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TERM 1	WEEK 9: Monday 25 th March, 2024
DATES TO REMEMBER	
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,

In some exciting news, Miss Janelle Micallef is expecting her first child later this year – we wish her all the best for the coming months and look forward to meeting the new arrival later in the year. We welcome Mr Joshua Turner back from parental leave after the birth of his daughter Ada.

I hope you are able to participate in the Holy Week celebrations at St Paul's Church. Yesterday was Palm Sunday, Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem. Holy Week is a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but this coming week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it. The message of Easter is one of hope. Jesus died on the cross but rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, a great day in the Church's Liturgical Year. I hope the Risen Christ is able to live in your hearts during the Easter season and throughout the year.

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 this 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.

Thank you to Miss Lisa Peplow, Mrs Kara Brizzi, Mrs Claudia Razi and Miss Janelle Micallef for looking after the school last week.

Have a holy Easter and a great holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento PRINCIPAL

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 this Wednesday 27th March. Any sold tickets and money must be returned tomorrow to be included in the draw.

BET READY FOR NUDE FOOD DAY ON MARCH 27TH!

In Inquiry, the students in MMA have been learning about what it takes to be active citizens in our community. We are asking all students to pack lunches and snacks without disposable packaging to reduce waste and promote a healthier, more eco-friendly lifestyle. Students can bring their lunch and snack in reusable containers on Nude Food Day. Let's make a positive impact together!

INDONESIAN NEWS - BERITA INDONESIA

Save the date for the Indonesian Day Celebration at our school on **Friday**, **19**th **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

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.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2024

The following dates are very important for <u>ALL</u> 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

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.**

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 <u>www.spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au</u> 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.



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.

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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.

Misplaced your order flyer? Please visit <u>www.schoolpix.com.au</u> and use the student search to find your child's unique ID or contact us.



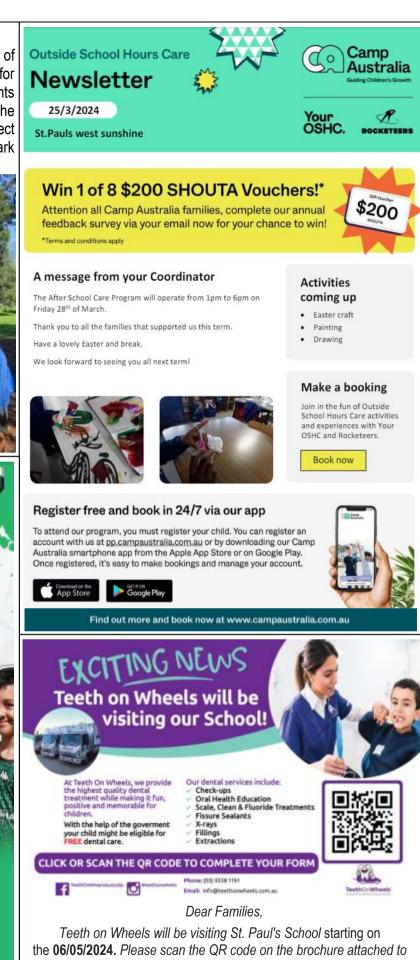
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MASS OF ST PATRICK FOR SCHOOLS

On Friday 15th of March, the Student Leaders of St. Paul's School attended the Mass of St Patrick for schools at St Patrick's Cathedral. Over 3000 students from Catholic schools across Melbourne attended the event. After the mass, the students enjoyed the perfect Melbourne weather attending a concert in the park featuring student bands from different schools.







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.

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.

