

TERM 1

WEEK 9: Monday 24th March, 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 27th March:	Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night - 6.30pm St. Paul's School – Year 3 Students
Friday 28th March:	St Paul's Wellness Day, 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 Term II Commences at 8.40am
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
Friday 30th May:	National Reconciliation Week Celebrations, School Assembly – SHG – 2.30pm
Friday 6th June:	School Assembly – JCL – 2.30pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

In some exciting news, Mrs Teagan Hocking and her husband Jarrod are expecting their first child in late August – we wish them all the best in the coming months and look forward to meeting the new arrival later in the year.

I ask you to keep in your prayers the community of St Peter's, South West Sunshine as one of their staff members, Michael Elliott, passed away. Please keep Michael, his family and friends and the St Peter's School Community in your thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

There are several staff who are on leave over the coming weeks. Miss Kayla Lacey will be on leave from Friday, March 28th for the remainder of the term. Kayla will be replaced by Ms Jane O'Reilly during her absence. Mr Matthew Kowalczyk will be on leave from Monday, March 31st for the remainder of the term. He will be replaced by Mrs Teresa Germano during this time. Mrs Santi Sherry, our Indonesian teacher, will be absent from Monday 31st March for the remainder of the term – she will be replaced by various teachers during her absence. Mrs Lea Noad, our school nurse, will be on leave from Thursday, March 27th. Kayla, Matthew, Santi and Lea will all return at the start of term 2. We wish them all the very best throughout their leave.

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. Your child's unique ID has already sent home in a personalized order flyer – please ensure you use this ID when you place a photo order. If you have not received your child's unique ID or you have lost it, please contact the office.

In Term II, there will be no school for students on Friday, 25th April (ANZAC Day). There will be no school on Tuesday, May 20th as all staff will be participating in Professional Practice activities.

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.

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, I will be absent for the remainder of the term as I am attending a pilgrimage about St Paul's in Greece and Turkey. I wish you all the best for the final two weeks of the term – I hope you all have a safe and Holy Easter.

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 Thursday, 24th April 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 Eucharist Family Night (Year 3)

This 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 have been sent home. 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.

ST PAUL’S WELLNESS DAY – This Friday, 28th March

The St Paul’s Wellness Day will be held this Friday, 28th March. Children will be able to participate in a variety of health and wellness activities throughout the day.



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INDONESIAN NEWS

INDONESIAN SPEAKING COMPETITION

The Indonesian Speaking Competition is open for students to participate, and we are excited to have 45 students interested in competing.

Round 1 will take place on Friday, 23rd May, at school in the Indonesian room. The competition is organised by the Victorian Indonesian Language Teachers’ Association and will be conducted online, providing students with the opportunity to showcase their skills in speaking, singing, and reading poetry in Indonesian.

Participants will present their skills to an assessor who is a native Indonesian speaker, making this a fantastic experience and a valuable opportunity to enhance their language abilities.

A letter and practice materials will be sent home this week. Best wishes to all students as they prepare to showcase their talents!

Terima kasih - Bu Santi

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 \$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.**

INDIGENOUS GARDEN

Wominjeka Mob!

You may have noticed that we now have the St Paul's Acknowledgement of Country displayed at the front of our school, on Glengala Rd. We have also installed some new totem poles, with our school core values in our Indigenous Garden!

Last Thursday Mrs Ashlea and Mr Daniel, went to Newport Native Garden Centre and purchased some new seedlings for our Indigenous Garden. On Friday Mr Rob (our grounds keeper), Mrs Ashlea and Joseph Butterfield from JKL, planted the new seedlings and also discussed what our Wurundjeri Elders, would have used each plant for many years ago. This week Mrs Ashlea also spoke to the students about respecting and caring for our plants, by placing ALL of their rubbish into the bin! Wurundjeri Country is a great place where we all live, teach, pray and learn. So together let's all do our part in keeping it looking "DEADLY" - AMAZING!



Many thanks to Miss Peplow, Ms Ashlea and Ms Blerina for taking out school leaders to the Catholic Education Week Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral last Friday. Thanks to the children for being so respectful during the Mass.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025
Bridging Now to Next
 27 MAY – 3 JUNE
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SOFTBALL
 School Holiday Program
 Locations:
 Albury Wodonga Softball Association
 Dandenong Softball Association
 Geelong Softball Association
 Glen Eira Moorabbin Softball Association
 Hume City Softball Association
 Melbourne Softball Association
 Northern District Softball Association
 Sunshine Softball Association
 APRIL HOLIDAYS
 Time: 9am – 1pm
 Scan the QR Code for more info and to register
 www.softballvic.org.au/events
 Cost: \$75.00pp for non members, \$50.00pp for members
 Price Includes a glove and ball (or a \$25 Ausport Voucher)

Camp Australia Guiding children's growth
Newsletter
 Camp Australia St. Paul's Primary School March Newsletter

Dear Parents and Families,

Please book your child/ren in as soon as possible.

This will guarantee a spot in our sessions. Often, if you book on the day, you may be rejected due to our compliance needs of staffing and ratio.

Last day of term Friday the 4th of April the After School Care Program will operate from 1pm to 6pm please book in advance.

Closest Camp Australia Rocketeers Holiday Programs Harvester Primary School, Holy Eucharist Primary School.

Check out Rockteers program Plans on the Camp Australia website.

Service feedback from Nathan grade 1
 Nathan attends BSC and ASC everyday.
 Nathan said he loves being the bag monitor and playing with all the children!

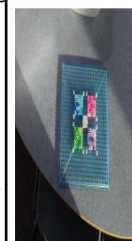
Service feedback from Elizabeth grade 4
 What I really love about BSC is that you get to play also we cook and sometimes do sand art.

Service feedback from Tanvi Grade 5
 I really love BSC and ASC, because there is always something for everyone and Miss Irije and Miss Kylie are also really appreciative towards all the children.

We hope to see you in 2025!

Kind Regards Kylie, Irije & Alannah, Sarah, Preet.

The children have been doing outdoor games, drawing, painting



Exciting upcoming Activities
 Painting, drawing, cooking,



To register and book visit: www.campaustrella.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.

