

## TERM 2

## WEEK 2: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

### DATES TO REMEMBER

<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>Applications for Year 7 in Government Secondary Schools due to St Paul's Office</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May:</b>	<b>2026 Prep Information Session – St Paul's School, 1:30pm</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>First Round of the Indonesian Speaking Competition</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>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June:</b>	<b>King's Birthday Public Holiday – No school for students</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June:</b>	<b>School Assembly – MEM – 2.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June:</b>	<b>Learning Conversations – Online 1.30pm – 7.00pm – School Finishes at 1.00pm</b> <b>(More information to follow)</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June:</b>	<b>Class Mass – MEM, MAM and MLD, School Assembly – MAR – 2.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:</b>	<b>International Day of Families – More information to follow</b>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June:</b>	<b>2026 Prep Information Session – St Paul's School, 1:30pm</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June:</b>	<b>Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass – 10.00am at St Paul's Church</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:</b>	<b>Feast day of St Peter and St Paul Mass and Activities (More information to follow)</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July:</b>	<b>End of Term II – 1.00pm. Children can wear plain clothes.</b>

Dear Parents/Carers,

Many of you would have watched Pope Francis' Funeral on Saturday. It was a very moving ceremony. To the end, Pope Francis did not have any of the usual pomp and ceremony at his funeral that other Popes have had. He requested to be buried in a plain wooden coffin, and to be buried at Santa Maria Maggiore Basilica, which is a break from tradition as most Popes are buried at the Vatican. We keep the Pope in our thoughts and prayers and thank God for allowing us to have him as our Pope. We keep all the Cardinals in our prayers as we ask the Holy Spirit to be with them as they decide who the next Pope will be.

We are looking forward to the Mother's Day Breakfast next Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Final numbers were due today – please send final numbers tomorrow!

I want to congratulate all the children for the way they listened to the photographers last Wednesday when the school photos were being taken. The School Pix Co-ordinator said how well behaved the children were on the day. I am always so proud when I hear this kind of feedback.

On Friday night, our Year 3 students, as well as students from other levels, will be receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist. I encourage the St. Paul's School Community to keep all of these children in your prayers. We pray that our First Communicants will continue to grow in their love for the Father and that they will be able to have many more meals at His holy table. Many thanks to Miss Lisa Peplow, Miss Ellen McKitterick, Miss Amanda Mach and Mrs Linda Della-Vedova for the way they have prepared the children.

There will be no school on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> as all staff will be participating in Professional Practice activities.

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 Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 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.

## **JMA UPCOMING EXCURSION – Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May**

As part of our Inquiry Unit of work, ‘What do animals need to survive?’ JMA students will be attending an excursion to Werribee Zoo on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May. The excursion will inform students about different animals, their habitats and what animals need to survive. The students will participate in a session run by the zoo staff about animal habitats and have a safari bus tour of the zoo.

Buses will leave school at 9:00am and return by 2:40pm. They can be picked up from school at their usual pick-up time.

**Please complete the consent form and return it to school by this Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of May.**

Please note that students are to wear sports uniform and need to pack their playlunch, lunch, snacks and a drink bottle with water in a small bag/backpack clearly marked with their name on the excursion day.

## **APPLICATION FOR YEAR 7 PLACEMENT 2026 FORM (GOVERNMENT SCHOOL)**

Last term, our Year 6 students who will *not* be attending a Catholic/Private secondary school in 2026 received an **Application for Year 7 Placement 2026 Form.**

To assist with this process, an information pack has been emailed to all families.

**Please note, the cut-off date for completing your child's application form is 09/05/2025 – these need to be returned to St Paul's Office by this date as they are submitted to the secondary school of your choice by St Paul's.**

## **MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AND STALL**

There will be a **Mother's Day Breakfast on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, commencing at 7.30am.** Please keep this day free. Please note that children attending the breakfast must come to school with a family member. Please return the tear off slip on the invitation sent home last term indicating how many will be attending this special breakfast. **Please RSVP by TOMORROW!!**

The **Mother's Day Stall will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May.** The price of gifts will range from \$2 - \$10. If you are able to help with selling the gifts please indicate on the slip below and return to the school office.

**I am able to assist with the Mother's Day Stall on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

(Please tick the box if you can help)

*(Xin đánh vào ô nếu quý vị có thể giúp)*

**Tôi có thể giúp Gian hàng Mừng Ngày Của Mẹ vào thứ Sáu (09/05)**

You must have a current Working With Children Check Card to assist with the Mother's Day Stall.

*Quý vị phải có Thẻ Làm Việc với Trẻ Em còn hiệu lực để có thể phụ giúp cho Gian hàng mừng Ngày của Mẹ.*

Helper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*(Tên người giúp)*

*(Điện thoại)*

## **SAFETY AND PARKING AROUND ST PAUL'S**

A reminder to drive safely around St Paul's. There are some drivers who are not following the road rules when dropping off or picking up students. A reminder that the disabled parking bay at the front of the school in Links Street is for drivers who have the appropriate permit allowing them to use this car park. We ask anyone who sees drivers not parking appropriately to report any issues to the Brimbank Council. We have also contacted the Council and asked for enforcement officers to monitor drivers who are parking/driving in an unsafe manner. The number for Brimbank Council is 9249 4000 – you can also contact the council via email - [info@brimbank.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@brimbank.vic.gov.au).

## **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.**



## FREE SOFTBALL PROGRAM

Students in Grade 4, 5 and 6 are being given the chance to take part in a free Softball program running from 3.00-4.00 at St Paul's Primary School on the D.C.G. The program commences on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, and continues for the following three Wednesdays.

This is a fantastic chance for your child to:

- Develop their softball skills.
- Participate in a fun and supportive environment.
- Connect with other children.
- Demonstrate teamwork and sportsmanship.
- Being healthy, active and positive

The program is free and all equipment is provided but you must register at the following link

<https://www.softballvic.org.au/events/292975>

For any further information please contact Mr Chris.

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PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE

## SPECIAL OFFER!

For **New** Students in 2025.

Get one **FREE** lesson in Term 2 when you sign up for a full-term of instrumental music lessons, for any instrument of your choosing!

HOW TO CLAIM:  
Simply write "Free Lesson" in the notes section of the application form to receive the Free Lesson!

T&C's apply. Get in touch for more information.

admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au | www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au

Guiding children's growth

# Newsletter

Camp Australia St. Paul's Primary School April Newsletter

Parents and Families,  
Welcome Back to Term 2, hope everyone had a fun break. 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.

If anyone other than the authorized person comes to pick up your child/children you must send a text message to the service phone, with the persons full name and address also your full name on this number 0401 362 738.

The children have been doing outdoor games, drawing, painting

**Exciting upcoming Activities**  
painting, drawing, cooking,

Due to our increasing attendance at ASC we will be welcoming casual staff to fill in the 3pm -5pm shift, at this stage it will be various staff members attending the service.

If your circumstances do change, please ensure you also make the school aware.

At the end of term 1 we had a visit from Lea the school nurse, she discussed her role at the school.

This Term the children will participate in many fun activities, outdoor group games Golden Child, Basketball shoot out, soccer & indoors they will be making amazing craft using recycled materials, painting and beads, making jewellery.

The leaders in OSHC for 30 years.

30 years OSHC

Camp Australia

Camp Australia acknowledges Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and respects the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and invite you to do the same.

Coming up is OSHC Lego masters week from 12th to the 16th of May.

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

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

Your OSHC.

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## FOOTSCRAY WATER POLO!

<p><b>JUNIORS</b> 8-11 YEARS OLD + 12-15 YEARS OLD</p> <p><b>SATURDAY</b> 3<sup>RD</sup> &amp; 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025 1.30pm - 3.15pm</p>		<p><b>SENIORS</b> AGES 16 YEARS AND OLDER</p> <p><b>SATURDAY</b> 17<sup>TH</sup> &amp; 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025 1.30pm - 3.15pm</p>
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**WHAT TO EXPECT:**  
Learning the Basics - Passing, Shooting and Movement  
Learn the rules and play friendly games to put it all together

Build confidence, coordination and teamwork in a fun & friendly environment while connecting with our local water polo community

**LOCATION:**  
VICTORIA UNIVERSITY POOL  
70-104 BALLARAT ROAD, FOOTSCRAY

**REGISTER NOW!**  
via the links on our website  
<https://www.footscraywaterpolo.com/comeandtry>

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.