

## TERM 1

## WEEK 8: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

### DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March:</b>	<b>School Assembly SKL – 2.30pm</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>School Assembly JEF – 2.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:</b>	<b>Learning Walk – 2.30pm – 3.30pm</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>Class Reconciliation MEM, MLD &amp; MAM – 10.00am</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>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>ANZAC Day Public Holiday – School Closed</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:</b>	<b>School Assembly SAK – 2.30pm, Sacrament of Eucharist 6.30pm, St Paul's Church</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May:</b>	<b>Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30am</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May:</b>	<b>Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night – 6.30pm, St Paul's School</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May:</b>	<b>Mother's Day Stall, Assembly – MLD 2.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May:</b>	<b>Class Reconciliation MAR, MGR and MVN 10.00am, School Assembly – SCC – 2.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May:</b>	<b>School Closure Day – Professional Practice Day for Staff – no school for students</b>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:</b>	<b>Sacrament of Confirmation 6.30pm St Paul's Church</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:</b>	<b>School Assembly JRB – 2.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May:</b>	<b>National Reconciliation Week Celebrations, School Assembly – SHG – 2.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June:</b>	<b>School Assembly – JCL – 2.30pm</b>

Dear Parents/Carers,

I will be absent from St Paul's from next Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March for the remainder of the term as I am travelling to Greece and Turkey with Principals from the the Western Zone to participate in a pilgrimage to walk, 'In the Footsteps of St Paul'. The aim of the trip is to provide an enriching experience for the principals, by tracing the numerous journeys of St. Paul during his missionary journeys. The main benefit of this pilgrimage will be that I will gain a deeper understanding of St. Paul's life and teachings. I will return to St Paul's on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April. During this time, Ms Cathy Doran and Mrs Louise Collison will be Acting Principals. I thank them for taking on this role during my absence. I will keep you all in my prayers during my travels.

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) celebrates Catholic Education Week this year from 16–23 March. Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate their Catholic identity, the pivotal role they play within their local community and the strength of the sector. The theme is 'Arise, shine: for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. (Isa 60:1)'. Our School Leaders, Miss Peplow, Mrs Ashlea and Mrs Blerina will be attending the Catholic Education Week Mass this Friday. I thank all of our families for continuing to support Catholic Education.

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. Last week, your child's unique ID was sent home in a personalized order flyer – please ensure you use this ID when you place a photo order.

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

Term 1 concludes on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00pm. The children may wear plain clothes on this day. Term 2 commences at 8.40am on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](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 next session will be held on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm - St. Paul’s School

**Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3)**

Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church

**Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night (Year 5 and 6)**

Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm - St. Paul’s School

**Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 5 and 6)**

Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church

## RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EASTER – DONATIONS FOR OUR PRIZES OF HAMPERS

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

**St. Paul's School**  
West Sunshine

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:  
**Wednesday 23rd April**

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 23rd April

Order at [order.schoolpix.com.au](http://order.schoolpix.com.au)

Misplaced your order flyer?  
Please visit [www.schoolpix.com.au](http://www.schoolpix.com.au) and use the student search to find your child's unique ID or contact our Customer Care team on **1300 766 055** or [help@schoolpix.com.au](mailto:help@schoolpix.com.au).

FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH

St Paul's  
**WELLNESS**  
day

Children will participate in a variety of health and wellness activities throughout the day!!

## LEARNING WALK – Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 \$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.**



## CHILDREN'S ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

There are various ways that you can contact the school to advise that your child is absent from school.

- 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.
- Via Audiri App:** Use the 'Absentee Form' in this app. This form can be found under the section 'Forms'.
- 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.
- 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.

THE UNITED FOOTBALL PROGRAM

# WESTERN UNITED SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

CASTLEY RESERVE, PELLOW ST, SUNSHINE WEST




**TUESDAY 15TH APRIL**  
9AM - 3PM  
BOYS AND GIRLS  
AGES 6-15  
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE  
FRIDAY APRIL 11TH



## GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

**West Sunshine Auskick Centre**  
**Ainsworth Reserve, Sunshine West**  
**Friday 5.30pm**  
**Friday, 2 May 2025**  
**Steve Briffa 0421 416 079**



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

# Bridging Now to Next

27 MAY – 3 JUNE

#NRW2025




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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:

17/3/2025 - 21/3/2025


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Health and Well.</b>   3.2</p> <p><b>Musical Bob</b> Dance and bob down when the music stops.</p>	<p><b>Courage</b>   31</p> <p><b>AFL King of the Pack</b> Children will kick a football to other children, who try and mark the ball.</p>	<p><b>Creative Thinki.</b>   11</p> <p><b>Threads and beads</b> Holding and stringing the beads will strengthen your child's hand muscles, finger strength, and overall fine motor skills.</p>	<p><b>Confidence</b>   13</p> <p><b>Complete the Drawing</b> We have half the robot; can you draw the other half. Let's test your drawing skills to complete the robot.</p>	<p><b>Creative Thinki.</b>   11</p> <p><b>Sidewalk Chalk Drawing</b> Sidewalk chalk drawing is a fun activity for all ages. All that's needed is chalk, a path, hose to wash away when finished.</p>
<p><b>Confidence</b>   41</p> <p><b>Big Art: Collage Painting</b> A great way of exploring and creating texture in artwork and the options for the design; outline are endless making it perfect.</p>	<p><b>Health and Well.</b>   12</p> <p><b>Skipping</b> To encourage children's physical development and coordination, whilst encouraging healthy lifestyles and healthy play.</p>	<p><b>Creative Thinki.</b>   5.3</p> <p><b>Minecraft drawings</b> To be able to draw your own minecraft designs</p>	<p><b>Confidence</b>   3.3</p> <p><b>Basketball hoops</b> Children get to construct basketball hoops to take home</p>	<p><b>Confidence</b>   11</p> <p><b>Sand Beach Painting</b> The children can paint the beach as they like/see</p>



**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**

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

[Visit our blog](#)

To register and book visit [www.campaustrelia.com.au](http://www.campaustrelia.com.au)

by Camp Australia

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.

