), wayang kulit (shadow puppetry performance), traditional dances and becak rides (traditional pedicab). This is an opportunity for our school to expand the students' knowledge of the Indonesian language, history and customs through engaging educational sessions and informative presentations as we come together as a school community to celebrate diversity and embrace the beauty of Indonesian culture.

Terima kasih - Ibu Santi



## DIVISION SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last Thursday three students from our school represented the Sunshine District in the Maribyrnong Division Swimming Championships at Oak Park Sports and Aquatic Centre. Congratulations to Rebecca Le (SCC), Henry Tran (SKL) and Riley Scott (SAK). All three swam really well, narrowly missing on qualifying for the Western Region Championships. It was a particularly brave effort from Riley who was recovering from an arm injury.



*This little fellow in Lane 8 tried hard at the Swimming Championships too!*

# GIRL SOCCER PLAYERS

## JOIN US IN 2024

Sunshine Heights JSC is calling for expressions of interest from Girl players from U8 - U14 to join our family friendly club.

If you are keen to join us, please join us for training on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** at Castley Reserve Sunshine West, **5:30-6:30pm** or email us at [theclub@sunshineheightsjsc.com.au](mailto:theclub@sunshineheightsjsc.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.*

