

TERM 1 WEEK 2: Monday 5th February, 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 14 th February:	Ash Wednesday Mass 10.00am St. Paul's Church
Friday 16 th February:	First Assembly for 2024 – Presentation of SRC for 2024 – 2.30pm
Tuesday 20 th February:	Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Night 6.30pm St. Paul's School
Thursday 22 nd February:	2025 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 23 rd February:	School Assembly MGR – 2.30pm
Monday 26 th February:	School Closure Day – No School for Students
Thursday 28 th February:	2025 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 1 st March:	Class Prayer Service JRC, JTH & JMC – 10.00am, School Assembly MEM – 2.30pm
Monday 4 th March:	2025 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Wednesday 6 th March:	Sacrament of Penance 6.30pm St. Paul's Church – Year 3 Students
Friday 8 th March:	School Assembly MAK – 2.30pm
Monday 11 th March:	Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 12 th March:	2025 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Wednesday 13 th March:	Preps Attend School today and all future Wednesdays
March 13 th – 25 th :	NAPLAN
Friday 15 th March:	Class Prayer Service JLH, JEF & JKL – 10.00am, School Assembly JRC – 2.30pm
Monday 18 th March:	2025 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Friday 22 nd March:	Class Reconciliation MGR, MET & MAM – 10.00am, School Assembly JTH – 2.30pm
Wednesday 27 th March:	2025 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Thursday 28 th March:	Easter Assembly 12.00pm, End of Term I – 1.00pm Children can wear plain clothes
Monday 15 th April:	Term II Commences at 8.40am
Wednesday 17 th April:	School Photos – More information to follow

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank those family and friends who attended the Beginning of the Year Mass on Friday. It was a very special ceremony. Thanks to all the children, especially the Preps, for the way they sat quietly and listened to Fr. Rene and for their wonderful singing.

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. There will be several information sessions for 2025 Prep Parents/Carers. The first session will be held on Thursday, 22nd February, at 9.15am. 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.

There will be no school for children on Monday February 26th as staff will be further developing their knowledge of the ways children think and practising these thinking strategies in the classroom. There will be no school on Monday 11th March as the school will be closed for the Labour Day Public Holiday.

All children should be wearing the St. Paul's hat during Term I. Any students not wearing the hats will be required to sit in the shade. No other hats are permitted to be worn.

I will be on leave from Thursday this week and will return to school on Tuesday 13th February – if you have any concerns please contact Miss Cathy Doran or Mrs Louise Collison – our Deputy Principals.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

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

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2024

The dates for the celebration of the Sacraments and the Family nights in 2024 are:

Sacrament of Penance Family Night (Year 3) Tuesday, February 20th at 6.30pm – St. Paul's School

Sacrament of Penance (Year 3) Wednesday, March 6th at 6.30pm – St. Paul's Church

Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night (Year 3) Tuesday, April 30th at 6.30pm - St. Paul's School

Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3) Friday, May 17th at 6.30pm – St. Paul's Church

Please note that St Paul's School will not be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024.

FEES/LEVIES

Your child's levies are now due. Please pay all levies promptly. School fees are due on February 9th. Accounts were emailed to the families last week. You can pay your school fees and levies with a credit card or by direct debit from a nominated bank account or from your Centrelink payments. If you would like this to happen, please come to the office to collect a form.

CANTEEN

You can now use cash as well as CDFPay to pay for lunch orders - see below for more info on how to use CDFPay. Volunteers are needed to assist in the canteen especially FRIDAYS. We would be very grateful to have your assistance even if it can be for only a couple of hours per week. Please see Marlene or Jacqui in the canteen if you can help.

ANAPHYLAXIS

There are several children at school who suffer from allergic reactions to various forms of food, plants, bites and stings. The Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCI) does not recommend the banning of particular items. This is based on the premise that for school age children, an essential step is to develop strategies for avoidance in the wider community as well as at school. All staff have undertaken anaphylactic training and will have it renewed this term. The school has a thorough policy, action plan and procedures for each child, including first aid response and medication storage, to ensure the wellbeing of all students. Please visit www.allergy.org.au for more information.

CHOIR COMMENCES THIS WEEK

Reminder that Middle and Senior Choir or MaSC commences **this Wednesday, 7th February, from 3pm to 4.00pm in the Performing Arts Room.**

Hard copies of the choir note have been sent home today for those who are interested in joining the choir. The permission note must be completed and returned so that your child can join the choir. Please make sure you pick up your child promptly at **4.00pm** on Wednesdays.

Thank you for your kind support.

FIRST AID

We would appreciate any donations of boxes of tissues for our first aid supplies. Thank you for your continued support.



CDFpay is one way for you to order your child's lunch at St Paul's – you can also pay by cash for your child's lunch order. Please log onto <https://spsunshinewest.cdfpay.org.au> to create your account if you are a new parent.

Please make sure you click on the tab that says 'New Parent Account' and follow the steps.

If you have already signed up before, please remember to go into your account and edit your child's class name for 2024.

If you have any difficulty setting up an account, please contact the school office on 9363 1568 for assistance.

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, 28th June.**

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

The yard is supervised from 8.25am every morning. Parents are asked not to send their children to school before this time. Class teachers are at school but they are unable to supervise children because they will be preparing for the day's activities. Before School Care Program operates every morning. Parents who need to drop off their children early will need to use this service. Kylie Hayes and Irije Demeri are the co-ordinators of the program. They can be contacted on 0401 362 738.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOING PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL PERFORMANCES, ASSEMBLIES, SPORTING AND OTHER SANCTIONED SCHOOL EVENTS

St. Paul's Primary School allows members of the school community to take photographs and videos of their children at school assemblies, class presentations, performances, sporting events etc.

In accordance with the Privacy & Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic), Copyright Act 1968 (Cth) & Education Department guidelines, members of the school community are restricted to only photograph / video their children. These images must not be published on social media or in any other form without the prior consent of parents & guardians whose children may unintentionally appear in the images.

The school does not permit any member of the school community or invited guest to take photographs / videos of the bi-annual school production.

Note: The school does not own or control any photographs or video taken by members of the school community or invited guests.

OPERATION SCHOOLS BACK

Local Police together with members of the Highway Patrol are running an operation to mark the start of the school year. Operation Schools Back will target the safety of students arriving and departing school with the major focus being the enforcement of the 40kmph school zones. Motorists are asked to be vigilant before and after school as there will be increased pedestrian, road and pushbike traffic. Please allow an extra 5 minutes to find a safe and legal park to ensure your children's safety.

SPORTS NEWS

This Friday our Grade 6 students commence their interschool Summer Sport against Albion Primary School. Our first three games are at home. Cricket is normally played at Ainsworth Reserve but, unfortunately the council won't let us use it this term. Our neighbours, Ardeer South, have kindly offered us the use of their pitch for Rounds One and Three. When we play Sunshine Heights in Round Two our cricket team will play at their ground. Good luck to all our teams.



WANTED TO PLAY FOOTY IN 2024? WE'RE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR LITTLE DRAGONS!

Calling all boys and girls from grade 1 - 5
come and give footy a try!

Free clinics Every Wednesday throughout February
5pm - 6pm
Ainsworth reserve - Glengala Road
Sunshine West.

Please contact Joyce via SMS on 0421 379 493



Program spotlight

Your OSHC.

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:

5/2/2024 - 9/2/2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Good morning 'Your Majesty' Let's try and trick our blindfolded King or Queen by putting on silly voices as they try and guess who we are!</p>	<p>Chinese NY Paper Cutting This paper design art is originated from cutting patterns for Chinese embroidery and later developed into folk art.</p>	<p>Sun Safety Day! With the weather warming up this is a creative way to remind children of how to be sun safe.</p>	<p>Chinese zodiac Spin the wheel and find your birth year to discover your Chinese zodiac.</p>	<p>Big Art: Wool Art Craft artwork with wool, glue and imagination for Mosaic-inspired creations with few items.</p>
<p>Team Soccer Okay, get ready to be the best soccer player. With these tips you can become a great soccer player and win lots of games!</p>	<p>Safe Internet Day some ways to keep safe online with our fun and engaging Safe Internet Day: Online Safety, Snakes and Ladders, plus wordsearch!</p>	<p>Chinese Fortune Cookies Let's learn how to make fun Paper Fortune Cookies for Chinese New Year and write a special message to put inside.</p>	<p>Handball drills - AFL Children use hand-eye coordination and ball-control skills.</p>	<p>Big Art: Geometric Art Hand-edge painting became a big deal back in the 1950's-1960's it's fun way to make beautiful artwork.</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.

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



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2024 Sacramental Program: Reconciliation and Eucharist – non Year Three students

If your child is in Years Four, Five and Six, is baptised in the Catholic faith and has not received the following Sacraments, please complete the form below and return it to the school office. Any questions, do not hesitate to ask for Lisa Peplow in the school office.

Please Note: Children need to receive Penance and Eucharist in order to receive Confirmation in 2025

Name of Child Class

My child is baptised and is **ELIGIBLE** to receive the Sacraments of (please **TICK**)

Reconciliation (Penance) - Wednesday 6th March, 6:30pm St. Paul's Church
Eucharist - Friday 17th May, 6:30pm St. Paul's Church



Parents Name

Signature

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.

