

TERM 2 WEEK 7: Monday 27th May, 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

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)
Thursday 6 th June:	Reading Hour for Book Week – 6.30pm
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
Monday 17 th June:	Children's School Reports sent home
June 17 th – 20 th :	Book Fair in Library – more information to follow
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 – Mass at St Paul's Church – 9.45am (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,

Congratulations to Mrs Jacqui Kuvanci and her husband Anton on the safe arrival of their second child, Adem last Tuesday 21st May - a little brother for Mila. We look forward to meeting Adem later in the year.

Friday was a special day as we celebrated National Sorry Day. Unfortunately, Aunty Annette was unable to lead us in a Welcome to Country and a smoking ceremony. However, we had an Acknowledgement of Country lead by Mrs Ashlea Niemi, our Koori Education Worker, and a proud Yorta Yorta Woman. Many thanks to Ashlea for all her organisation of the day. Without her passion, the day would not have been as successful.

The children's reports will be sent home on Monday, 17th June. Learning Conversations will be held on Thursday, 20th June between 1.30pm and 7.00pm. (Please note SAS have their conversations on Wednesday 19th June between 3.30pm – and 6.30pm and on Thursday 20th from 1.30pm – 3.30pm.) 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 160 families who have already booked their times online. If you haven't done so, please do so as soon as possible. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au, enter the code **rzy2b** and press "Go". If your child is in SAS, the code is **hftu5**.

If you have not enrolled your child in Prep for 2025, please do so immediately. If you have not submitted an application, your child may be put on a waiting list. We began 2025 Prep Interviews this week and they will continue over coming weeks.

Term II concludes on Friday 28th 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 15th July at 8.40am

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

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 recently via your eldest child for the details. Children will be dismissed at 1.00pm to allow conversations to begin at 1.30pm.

Bookings are now open and must be finalised before **2.30pm 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 the code 'hftu5' when booking a time 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.

MMA CAMP INFORMATION SESSION (ONLINE) – Tuesday, 4th June, at 6:30pm

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Camps and excursions provide a valuable experience for students to learn and grow outside of the classroom setting. As part of our preparation for camp, we will be holding an information evening to discuss camp facilities and activities that the children will participate in. **The information evening will be held online using 'Google Meet' on Tuesday 4th June at 6:30pm** using the following link: meet.google.com/uga-fbyd-fxn.

This link will also be posted to your child's Seesaw account for your convenience.

All information presented that evening will be posted to the Seesaw platform.

We look forward to seeing you at our information night.

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.

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO READING HOUR!

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first event in our Book Week celebrations this year is our annual Reading Hour, taking place in Week 8 **Thursday 6th June from 6.30pm.**

Please come along and enjoy a library session with Ms Michele in the library while your children choose from an assortment of reading activities provided by our dedicated staff who willingly give up their time to volunteer because they are extremely passionate about the importance of reading.

Because of the popularity of this evening please complete the form below so we know how many adults and children will be attending.

Please note, children must be accompanied by you and cannot be dropped off on their own.

We're excited to take you through a library session, hope to see you there!

Ms Michele and Ms Cook

Library Teachers

Reading Hour Thursday June 6th 6:30pm start. Doors open 6:20pm!

Number of Adults attending:

Number of prep/Junior students attending:

Number of Middle/Senior students attending:

Number of children younger than school age:

NATIONAL SORRY DAY

Wominjeka! On Friday we came to school dressed in yellow for National Sorry Day. National Sorry Day is an annual event that commemorates the mistreatment of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people but in particular the Stolen Generation. It is held on the 26th of May and is the beginning of Reconciliation week in Australia. As a whole school community we discussed how we can all "Walk together towards Reconciliation", and why it is important for us all to acknowledge the historical mistreatment, of those impacted by the Stolen Generation. Students decorated foot printouts with Aboriginal symbols and also wrote about "walking together as one". The students feet will be on display on the Performing Arts Room windows this week. We are all walking on Wurundjeri Country together and what happened many years ago is very much apart of every Australian's history.



CHILDREN'S ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

There are various ways that you can contact the school to advise that your child is absent from school.

- 1. Contact the office:** Call 9363 1568, select 1 and then advise that your child is absent on this day. Please include your name, the child's name, the class, the date and the reason for the absence.
- 2. Via Audiri App:** Use the 'Absentee Form' in this app. This form can be found under the section 'Forms'.
- 3. Email:** Send an email to office@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au or your child's class teacher on their school email address.
- 4. Written Note:** A written note may be sent in advance if you know your child will be absent. If he/she is going on an extended holiday, a written note must be provided.

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.

Program spotlight

St Paul's Primary School

Your OSHC

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: **27/5/2024 - 31/5/2024**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rainbow Beads Creative colorful bead making	BIG ART lego families Share your Family's culture with your friends and peers, while using your building and crafting skills.	Trust games Trust walk with one person blindfolded and partner guides them through an obstacle course.	Master - Basketball A competitive basketball game requiring quick reflexes.	Painting with stencils Use stencils and paint to create art.
Tea Bag Printing What shapes and patterns can we make with Tea	Number Soccer Finish the day with a group game of number soccer!	Lego Copycat Challenge Put your cooperative and communication skills to the test in the Lego Copycat Challenge!	Football Skills Comp. Children engaging in a football kicking competition - distance, skills, height, competitions.	Games Tournament Grab some friends, make a team and challenge each other to a board game tournament.

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

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

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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.

