

TERM 1 WEEK 7: Tuesday 11th March, 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 12th March:	Preps Attend School today and all future Wednesdays
March 12th – 21st:	NAPLAN
Friday 14th March:	Class Prayer Service JTH, JCL & JKL – 10.00am, School Assembly JSM – 2.30pm
Monday 17th March:	2026 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Friday 21st March:	School Assembly SKL – 2.30pm
Monday 24th March:	2026 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Thursday 27th March:	Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night - 6.30pm St. Paul's School – Year 3 Students
Friday 28th March:	School Assembly JEF – 2.30pm
Wednesday 2nd April:	Learning Walk – 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 2nd April:	Second Hand Uniform Stall, 8.20am – 9am and 3pm – 3.30pm
Friday 4th April:	Class Reconciliation MEM, MLD & MAM – 10.00am
	Easter Assembly 12.00pm, End of Term I – 1.00pm Children can wear plain clothes
Tuesday 22nd April:	Term II Commences at 8.40am
Wednesday 23rd April:	School Photos – More information to follow
Friday 25th April:	ANZAC Day Public Holiday – School Closed
Friday 2nd May:	School Assembly SAK – 2.30pm, Sacrament of Eucharist 6.30pm, St Paul's Church
Tuesday 6th May:	Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30am
Thursday 8th May:	Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night – 6.30pm, St Paul's School
Friday 9th May:	Mother's Day Stall, Assembly – MLD 2.30pm
Friday 16th May:	Class Reconciliation MAR, MGR and MVN 10.00am, School Assembly – SCC – 2.30pm
Tuesday 20th May:	School Closure Day – Professional Practice Day for Staff – no school for students
Thursday 22nd May:	Sacrament of Confirmation 6.30pm St Paul's Church
Friday 23rd May:	School Assembly JRB – 2.30pm,

Dear Parents/Carers,

In last week's newsletter, I failed to thank Miss Lisa Peplow for all she did to make the Sacrament of Penance celebration such a respectful event. The children were very well prepared by Lisa and the celebration was well organised. I am sorry to have left her out when I thanked the class teachers last week.

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 resident's driveways – 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.

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 23rd April – the second day of Term 2. Children will need to be in their full summer school uniform. All photo orders must be completed online. In the next week or so, you will receive your child's unique ID in the personalized order flyer – please ensure you use this ID when you place a photo order.

A reminder that our Prep students attend school tomorrow and all Wednesdays from now on.

In Term II, there will be no school for students on Friday, 25th April (ANZAC Day).

Term 1 concludes on Friday, 4th April at 1.00pm. The children may wear plain clothes on this day. Term 2 commences at 8.40am on Tuesday 22nd April.

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 Monday, 17th March at 1.30pm.** 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 Eucharist Family Night (Year 3)

Thursday, March 27th at 6.30pm - St. Paul’s School

Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3)

Friday, May 2nd at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church

Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night (Year 5 and 6)

Thursday, May 8th at 6.30pm - St. Paul’s School

Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 5 and 6)

Thursday, May 22nd at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EASTER – DONATIONS FOR OUR PRIZES OF HAMPERS

Raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle were sent home last 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.

NAPLAN 2025

NAPLAN online testing begins **this week** for students in Year 3 and Year 5. Tests for both Year 3 and Year 5 students will be conducted on the following days

- Writing - Wednesday 12th March
- Reading - Thursday 13th March
- Conventions of Language - Friday 14th March
- Numeracy - Monday 17th March

If a student is away on the day of a test there will be opportunities for them to do the missed test on another day until Friday March 21st. A brochure further explaining NAPLAN is being uploaded to Seesaw today for families of Year 3 and Year 5 students. Should you have any questions, please contact your child’s teacher or the school office. Information and demonstration tests can also be found on the following website: <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers>

PICTURE BOOKS FROM THE E-SAFETY COMMISSIONER

In ICT this Term, the students have been learning about staying safe, and how we can protect ourselves and make good choices online. We have been lucky enough to have received some picture story books from the eSafety Commissioner. This book, 'Swoosh, Glide and Rule Number 5', is a great way to reinforce the four key online safety messages for young children: Be safe, Be kind, Ask for help and Make good choices.

Students from JMA will be given a copy of the book to take home and keep. We hope they enjoy reading it.

2025 CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBITION

Last year, two of our Year 6 students had their artworks selected to be displayed at the 2025 Catholic Education Week Creative Arts Exhibition. Their artwork was chosen from almost 400 submissions.

All members of our school community are invited to attend and see these artworks, and other amazing art pieces, that have been created in many Catholic Schools around Victoria. There is no charge to attend the exhibition. Walk-ins are welcome or book at: <https://www.trybooking.com/1353288>

The Creative Arts Exhibition will be held at: **Celtic Hall, Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne.** (Entry via Victoria Pde or Albert Street).

The exhibition will be open for public viewing on the following days:

Sunday, 16 th March: 11.00am - 4.00 pm	Thursday, 20 th March: 10.00am - 4.00pm
Monday, 17 th March: 10.00am - 4.00pm	Friday, 21 st March: 12.00pm - 7.00pm
Tuesday, 18 th March: 10.00am - 4.00pm	Saturday, 22 nd March: 11.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday, 19 th March: 10.00am - 4.00pm	

We are very proud of the art pieces all of our students create at St Paul’s Sunshine West - we are especially delighted that Alexandra and Henry’s artworks are a part of this special exhibition and will be enjoyed by a wide audience. Congratulations Alexandra Rigor and Henry Tran!



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 \$154. 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.**

2025 SPECIALIST MONITORS/TEAMS

ICT

Rupert Szulik (MAM)	Rosie Le (MLD)	Damon Tang (SCC)
Daniel Phung (MAR)	Rodas Mulatu (MVN)	Gabriella Del Cid (SHG)
Kiara Sheriff (MEM)	Christian Lai (SAK)	Clement Luong (SKL)
Lydia Mihtsunto/ Jacob Kouts (MGR)	Nyanjeth Alier (SAS)	Terrence Ni (SRC)

Liturgy Group

Lolitta Barthlote (SKL)	Harley Bonett (SHG)	Amelie Le-Huynh (MEM)
Alex Tran (SHG)	Tekbiy Dyar (SHG)	Oscar Carrodus (MAR)
Claire Folino (SHG)	Shanel Rafoo (SCC)	William Espiga (MAR)
Emma Vella (SKL)	Heiravel Torregosa (MLD)	Nathan Tran (MGR)
Krytal Nguyen (SRC)	Gabriel Montes (MAM)	Christian Tauhalaliku (MVN)

Arts

Aklessiya Haile (SHG)	Rachele Turchi (MAR)	Sienna Sposato (MVN)
Emily Nguyen (SAK)	Marcus Kouts (MAR)	Dawt ku Cinzah (MAR)
Mia Daskalakis (SKL)	Victoria Nguyen (MAR)	Ella Nguyen (MVN)
Henok Haile (SAS)	Kimmy Nguyen (MAR)	Michael Rao (MVN)
Lena Nguyen (MAR)	Grace Dao (MAR)	Katie Pham (MAR)
Hanna Gobena (MAR)		

Indonesian

Jordan Bonnet (MAR)	Luna Le (MGR)	An Pham (MGR)
Oscar Carrodus (MAR)	Nardos Hishe (MAM)	Ananya Assefa (MGR)
Melani Dao (MGR)	Kenna O'Keefe (MAM)	

Library Monitors

Madeline B MAM	Chin Chin SHG	Katherine SKL	Rikesh MAR	Ryan T SKL
Anastasia MAM	Krisha SKL	Yianna SAK	Liam MAR	Brian SHG
Sebastian MAM	Min Tuta SHG	George SAK	Oliver MAM	Ellie SKL
Titus MAM	Ethen L SHG	Lucas M SAK	Braxton MAM	keira SKL
Hana SAS	Emily P MAM	Celine N MAM	Jason MAM	Tyler SCC
Mary SRC	Victor V MAM	Blessing B MAR	Ariobarzan MAM	Ajoh SCC
Ismahan SRC	Jordana MAM	Skye MLD	Charli MGR	Siang Siang SCC
Zoe SHG	Hosanna MAM	Tanush SKL	Emma T MAM	Ariela SKL
Anna SHG		Vicente SHG	Yenishka MAM	Krisha SKL

MELBOURNE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA VISITED ST. PAUL'S

Last week our students were treated to another new and exciting learning opportunity when the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra visited St. Paul's!

Teachers and students got to watch and listen to music created by incredibly talented musicians as well as experience being musicians ourselves, jamming along with percussion instruments.

Huge thank you to the MSO for offering this free education in schools' program which you can follow on MSOlearn.com
The students were engaged and respectful making it an informative and successful incursion.
Happy music making!



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

VU school holiday sport program

7-11 & 14-17 April 2025
ages 5-12

multi-sport
netball
soccer
dance
basketball
play, swim & craft
AFL

scan for more info



early bird prices end March 10!

 

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.

