

TERM 1

WEEK 5: Tuesday 27th February, 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 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 SCC – 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
Friday 19 th April:	Indonesian Day – More information to follow
Thursday 25 th April:	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Friday 26 th April:	School Closure Day – Staff developing skills/programs for students with additional needs
Tuesday 30 th April:	Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night – 6.30pm – St Paul's School
Friday 3 rd May:	International Day of Families – More information to follow
Tuesday 7 th May:	Mother's Day Breakfast – 7.30am
Thursday 9 th May:	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 10 th May:	Class Reconciliation MEM, MVN & MAK – 10.00am, School Assembly SKL – 2.30pm
Friday 17 th May:	School Assembly SRC – 2.30pm
Friday 17 th May:	Sacrament of Eucharist Mass – 6.30pm – St Paul's Church

Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to Mr Joshua Turner and his wife Sarah on the safe arrival of their second daughter Ada, born on Saturday weighing 7 ½ pounds – a little sister for Elsie. Josh will be away on parental leave for the next four weeks. He will be replaced by various teachers.

Thank you to the over 100 families who attended/watched online the information session with Michael Griffin last night. It was a great opportunity for families to develop their understanding of what can be done to help their children learn at home. Thanks to Mrs Louise Collison, Ms Cathy Doran and Miss Janelle Micallef for their help organising the meeting and attending last night. A recording of the presentation will be made available shortly for families to view.

A reminder that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday, 6th March at 6.30pm at St. Paul's Church. Thanks to the families and staff for attending the family meeting last week.

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 17th April this year. Children will need to be in their full summer school uniform. More information will follow later in the term.

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.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

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. There will be several information sessions for 2025 Prep Parents/Carers. The next session will be held on Wednesday, 28th 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.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2024

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

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.

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EASTER – DONATIONS FOR OUR PRIZES OF HAMPERS

Raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle were sent home today. The tickets are \$1 each. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 27th March. Please donate Easter Eggs, chocolates, lollies and gifts to the school for our prize hampers by March 18th. Tickets and money are due back by Monday 25th March. Thank you for your ongoing support.

CANTEEN

You can now use cash as well as CDFPay to pay for lunch orders – scan this QR Code to access CDFPay. Volunteers are needed to assist in the canteen, especially 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 any day during the week. Please see Marlene or Jacqui in the canteen if you can help.



FEES/LEVIES

Your child’s levies are now due. Please pay all levies promptly. 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.

SPORTS NEWS

Mr Chris is looking for a parent/carer who may be interested in helping as an official at the Western Region Swimming Sports on Thursday, 7th March. The venue is Oak Park Sports and Aquatic Centre, Pascoe Vale Rd, Oak Park. Required time would be from 9.45 to 2.00. Please see Mr Chris if you are interested in helping.

MOBILE PHONES AND SMART WATCHES

A reminder to families that students must hand all mobile phones and smart watches into the school office before school in the morning and collect them at the end of the day. These devices, especially smart watches, can be very distracting to students and are not necessary during school hours. They are also very expensive to replace should they be lost or damaged at school. We ask for your support in this matter.

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

MONDAY 4TH MARCH
5PM – AINSWORTH RESERVE

JUNIOR
REGISTRATION
DAY

NEW PLAYERS
WANTED
AGED 7-11

- MEET & GREET WITH WESTERN BULLDOGS AFLW PLAYER KRISTY-LEE WESTON-TURNER
- FREE BBQ
- MEET THE COACHES

A promotional poster for a Junior Registration Day event. It features a blue background with a photo of young girls in red and blue sports uniforms. The text is in white and red, providing details about the date, time, location, and activities.

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.

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.**



School Crossings Victoria Inc.

Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2023/2024 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.

Jump online and complete a nomination at www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.



Guiding children's growth

Newsletter

Camp Australia St. Paul's Primary School February Newsletter



Dear Parents and Families

Welcome to the 2024 school year! We are looking forward to launching our exciting new initiative – Big Art Fridays! This will be beginning on Friday 9th February, so please keep your eye out for further information.

If you wish to come and take a look at our service, please come in Before School Care as our Educators will have time to discuss the program and help you with any question you may have relating to the service. Our Educators are on site between 7:00am – 9:00am each morning, so please pop by or give us a call!

If you register your child for the service and they have any medical needs (ADHD, ASD, Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Allergies etc.) all Medical Management Plan documents and your child's medication need to be completed and provided prior to your child attending their first session. This is to ensure your child's safety, we will be unable to accept your child into care if their Medical Management Plans or their Medications are expired.

If your child/children will be attending the After school Care program please ensure they know to come as its very important for children to arrive safely at the service. If your child/children has a booking and will not be attending due to a change in circumstances, please inform the Coordinator on 0401362738. This can be done via phone call, or text message. If your circumstances do change, please ensure you also make the school aware.

Prep 2024 Students! Each year, we follow a prep process to ensure continuity between our routines and the school. In Before School Care, our educators will help transition preps by taking them to their prep line or classroom. In After School Care, our educators will collect preps from their classroom line or the classroom, then bring them straight to our OSHC room.

We hope to see you soon!

Kind Regards Kylie, Irije & Alannah & Alice

Exciting February Activities!
Hama Beads, Lego Creations,
Gardening, Art and Craft,
Outdoor Games and more!

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



Choosing a Secondary School:
Finding the right fit.

Tuesday 19th March 2024
7.00pm – 8.00pm
Quin Auditorium

<https://www.cccc.vic.edu.au/news-events/secondary-events>

Enrolments Now Open YEAR 7 2026

Enrolment applications for current Grade 5 students close on August 16, 2024.

*I want my child to attend the College.
What do I do?*

- 1. Complete an enrolment application form.**
Visit www.cccc.vic.edu.au to access and complete our online Application Form.
- 2. Submit your completed application form.**
Ensure you provide all required documents with the application. A non-refundable application fee is required at the time of submission. Applications close mid-August each year.
- 3. The College will conduct interviews of all applicants.**
Families will be invited to attend an enrolment interview with a senior staff member of the College in September 2024.
- 4. Enrolment and waiting list offers will be sent to families.**
Families will be notified of any offer in October 2024.
- 5. Book a School Tour**
If you would like to visit our school, please book a school tour by visiting www.cccc.vic.edu.au or call 9296 5317.

If you have any questions please contact the College on 03 9296 5317 or email registrars@ccc.vic.edu.au



2023 REGIONAL - METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONS

JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY

U14 GIRLS TEAM NOW RECRUITING

Calling all female soccer enthusiasts - join the Sunshine Heights JSC U14 Girls team!

After securing victory in both the U13 regional and metropolitan championships in 2023, we're on the lookout for talented female players to be part of our success story.

If you're passionate about soccer and ready to embrace the thrill of competition, teamwork and the joy of playing the game, come join us and help us write the next chapter.



PRE SEASON TRAINING EVERY TUES - THUR 6.30 CASTLEY RESERVE

CONTACT MICHAEL 0418 377 737 OR 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.

