

TERM 1

WEEK 5: Monday 24th February, 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

We ask the community of St. Paul's to pray for the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Penance on **Wednesday night this week at St Paul's Church at 6.30pm**. The children have been very well prepared by Miss Peplow, Miss Ellen, Miss Amanda and Mrs Della-Vedova. We know that God will continue to guide all the students in their lives, no matter what they do.

Several children are wearing Apple/Smart watches to school which, in effect, are the same as mobile phones. These watches are very expensive. If they are brought to school, we accept no liability if they are lost. Any Apple/Smart watches are to be handed in to the office in the morning, as are any mobile phones. They can be collected after school from the office. Any watches or phones not handed in to the office will be confiscated and returned to parents/carers.

Raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle will be sent home next week. The tickets are \$1 each. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, 2nd April. Please donate Easter Eggs, chocolates, lollies and gifts to the school for our prize hampers by Tuesday, March 25th. Tickets and money are due back by Monday 31st March.

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 23rd April this year – this is the first week of Term 2. Children will need to be in their full summer school uniform. More information will follow later in the term.

There is no school on Monday 10th 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, click on ‘Enrolment Information’ and then ‘Apply Now’. There will be several information sessions for 2026 Prep Parents/Carers. **The next session will be held on Wednesday, 26th 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:

Sacrament of Penance (Year 3)	Wednesday, February 26 th at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church
Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night (Year 3)	Thursday, March 27 th at 6.30pm - St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3)	Friday, May 2 nd at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church
Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night (Year 5 and 6)	Thursday, May 8 th at 6.30pm - St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 5 and 6)	Thursday, May 22 nd 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 2nd. Account statements were already emailed to families. 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 COMMENCES THIS WEEK - Wednesday, 26th February, 3pm – 3.45pm

Please note that the first choir rehearsal will start on Wednesday, 26th 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 1st 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.

LEARNING WALK – Wednesday, 2nd April

Please join us as we open our classrooms to show you the amazing learning the children have completed this term. All classes will be open from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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 15th August, 2025 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

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

17th October 2025: Offers posted to prospective 2027 Year 7 applicants

7th 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.**

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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.



to the following students who received awards at Assembly on Friday.

PET	Thaiyar Deng
PMF	Izzy Davies
PMK	Faviana Arriola
JCL	Petros Roumen
JKL	John Van Bawi Thang
JTH	Shiloh Iorangi
JEF	Tabitha Szulik
JRB	Eva Wallace
JSM	Maddy Nguyen
MAM	Yenishka Karththikeyan
MEM	Kiara Sherif
MLD	Arlo Smethurst
MAR	Blessing Brown
MGR	Juni Hlawn Ceu
MVN	Rodas Mulatu
SAK	Thinushanth Mathiyalagan
SKL	Ryan Tran
SRC	Valentina Bogdanoski
SAS	Nyanjeth Alier
SCC	Pumy Piyathunga
SHG	Amira Balfas



We extend our condolences to the Mitsis family (Lucas SAK) following the recent passing of his grandfather.

Please keep the family in your prayers.

!!! AUSKICK @ ASPS !!!
Join Ardeer South PS Auskick – Fun for Kids Ages 5-12!

Dear Parents,

We're excited to invite your child to join the Ardeer South PS Auskick program, a fun and engaging way for kids aged 5-12 to get involved in Australian Rules Football!

Program Details:

- Dates: Wednesdays 26th February – March 26th
- Time: Wednesdays, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
- Cost: \$55 for 5 weeks (plus a \$55 discount off the community Auskick when signed up)
- Location: Ardeer South PS Oval

This program is designed to help your child develop their skills in a fun, friendly environment while learning the fundamentals of Aussie Rules Football. It's a great way to get active, make new friends, and build confidence!

To register: <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/af865c>.

We hope to see your child join us for this exciting opportunity. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Josh Coward at

joshua.coward@afl.com.au

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

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27 MAY – 3 JUNE

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COME & TRY HOCKEY

HOOK in 2 HOCKEY

FOOTSCRAY HOCKEY CLUB

Who: 4 -12 year olds NEW to the game of hockey
Where: Footscray Hockey Club, Fogarty Ave Yarraville (Down by the Westgate Freeway)
Time: U6 & U8 5.15 – 6.00
 U10 & U12 6.00 – 6.45
Dates: Wednesday 26 Feb, 5 Mar & 12 Mar
Cost: FREE ! Just turn up!
Equipment: Hockey sticks and shin guards are available to borrow by new players. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to have a hockey stick fitted

Fun **Friendly** **Inclusive** **Engaging**

Come and Try enquiries please contact:
 Nicole 0424 132 715 come-and-try@footscrayhockey.com.au
www.footscrayhockey.com.au Facebook: @footscrayhockey

T20 Night

For kids with cancer

A+ Abbey Solo Foundation is back with our 6th annual T20 match raising funds for kids with cancer. Victoria Police take on our Abstars! Kindly hosted by the Sunshine Heights Cricket Club and free to attend, this is a night you don't want to miss! Can't wait to see you there!

CHURROS AND ICE CREAM VANS
HALAL BBQ, FACE PAINT, BIG BASH DJ SPINNING TUNES!

5:00-9:00PM
TUESDAY, 25 FEB
SUNSHINE HEIGHTS CC,
VERNON CR, SUNSHINE WEST

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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.

