

## TERM 3 WEEK 3: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2024

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July:	PRB and PMK's Excursion to ACMI
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> August:	PFT's Excursion to ACMI
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August:	Class Mass – All SMA Classes – 10.00am, School Assembly SHG – 2.30pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> August:	St Mary MacKillop/Grandparents Mass (9.15am), Open Classrooms and Morning Tea
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> August:	100 Days of Prep Celebrations, School Assembly JEF – 2.30pm
August 15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> :	School Closure Days – No School for Students
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> August:	<b>Year 7 2026 Catholic Secondary School Applications Close</b>
August 20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> :	MAK & MVN Attending Camp at Camp Doxa, Malmsbury
August 21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	MGR & MAM Attending Camp at Camp Doxa, Malmsbury
August 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> :	MEM & MET Attending Camp at Camp Doxa, Malmsbury
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August:	Class Reconciliations – SHG, SRC, SKL – 10.00am, School Assembly SAS – 2.30pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> August:	Father's Day Breakfast – More information to follow
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August:	Father's Day Stall, School Assembly JKL – 2.30pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September:	Class Reconciliations – SCC, SAK, SAS – 10.00am, School Assembly MET – 2.30pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September:	Art Show (More information to follow)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September:	School Assembly SAK – 2.30pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to Miss Maddy Byrne who has been offered a position as a Learning Support Officer at Corpus Christi Primary School in Werribee. We wish Maddy all the very best for the future and thank her for her contribution to St Paul's over the past three years. We welcome back Mrs Helen Diomedes from leave – we hope she had a great time overseas.

On Friday, the Church remembered Ss Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Virgin Mary. Despite the importance of their role as the maternal grandparents of Jesus, we do not know too much about them. Joachim was a shepherd from Jerusalem who was married to Anne. They did not have any children, and they were a rather elderly couple when, one day, while Joachim was at work in the fields as usual, an angel appeared to announce the birth of a child, and Anne also had the same vision. They called their little girl Mary, which means "loved by God", and then they moved to Nazareth, where they educated Mary, teaching her the law of the Lord. The Feast Day of Ss Joachim and Anne allows us the opportunity to remember our Grandparents, whether they are living or are no longer with us. I know my grandparents loved me very much and all of them gave so much help to my parents, and in turn my parents and my wife's parents have given us so much support. We look forward to our special Mass on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August where we will remember St. Mary MacKillop as well as our Grandparents. Family and Grandparents are welcome to join us at Mass, visit classrooms and join us for morning tea. Hopefully you have seen the invitations decorated by your children - please RSVP by this Thursday.

**I remind families that applications for Year 7 in 2026 for Catholic Secondary Schools must be in by Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> August. Our Year 5 students must enrol by this date if they wish to attend a Catholic Secondary School. Your child will not be accepted if the enrolment form is not handed in to the secondary school of your choice on time.**

If you have not enrolled your child in Prep for 2025, please do so immediately. Your child will be put on a waiting list if you do not apply immediately.

There is no school for children on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August as all staff will be working on Understanding Scripture in the New Testament as well as renewing their First Aid Level 1 qualifications.

I hope you all have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento  
Principal

### PREP EXCURSION TO ACMI THIS WEEK

A kind reminder that **PRB and PMK will be visiting ACMI this Wednesday (31<sup>st</sup> July) and PFT this Thursday (1<sup>st</sup> August)**. Please make sure your child is to wear full sports uniform and have snack, lunch, water bottle packed in a small backpack clearly labelled with your child's name.

Thank you very much for your kind support.

### CHOIR CANCELLATION IN WEEK 5

Please be advised that there will be **NO Choir on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August**, due to the Staff Conference on Thursday and Friday that week. Thank you very much for your kind support.

### MMA CAMP

Dear MMA Parents/Families,

A reminder that MMA Camps will take place in Malmsbury over three separate camps: Please ensure that students are at school by 8.40am on the day of their camp.

- **20/08/2024 – 21/08/2024: MAK & MVN**
- **22/08/2024 – 23/08/2024: MEM & MET**
- **21/08/2024 – 22/08/2024: MGR & MAM**

Your child will need their overnight bag and a sleeping bag. They will need their lunch, snack and water bottle in a separate labelled plastic bag. All medication together with the completed medication form must be given to the MMA teachers on the morning before your class departs.

At our MMA Term 3 Camp, the students will be viewing a movie. One of the options is 'Kung Fu Panda 4' which is PG. If you do not consent to your child viewing the movie please let your child's teacher know.

Thank you, MMA Staff

### WHAT IS THE NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA (NCCD)?

Schools must now complete the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) every year. It counts the number of students who receive additional adjustments or 'help' at school with their learning. This data provides information to the Federal Government and the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria about the number of students receiving adjustments which enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students. An NCCD information sheet can be found on the Audiri App, on the school's website and at the front office. If you have any questions about the NCCD please contact Ms Kara or Mrs Schembri.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

**16<sup>th</sup> August 2024:** Applications close for 2026 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 students

#### EVERY DAY COUNTS – SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

#### 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](mailto: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.

#### HEALTH DEPARTMENT ALERT – WHOOPING COUGH

##### (PERTUSSIS)

The Victorian Health Department recently issued a public notice in relation to an increasing number of cases of whooping cough (pertussis) in Victoria, particularly among children aged 10-12. Pertussis is a highly contagious respiratory illness known for causing a cough, and can lead to life threatening infections in babies. Many babies who get pertussis catch it from older children and adults who might not even know they are infected.

Pertussis usually begins with cold-like symptoms, such as a dry cough (occurring in bouts), characteristic 'whooping' sound when breathing in, tiredness, runny nose, and low-grade fever. Please speak to your doctor (GP) and seek a diagnosis if your child is exhibiting any of these symptoms. Early identification and separation are crucial in preventing the spread to other children. Pertussis is mostly spread to other people by droplets from coughing or sneezing, so good hygiene practices and immunisations help prevent the spread. Immunisations are particularly important for infants and pregnant women. If pertussis is diagnosed, your GP will advise on appropriate treatments. If you have any questions, please speak to your GP. Read the full alert here: [Increasing pertussis \(whooping cough\) cases in Victoria | health.vic.gov.au](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/increasing-pertussis-whooping-cough-cases-in-victoria) .



We have been advised that Audiri is updating their Forms on the app and there may be some issues submitting forms via Audiri. If you experience any issues like that, you can resolve them by updating to Audiri's latest version (v.9.2.0).

Please feel free to contact our school office if you need any support with Audiri app.

**AFL Superkick**  
**FIND YOUR FOOTY**  
 Learn through skills and tackle-free, match-based sessions.  
**BRIMBANK AND SURROUNDS SUPERKICK CENTRE**  
 JR Parsons Reserve, Sunshine  
 Starts Thursday 15th August, 4.30pm - 5.30pm  
[play.afl/superkick](https://play.afl/superkick)

**Are you interested in playing Basketball?**  
*Would you like to join*  
**Sunshine Magic**  
**FREE CLUB REGISTRATION**  
**for all new players**  
 To register on our waitlist please visit [sunshinemagic.com.au](https://sunshinemagic.com.au)  
 For more information, please contact  
**President - Alphan 0423 731 186**  
[president@williamstownmagic.asn.au](mailto:president@williamstownmagic.asn.au)

**VILTA** VICTORIAN INDOONESIAN LANGUAGE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION  
**VICTORIA** State Government | Department of Education  
**Lomba Poster 2024**  
**HARI KEMERDEKAAN REPUBLIK INDONESIA KE-79**  
 Design a poster celebrating the diverse natural landscapes found across Indonesia and you could win a prize and have your work showcased online!

- **Theme:** Indonesia's Natural Beauty
- **Year levels:** Prep - Year 8
- **Entry fee:** FREE for 2024 financial members of VILTA
- **Non-digitally created poster, individual entries only**
- **Maximum three (3) selected entries from each year level**
- Posters will be judged by a jury of experts from the Indonesian Consulate General and the event coordinators
- VILTA will showcase winning posters on its website and on social media
- Prizes for 1st-3rd for each year level

**Poster Judging Criteria:**  
 • 30% - jury votes  
 • 20% - relevance and clarity of connection to the theme  
 • 30% - creativity and originality  
 • 20% - overall presentation and neatness

**Teachers should upload students' entries at:**  
<https://forms.gle/BREh35Pfr4AYkA9>  
 by Friday 2 August, 2024

**MORE INFO:**  
 IBU ASTRID DUX  
 AXD@5TBEDS.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU  
 0404414128

\* **Poster requirements:** A4 or A3 size, non-digital, any materials (paint, crayons, markers, collage, etc.)  
 \* **Prizes:** \$50 voucher (1<sup>st</sup>); \$40 voucher (2<sup>nd</sup>); \$30 voucher (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
 \* **Winners announced:** 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024  
 \* **Coordinators:** Ibu Astrid Dux & Ibu Santi Sherry

**Program spotlight**

**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:** 29/7/2024 - 2/8/2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Senior Drawing</b> Drawing and painting is an easy way to add to your list of motor activities. These activities are perfect.	<b>Engle smile drawing</b> This activity helps children's thoughts and emotions contribute to the growth of a deep awareness of well-being.	<b>Teen Soccer</b> Okay, get ready to be the best soccer player! With these tips you can become a great soccer player and win lots of games!	<b>Road Safety Games</b> Road safety talks, crafts and activities	<b>Big Art Camp Design Lego</b> Design and draw dream Lego creation for 2024 Term 2 Big Art Camp.
<b>Moments drawing</b> To be able to draw your own moments designs	<b>Color Sports - Soccer</b> Children to enjoy physical activity	<b>Engle smile drawing</b> This activity helps children's thoughts and emotions contribute to the growth of a deep awareness of well-being.	<b>Chalk Pencil Drawing</b> Embracing colour through using pastel crayons on black card	<b>Stencils Chalk Drawing</b> Stencils Chalk drawing is a fun activity for all ages. All that's needed is chalk, a path, time to wait, and when finished

**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](#)

**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.campaustralis.com.au](https://www.campaustralis.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.*