

## TERM 1

## WEEK 4: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

### DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>School Closure Day – No School for Students</b>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>2026 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February:</b>	<b>Second Hand Uniform Stall, 8.20am – 9am and 3pm – 3.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February:</b>	<b>School Assembly MGR – 2.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>2026 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am</b>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>Sacrament of Penance 6.30pm St. Paul's Church – Year 3 Students</b>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>Class Prayer Service JRB, JEF &amp; JSM – 10.00am</b>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>2026 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am</b>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Mass 10.00am St. Paul's Church</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>No Assembly</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>2026 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am</b>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Preps Attend School today and all future Wednesdays</b>
<b>March 12<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>NAPLAN</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Class Prayer Service JTH, JCL &amp; JKL – 10.00am, School Assembly JSM – 2.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>2026 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March:</b>	<b>No Assembly</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>2026 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night - 6.30pm St. Paul's School – Year 3 Students</b>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Class Reconciliation MEM, MLD &amp; MAM – 10.00am, School Assembly JEF – 2.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:</b>	<b>Second Hand Uniform Stall, 8.20am – 9am and 3pm – 3.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>Easter Assembly 12.00pm, End of Term I – 1.00pm Children can wear plain clothes</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April:</b>	<b>Term II Commences at 8.40am</b>
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April:</b>	<b>School Photos – More information to follow</b>

Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcome back Ms Lan Nguyen who has been on long service leave since last year – we hope she had a great time overseas.

Over the years, St Paul's Primary School has made donations to many in our community with the proceeds we have received from the sales at the Second Hand Uniform Stall. This year we have made a \$2000 donation to Duchenne Australia. It is an organisation that hopes to create a better future for those living with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy as well as finding a cure for this disease. Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy is a genetic disorder characterised by the progressive loss of muscle. It is a multi-systemic condition, affecting many parts of the body, which results in deterioration of the skeletal, heart, and lung muscles. Jordy and TJ Strinovic, who will be attending St Paul's in 2026, have Duchennes - we hope that this donation will help find a cure for Duchenne disease and create a better future for Jordy and TJ.

Congratulations to the newly appointed St Paul's Student Representative Council (please see the attached list). The students were presented with their SRC badges at our assembly last Friday. The school captains, house captains and SRC will be working with Ms Peplow and Ms Cathy on leadership and student voice throughout 2025. We thank all those children who applied to be an SRC Rep in 2025 and were unsuccessful. We are very proud of everyone who applied and spoke in front of their classmates.

Thanks to the families and staff who joined Fr Elio Capra at the Sacrament of Penance Family Night that was held last week. The Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm at St. Paul's Church.

**There will be no school for children this Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup>** as staff will be further developing their knowledge of Vocabulary in Literacy. There is no school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March as it is the Labour Day Public Holiday.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,  
Damian Casamento  
PRINCIPAL

## 2026 PREP ENROLMENTS – ONLINE APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Enrolments for Prep 2026 are now open. This year, there is a change to the way we will accept enrolments. All enrolments must be completed online – you need to go to our website - [www.spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au), click on ‘Enrolment Information’ and then ‘Apply Now’. There will be several information sessions for 2026 Prep Parents/Carers. **The first session will be held on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> February at 9.15am.** Anyone wishing to attend any information sessions also needs to book online. Again, go to our website, click on ‘Enrolment Information’ and ‘Book a Tour’. All this information will be provided in a separate letter – there will also be QR Codes for you to click on to book school tours and complete an enrolment form. Please contact the office on 9363 1568 if you have any questions or need any help.

## SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2025

The dates for the celebration of the Sacraments and the Family nights in 2025 are:

<b>Sacrament of Penance (Year 3)</b>	Wednesday, February 26 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church
<b>Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night (Year 3)</b>	Thursday, March 27 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm - St. Paul’s School
<b>Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3)</b>	Friday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church
<b>Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night (Year 5 and 6)</b>	Thursday, May 8 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm - St. Paul’s School
<b>Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 5 and 6)</b>	Thursday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church

## FEES/LEVIES

Your child’s levies are now due. Please pay all levies promptly. The second instalment of the school fees is due on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Account statements were emailed to families on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025. 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.

## CHOIR TO COMMENCE IN WEEK 5 - Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 3pm – 3.45pm

A reminder that hard copies of the 2025 choir invitation letter were sent home last week. Please complete the permission form if your child/ren would like to join the choir this year. Spare forms are available at the office.

Please note that the first choir rehearsal will start next Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, from 3pm to **3.45pm**. Please make sure your child is to be picked up promptly after choir.

Thank you for your continued support of our Middle and Senior Choir (MaSC).

## NO HAT – NO PLAY

A reminder that from September 1<sup>st</sup> all children should be wearing the St. Paul’s hat when they are outside. Any students not wearing the hats will be required to sit in the shaded area of the yard. No other hats are permitted to be worn. We encourage families to apply sunscreen to their children at home before they leave for school. One of the requirements of being a Sun Smart school is that children and staff wear hats from September to April when outdoors.

## 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 2025

The following dates are very important for **ALL** students who will be attending secondary school in 2027 – our current Year 5 students. If applications for Catholic Secondary School are not in by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

**15<sup>th</sup> August 2025:** Applications close for 2027 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 Students

**17<sup>th</sup> October 2025:** Offers posted to prospective 2027 Year 7 applicants

**7<sup>th</sup> November 2025:** 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. **It is important that you submit this CSEF form to be assessed for the school bonus of \$400 per child at Catholic schools. Therefore, please submit the CSEF form ASAP.**

**MiniTillies, let's play!**

**What is MiniTillies?**  
MiniTillies is Football Australia's national introductory football program for girls. This fun, social and engaging program provides an alternate option for girls who may not want to participate in a mixed-gender program, as well as the opportunity to choose their football experience.

GIRLS AGED BETWEEN 4 - 6 YEARS ONLY

SUNSHINE HEIGHTS JSC  
CASTLE RESERVE  
SUNSHINE WEST

5:30PM - 6:15PM (TBC)

THURSDAYS - TERM 1 (TBC)

\$70 PER PLAYER

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

## New CDFpay App Now Available

**flexischools** CDF pay

Please make sure you download the new CDFpay App from Apple/Google Store or visit its website

<https://user.cdfpay.flexischools.com.au/register>

and complete the account registration to be able to start ordering lunches online for your child(ren).

If you have any questions, please call the CDFpay powered by Flexischools Parent Support Line on 1300 361 769 or complete the online Contact Form

(<https://flexischools.zendesk.com/hc/en-au/requests/new>) and Flexischool will get back to you directly.



**Small Group & Private Lessons**

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on campus – with lessons typically during school hours
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

P: 1300 362 824 E: [admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au](mailto:admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au) [www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au](http://www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au)

**Live Your Best Life in Love...  
A Marriage Encounter weekend is for you...**

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions.

The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the passion alive.

No group sharing required.

The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are welcome.

**Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:**

**Our next weekend is: 25-27 April 2025 at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.**

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

Join us  
for our 2025

*Open Day*

Sunday, 23 March 2025  
11.00am - 2.00pm  
204 Churchill Avenue,  
Braybrook 3019



[cccc.vic.edu.au/open-day-2025](http://cccc.vic.edu.au/open-day-2025)



**JOIN US  
IN 2025!**

**BOYS + GIRLS U7-U15**

Sunshine Heights JSC is calling for expressions of interest from male and female players ages U7 - U15 to join our family friendly club.



Sunshine Heights JSC  
Castley Reserve, Sunshine West  
Contact the club for more info or email  
[info@sunshineheightsjsc.com.au](mailto:info@sunshineheightsjsc.com.au)



**St. Paul's Primary School**



**2025 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 26<sup>th</sup> February, 6:30pm St. Paul's Church

Eucharist – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 6:30pm St Paul's Church

Parents Name ..... Signature .....

PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL POLICE & VOLUNTEERS



**GLOW PARTY**

**BRIMBANK  
BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

**28 MARCH 2025**

6-8 PM | GRADES 4-6 | \$10 ENTRY

St Albans Community Centre  
33 Princess Street, St Albans

Prizes best costume and dance moves, face painting, photo booth and more! Let's Dance!

Hot food and lollies available to purchase!

Please ensure children have an emergency number on them.

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE:

[bluelight\\_brimbankmelton](https://www.instagram.com/bluelight_brimbankmelton)

[Brimbank/Melton Blue Light](https://www.facebook.com/Brimbank/Melton Blue Light)



*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.*

