

TERM 2 WEEK 6: Monday 20th May, 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 20 th May:	Bookings for Learning Conversations on June 20 open at 4pm.
Friday 24 th May:	Celebration of National Sorry Day – Chn to wear Yellow , School Assembly MAK – 2.30pm
Monday 27 th May:	SMA Excursion to Werribee Zoo
Friday 31 st May:	School Assembly MAM – 2.30pm
Tuesday 4 th June:	Second Hand Uniform Stall – 2.45pm – 3.15pm MMA Camp Information Session – Camp Doxa – 6.30pm – 7.30pm (Online)
Friday 7 th June:	Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass 10.00am, St Paul's Church, School Assembly JLH – 2.30pm
Monday 10 th June:	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Thursday 13 th June:	Bookings for Learning Conversations close at 2.30pm (Please note change)
Friday 14 th June:	Class Mass MGR, MET & MAM – 10.00am, School Assembly MVN – 2.30pm
Thursday 20 th June:	Learning Conversations – Online 1.30pm – 7.00pm – School Finishes at 1.00pm
Friday 21 st June:	Book Week Parade – 9.00am – More information to follow
Thursday 27 th June:	Ss Peter and Paul Feast Day Celebrations - (More information to follow)
Friday 28 th June:	School Assembly JMC – 12.30pm – End of Term 2 – 1.00pm – children can wear plain clothes
Monday 15 th July:	Beginning of Term III 8.40am
Mon 15 th – Wed 17 th July:	SMA Camp – Lady Northcote Camp, Bacchus Marsh
Thursday 12 th September:	Art Show (More information to follow)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Thursday, the Executive Director of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools, Dr Ed Simons, visited St Paul's. He visited classrooms, looked at the refurbished classrooms and the current building works and he spoke to students and staff. He joined us for morning tea and thanked all staff for their contribution to St Paul's. He felt very welcomed by the students and staff. He expressed disappointment that the State Government had decided not to give \$400 to all Catholic families and encouraged you to contact our State Member, Mrs Sarah Connolly and say that all families in schools should receive the \$400 as all families are struggling financially – whether their children are attending State or Catholic schools. Information was emailed to you and put on the school app to assist you with this. I thank Dr Simons for taking time to visit St Paul's and for the way he is leading Catholic Schools in Melbourne.

Congratulations to our children who received the Sacrament of Eucharist last Friday evening. The children participated reverently in the celebration. Many thanks to Miss Lisa Peplow, Miss Ellen McKitterick, Miss Eanya Tone, Miss Amanda Mach, Ms Amanda Rowe, Mrs Kylie Ponce Rios, Mrs Jennifer Gualtieri, Mrs Rhiannon Micallef and Miss Vivienne Nguyen for the way they prepared the children. Thanks also to the school choir for singing so well – they sounded beautiful. Thanks to Mrs Michele Micallef and Ms Lynette Grixti for leading the choir. I would also like to thank the St. Paul's staff for their assistance prior to and on the day. Thanks also to Father Joseph and Father Luis for leading us in a very beautiful liturgy. We hope all the children will always remember this special day and that they will regularly attend Mass with their family and receive the Eucharist many more times.

National Sorry Day is celebrated on May 26th and National Reconciliation Week is celebrated from May 27th until 3rd June each year. We are celebrating National Sorry Day this Friday, 24th May. National Sorry Day is a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how Australians can all play a part in the healing process for the people and nation. National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2024, **Now More Than Ever**, reminds us that, no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will, and must, continue. For the work of generations past, and the benefit of generations future, let's choose to create a more just, equitable and reconciled country for all.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,
Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

NO CHOIR REHEARSAL THIS WEEK

Please be advised that the choir rehearsal has been cancelled for this Wednesday, 22nd May. Please make sure your child who is in the choir, is to be picked up at 3pm on Wednesday. Thanks for your kind support.

UPCOMING LEARNING CONVERSATIONS – Thursday, 20th June 2024

Learning Conversations (Parent Teacher Interviews) will be held online via Google Meet on Thursday 20th June from 1.30pm. Please refer to the hard copies of the letter and the booking instructions sent home last week via your eldest children for the details. Children will be dismissed at 1.00pm to allow conversations to begin at 1.30pm.

Bookings will open TODAY, 20th May, at 4.00pm and must be finalised before **2.30pm (Note change) on Thursday, 13th June**, when bookings for this event will close. 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 ‘**rzy2b**’ to get access to the booking page.

If your child is in SAS, please ensure you use a different code for booking online. Please refer to a separate letter sent home via your child in SAS for the dates and booking instructions.

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.

The children’s reports will be sent home on Monday 17th June.

SORRY DAY AND RECONCILIATION WEEK – This Friday, 24th May

This week we will be celebrating National Sorry Day on Friday 24th of May. Please note that National Sorry Day is actually on Sunday the 26th of May. However, our school will be celebrating early due to it falling on a weekend.

This Friday all students are asked to come dressed in **YELLOW!** Yellow is the colour of the sun in the Aboriginal Flag.

SMA EXCURSION TO WERRIBEE ZOO – Next Monday, 27th May

SMA will be attending an excursion to Werribee Zoo to learn about animal adaptations, features and to observe animals in a variety of habitats. Following the excursion, students will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding through our Inquiry Unit.

Please note the students are required to wear sport uniform and pack a snack, lunch and water bottle in a small backpack. **Students are not allowed to bring electronic devices, mobile phones or money to the excursion.**

If you haven’t returned the permission form to school please do it asap. Thank you very much for your kind support.

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 and download a form. Prep Interviews will begin next week. Please note - If you have not submitted an application for Prep 2025, your child may be put on a waiting list.

ST. PAUL’S SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL

Please note that the next date for the selling from the St. Paul’s Second Hand Uniform Stall is Tuesday, 4th June. Items of clothing will be sold 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 faded logos.

Thanks to Effie Ross, Tana Degala and Kayla Strinovic for assisting at the stall last Thursday.

HEADLICE

Please remember to check your child/ren’s hair regularly for headlice. There have been reports of headlice in some classes. Whilst your child may not be affected, head lice are extremely contagious. If you notice any signs you will need to treat the child’s hair immediately. It is also a good idea to treat all other members of the family. If you need further advice please contact your local Council or pharmacist.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2024

The following dates are very important for **ALL** students who will be attending secondary school in 2026 – our current Year 5 students. If applications for Catholic Secondary School are not in by Friday 16th August, 2024 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

16th August 2024: Applications close for 2026 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 students

18th October 2024: Offers posted to prospective 2026 Year 7 applicants

8th November 2024: Final date for families to accept offers made by the Secondary School



Dr Edward Simon, Executive Director, Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) visiting St Paul's.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS UPDATE

Please note that our interschool sport match against Our Lady's this week is now being played at their school, not St. Paul's as previously advised.



With this app we can keep you informed about events, changes to timetables, give you access to permission notes, newsletters, emergency alerts and/or report your child's absence. You need to have an email address to open an account on **Audiri** app.

For Android users and iPhone users:

- Search **Audiri** in the Google play store or in the App store, and install it on your phone, PC or tablet.
- For new users, click "**Sign up**" to create an account and follow the prompts.
- Opening this app, click on + icon, then type "**St Paul's Primary Sunshine West**" to search for our school. Once our school is found, click on the icon on the right to turn it on 
- Now that you get access to St. Paul's App, click on "**Posts**" at the bottom to view all St Paul's School publications.

To report your child's absence: Click on "**Forms**" at the bottom, then "**Absentee Form**", fill up this form and submit it.

To update your changes: Click on "**Forms**" at the bottom, then "**Change of Details**", fill up this form and then **Submit** it.

* **Note:** You can also get access to these forms by clicking on "**Resources**", then "**Forms**".

HOW TO ENCOURAGE GOOD BEHAVIOUR: 15 TIPS

A positive and constructive approach is often the best way to guide your child's behaviour. This means giving your child attention when he behaves well, rather than just applying consequences when he does something you don't like.

For further information visit

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/encouraging_good_behaviour.html/context/1758

There are also translations in Vietnamese, Arabic, Persian, simplified Chinese available online.



Outside School Hours Care
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May 2024
St. Paul's Primary School

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National Reconciliation Week
in After School Care

27 May - 3 June
Book now

A message from your Coordinator

The children have all settled in term 2, with a wide range of activities, Lego, Painting, play dough, gardening and indoor /outdoor games in Before and After School Care.

We would love to meet some new families and have the opportunity to catch up with families who have not visited this year. We are having an open morning Thursday 23rd of May from 8.30 am till 9.00 am please drop in and have look around/ask questions.

Each day, we give a copy of the roll to the school to help ensure all children who are booked into After School Care make it over safely. If your circumstances change and you no longer need care, please inform the school and either our Customer Care Team or the Coordinator so that the service is aware.

We hope to see you soon!

Your OSHC St Paul's Team.

0401 362 738



Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

Book now

Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at www.campastralia.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.

