

TERM 2

WEEK 4: Monday 12th May, 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 15 th May:	Prep Excursion to Traffic School
Thursday 15 th May:	2026 Prep Information Session – St Paul's School, 1:30pm
Friday 16 th May:	Class Reconciliation - MAR, MGR and MVN 10.00am, School Assembly – MAR – 2.30pm (Note Change)
Tuesday 20 th May:	School Closure Day – Professional Practice Day for Staff – no school for students
Wednesday 21 st May:	Year 3 and 4 Camp Information Session, St Paul's School, 3:15pm – 3:45pm
Thursday 22 nd May:	Sacrament of Confirmation 6.30pm St Paul's Church
Friday 23 rd May:	First Round of the Indonesian Speaking Competition
Friday 23 rd May:	School Assembly JRB – 2.30pm
Friday 30 th May:	National Reconciliation Week Celebrations, School Assembly – SHG – 2.30pm
Friday 6 th June:	School Assembly – JCL – 2.30pm
Monday 9 th June:	King's Birthday Public Holiday – No school for students
Friday 13 th June:	School Assembly – MEM – 2.30pm
Thursday 19 th June:	Learning Conversations – Online on Google Meet 1.30pm – 7.00pm-School Finishes at 1.00pm
Friday 20 th June:	Class Mass – MEM, MAM and MLD, School Assembly – SCC – 2.30pm (Note change)
Monday 23 rd June:	International Day of Families – More information to follow
Wednesday 25 th June:	2026 Prep Information Session – St Paul's School, 1:30pm
Friday 27 th June:	Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass – 10.00am at St Paul's Church
Thursday 3 rd July:	Feast day of St Peter and St Paul Mass and Activities (More information to follow)
Friday 4 th July:	End of Term II – 1.00pm. Children can wear plain clothes.
Monday 21 st July:	Beginning of Term III 8.40am
21 st – 23 rd July:	SMA Camp 1 (SAS, SCC, SHG)
23 rd – 25 th July:	SMA Camp 2 (SAK, SKL, SRC)
28 th – 29 th July:	MMA Camp - CYC the Island Camp – Phillip Island
September 11, 15, 16 and 17	New dates for Production – more information to follow.

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have the opportunity to recognise some very important people in our school. On Wednesday we acknowledge Mrs Trish Morris, our office receptionist, as it is National Receptionist Day. I often hear from families and visitors how welcoming Trish is and how she lights up the office. We thank her for all she does for our community. All staff who fill in at the front office from time to time are to be thanked for the way they make our visitors feel welcome. On Friday, May 16th, we will celebrate all that the Education Support Staff do in our schools. Our Office and Canteen Staff, Learning Support Officers, Miss Karen, our Library Technician and Mr Rob, our Maintenance Officer are vital to the educational journey of our students. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Education Support Staff at St Paul's for all they do to ensure the smooth running of our school. They are always so flexible and take on so many different roles when necessary - the work they do is so important for St Paul's. Without them, we would not be the wonderful, welcoming school that we are.

The children's reports will be sent home on Monday 16th June. Learning Conversations (Parent Teacher Interviews) will be held on Thursday 19th June between 1.30pm and 7.00pm. Children will be dismissed at 1.00pm to allow conversations to begin at 1.30pm. **Please note the interviews will be held online via Google Meet.** Information to book an appointment was sent home today – bookings open next Monday, 19th May at 4.00pm.

Thank you to those families who attended the Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night last week. Thanks to the staff for supporting the families on the night. We look forward to the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday May 22nd at 6.30pm at St Paul's Church. On Thursday, we have Bishop Martin Ashe visiting the Year 5 and 6 students to talk about this Sacrament.

There will be no school on Tuesday, May 20th as all staff will be participating in Professional Practice activities.

I hope all the Mother's had a wonderful day yesterday. All the best for the week ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento

PRINCIPAL

2026 PREP ENROLMENTS – ONLINE APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Enrolments for Prep 2026 are now open. This year, there is a change to the way we will accept enrolments. All enrolments must be completed online – you need to go to our website - www.spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au, click on ‘Enrolment Information’ and then ‘Apply Now’. Please ensure you apply as soon as possible as we are interviewing 2026 Preps and Families over the coming weeks. If you don’t apply in the near future, you may be put on a waiting list.

UPCOMING LEARNING CONVERSATIONS – Thursday, 19th June 2025

Learning Conversations (Parent Teacher Interviews) will be held online via Google Meet on Thursday 19th June from 1.30pm. Please refer to the hard copies of the letter and the booking instructions sent home today 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 on Monday 19th May, at 4.00pm and must be finalised before **2.00pm on Thursday, 12th 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 ‘**npr8a**’ to get access to the booking page.

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.

PREPS’ EXCURSION TO TRAFFIC SCHOOL – This Thursday, 15th May

To support our Inquiry Unit ‘How do our senses keep us safe?’, the Preps will be going on an excursion to Brimbank Bicycle Education Centre in Keilor Downs (Green Gully Reserve) to practise riding bikes and to learn road rules.

Please make sure your child has their snack, lunch and water bottle packed in a small backpack clearly labelled with their name. The Preps are to wear full sports uniform and closed toe footwear suitable for bike riding (runners).

MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

Thank you to all those mothers, grandmothers, aunts and any other important mother figures who joined us for breakfast last Tuesday morning. It was wonderful to see so many of our students sharing breakfast with our guests and other family members. It was a wonderful community event. Thanks to Mrs Annamaria Schembri for all she did to organise the breakfast and to all the staff for their support of this special event.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

The Mother’s Day Stall was a great success last Thursday. There were so many great gifts available for the children to purchase – we know you would all have loved the gifts your children bought for you. We would like to thank Kayla Strinovic for all her work setting up the stall, purchasing the gifts and assisting with selling the gifts. Thanks also to Grace Scimone, Mae Il Basco, Anna Le, Katie Boljevic, Tania Ramos and Tana Degala for their assistance at the stall. Without their help, the stall wouldn’t have been so successful. \$4361.55 was raised – what a magnificent effort. Thank you.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR PREP FAMILIES – Tuesday, 13th May

Please join us for an information session about Reading and Maths so that you can support your children at home with their learning.

Date: Tuesday, 13th May **Time:** 9am or 2pm **Where:** St Paul’s School
(Please note both sessions will cover the same content.)

TEETH ON WHEELS’ VISIT TO ST PAUL’S

Teeth on Wheels will be visiting St. Paul’s Primary School, commencing 17/06/2025. Please scan the QR code on the brochure below to complete your child’s consent form by no later than 11/06/2025.

The Teeth on Wheels team will then be in contact to confirm and schedule your child’s appointment.



EXCITING NEWS
Healthy Smiles, Start Here!

Oral Health Educational Program

Teeth On Wheels is coming to our school, bringing expert dental care and fun oral health education for your little ones. With convenient on-site check-ups, we’re making it easy to keep their smiles healthy and strong.

Our dental services include:

- ✓ Check-ups
- ✓ Clean
- ✓ Fluoride Treatments
- ✓ X-rays
- ✓ Preventative Sealants
- ✓ Fillings

With government support, your child could be eligible for **FREE DENTAL CARE**, sign up today and find out how!

Don't miss out. Sign up today!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM

TeethOnWheels  TeethOnWheelsAustralia  #teethonwheels
Phone: (03) 9338 1191
Email: info@teethonwheels.com.au

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025

The following dates are very important for **ALL** students who will be attending secondary school in 2027 – our current Year 5 students. If applications for Catholic Secondary School are not in by Friday 15th August, 2025 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

15th August 2025: Applications close for 2027 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 Students

17th October 2025: Offers posted to prospective 2027 Year 7 applicants

7th November 2025: Final date for families to accept offers made by the Secondary School

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 \$154. 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. **It is important that you submit this CSEF form to be assessed for the school bonus of \$400 per child at Catholic schools. Therefore, please submit the CSEF form ASAP.**

Child Safety Survey

At St Paul's Primary School, we are committed to maintaining a safe, supportive environment for all children.

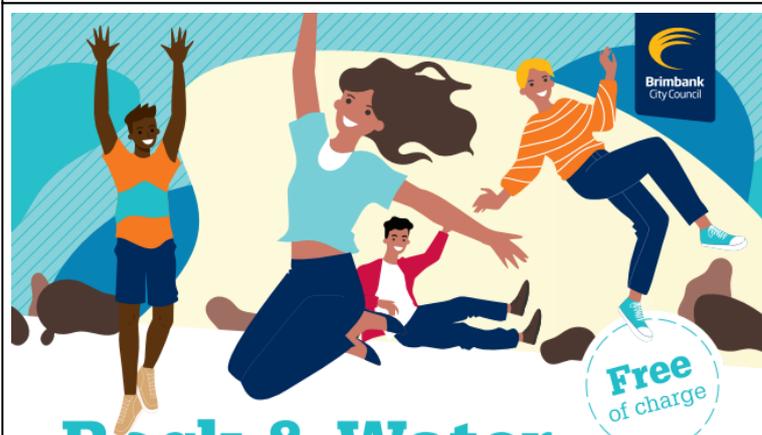
This survey invites families to share their experiences and perspectives on our child safety practices. It is part of a broader review that includes interviews conducted by One Red Apple.

Your feedback is important, even if you are not attending an interview. The survey should take around 5 minutes to complete. All responses are anonymous unless you choose to identify yourself. Please use the QR code below or [click here](#) to complete the survey.

The survey closes on Friday 16th May.

Thank you for helping us continue to strengthen child safety and wellbeing at our school.

Rebeca Gernon Lisa Peplow Damian Casamento
Student Wellbeing Leader Child Safety Officer Principal



Rock & Water Social skills program for young people

Develop your confidence, self-belief, and mental strength as part of this six-week program for young people aged 11 to 14 years old.

Rock & Water is a social skills program aimed at raising self-awareness of personal strengths and abilities. It supports young people to manage the responsibilities and challenges they might encounter.

The program builds on the complementary strengths of 'the rock' and 'the water'. One is firm and assertive, while the other is flexible and willing to cooperate.

Fun and engaging exercises and activities will help you learn about:

- Control
- Focus
- Balance
- Letting Go
- Assertiveness
- Body language
- Communication
- Safety
- Personal boundaries
- Connection
- Mental strength

- 11-14yr olds living or schooling in Brimbank
- Every **Wednesday** from **28 May to 2 July 2025**
- 4-5pm
- Sunshine Library
301 Hampshire Rd, Sunshine VIC 3020
(Wurundjeri Country)

Limited spots available, please register via Eventbrite QR or via www.brimbankyouth.com/our-programs

For enquiries please email bys@brimbank.vic.gov.au



131 450
Local call costs apply

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

Bridging Now to Next

27 MAY – 3 JUNE

#NRW2025



RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU



Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter

12/05/2025

Camp Australia St. Pauls West Sunshine



Camp Australia
Guiding Children's Growth

Your OSHC. **ROCKETEERS**

OSHC **LEGO Masters Week**

12-16 May

in After School Care



With exclusive challenge videos from Brickman

LEGO MASTERS

Your OSHC.

Book now!

Dear St. Paul's Primary Families,

Welcome to an exciting journey where creativity knows no bounds! We're bringing the ultimate LEGO experience to the school holidays and Term 2, featuring exclusive tips and challenges created by Brickman from **LEGO Masters!** Get ready to build, create, and become a LEGO® Master!

LEGO Masters Week (12th - 16th May)

Put your creativity and skills to the test during LEGO Masters Week! From Monday 12th May to Friday 16th May, we will be running exciting LEGO Masters challenges inspired by the incredible Brickman videos. Each day, your child will have the chance to create, build, and showcase their LEGO masterpieces in After School Care.

Big Art Fridays (Every Friday)

And don't forget, Fridays are for creativity! Every week in After School Care, we host Big Art Fridays, where children can dive into all kinds of artistic activities. From painting to creative writing, and everything in between, Fridays are a time for your child to showcase their individuality and express themselves in their own unique way. It's a great time to get together with friends and celebrate creativity!

Whether it's crafting a masterpiece or telling a story through art, your child will have the chance to create something special every Friday.

We can't wait to see what your child builds and creates!

If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to reach out to the OSHC team. You can contact St. Pauls OSHC 0401 362 738. Let's make this week full of fun, creativity, and community spirit!

Best regards,
Kylie Hayes
Service Leader

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

Activities coming up

- 5 Lego Challenges
- Model magic
- Painting

Make a booking

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

Book now

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.

