

TERM 1 WEEK 8: Monday 18th March, 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 19 th – 22 nd :	NAPLAN
Friday 22 nd March:	Class Reconciliation MGR, MET & MAM, 10.00am, Assembly-cancelled gym unavailable
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 – Students are encouraged to wear red and white colours
Wednesday 24 th April:	2025 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
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
Tuesday 14 th May:	2025 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Friday 17 th May:	School Assembly SRC – 2.30pm
Friday 17 th May:	Sacrament of Eucharist Mass – 6.30pm – St Paul's Church
Friday 24 th May:	Celebration of National Sorry Day, School Assembly MAK – 2.30pm
Thursday 12 th September:	Art Show (More information to follow)

Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcome back to school Mrs Linda Della-Vedova and Ms Claudia Capuano after their weddings. We hope they had a wonderful day and a relaxing time break. We also welcome back Mrs Libby Morganti who has been on carers leave.

A local resident has visited us to advise that some drivers in the morning and afternoon are driving in a very unsafe manner. Parents are double parking in Links Street and also parking their cars in her driveway – this is totally unacceptable. We have thanked her for letting us know and have asked her to please report any issues with the Brimbank Council. We have also contacted the Council and asked for enforcement officers to monitor drivers who are driving in an unsafe manner. I encourage members of our community to also report any unsafe driving.

A reminder that our Prep students attend on Wednesdays from now on.

In Term II, there will be no school for students on Thursday, 25th April (ANZAC Day) and Friday, 26th April as all staff will be further developing their skills and programs to ensure students with additional needs can reach their full potential.

Term 1 concludes on Thursday, 28th March at 1.00pm. Please note there will be a special Holy Week Assembly in the gym commencing at 12.00pm on March 28th. The children may wear plain clothes on this day. Term 2 commences at 8.40am on Monday 15th April.

I wish to advise that Ms Cathy Doran, Mrs Louise Collison and I will be at a leadership conference from tomorrow afternoon until Friday – please see Miss Lisa Peplow or Mrs Kara Brizzi if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,
Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

NO CHOIR REHEARSAL THIS WEDNESDAY, 20TH MARCH

Please note that there will be no choir rehearsal this Wednesday, 20th March. If your child is in the choir, please make sure he/she is to be picked up at 3pm this Wednesday.

The last choir rehearsal for this term will be on Wednesday, 27th March. Thank you for your kind support.

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

Each family received a copy of the St. Paul's Anti-Bullying Policy last week. The policy is a reminder that the school will not tolerate any instances of bullying. Please note the definition of bullying in the policy:

'Bullying is when someone, or a group of people, deliberately upset or hurt another person or damage their property, reputation or social acceptance on more than one occasion. There is an imbalance of power in incidents of bullying with the bully or bullies having more power at the time due to age, size, status or other reasons.'

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/what.aspx>

The brochure lists types of bullying as well as what bullying is not. You are encouraged to contact your child's teacher in the first instance if you have any concerns as these can usually be sorted out quickly when the teacher is informed.

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

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EASTER – DONATIONS FOR OUR PRIZES OF HAMPERS

Thank you to those families who have already returned their raffle tickets and money and have made donations to our prize hampers. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 27th March. Donations of Easter Eggs, chocolates, lollies and gifts to the school for our prize hampers are to be in by March 18th. Tickets and money are due back by Monday 25th March.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 17th April this year – this is in the first week of Term 2. Children will need to be in their full summer school uniform. Personalised envelopes for each of your children were sent home last week.

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, 27th March, at 1.30pm. 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.

CANTEEN HELPERS for FRIDAYS PLEASE

Volunteers are needed to assist in the canteen on 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. Please see Marlene or Jacqui in the canteen if you can help.

You can now use cash as well as CDFPay to pay for lunch orders – scan this QR Code to access CDFPay.



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.**

INDONESIAN NEWS - BERITA INDONESIA

Save the date for the Indonesian Day Celebration at our school on **Friday, 19th April 2024 Term 2** and get ready to embark on a cultural journey as we gear up to celebrate Indonesian Day with red and white colours. The day will be filled with engaging activities including traditional dance workshops, gamelan (traditional instruments), wayang kulit (shadow puppetry performance), traditional dances and becak rides (traditional pedicab). This is an opportunity for our school to expand the students' knowledge of the Indonesian language, history and customs through engaging educational sessions and informative presentations as we come together as a school community to celebrate diversity and embrace the beauty of Indonesian culture.

Terima kasih - Ibu Santi



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ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, WEST SUNSHINE

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

Wednesday 17th April 2024

Early Bird orders with free delivery to your school close 5 working days after your last photography session. A postage fee will apply for orders placed after this date.

Sibling orders must be placed prior to 8am on Wednesday 17th April 2024.

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Newsletter

Camp Australia St. Paul's Primary School March Newsletter



Dear Parents and Families

Welcome to the 2024 school year!

Our Educators are on site between 7:00am – 9:00am each morning, so please pop by or give us a call!

The children have been doing some wonderful learning experiences this term including building on social skills by making Lego creations in groups, older grade children have been teaching preps soccer skills and dinosaur bingo.

The children have also showed an interest in Beads making necklaces & bracelets out of different types of beads which builds on fine motors skills, eye hand coordination when threading the beads.

Please book children in advance as the After Care program is increasing in enrolments.

The After School Care program will operate on Last day of term Thursday 28th of March from 1pm to 6pm.

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.

Before School Care procedure educators will transition preps to prep line/ classroom. After school Care educators will collect preps from line/ classroom and transition children to After School Care.



Exciting March Activities!

Easter crafts, Lego Creations,
Gardening, Art and Craft,
Outdoor Games and more!

We hope to see you soon!

Kind Regards Kylie, Irije & Alannah & Alice

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

Your OSHC.

Dear Families,

Teeth on Wheels will be visiting St. Paul's School starting on the **06/05/2024**.

Please scan the QR code on the brochure attached to complete your child's consent form by no later than **27/03/2024**. The Teeth on Wheels team will then be in contact to confirm and schedule your child's appointment.

If you are unable to access the E-form, please complete the paper form that will be sent home on Tuesday. Please ensure this paper form is handed back to the office by no later than Friday **22/03/2024** (spare copies also available at the front desk)

***Please only submit the e-form or paper form, not both.**

All forms must be submitted by above dates for your child to participate.

EXCITING NEWS Teeth on Wheels will be visiting our School!



At Teeth On Wheels, we provide the highest quality dental treatment while making it fun, positive and memorable for children.

With the help of the government your child might be eligible for **FREE** dental care.

Our dental services include:

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- ✓ Scale, Clean & Fluoride Treatments
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- ✓ Fillings
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Teeth On Wheels
Dental Care for Children

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.

