

TERM 2

WEEK 10: Monday 23rd June, 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 25th June: 2026 Prep Information Session – St Paul's School, 1.30pm
Friday 27th June: Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass – 10.00am at St Paul's Church, School Assembly SAS – 2.30pm
Tuesday 1st July: Learning Walk – 2.30pm – 3.30pm – All Families Welcome.
Thursday 3rd July: Feast Day of St Peter and St Paul Mass at 9.45am and Activities – Sausage Lunch – Canteen closed all day
Friday 4th July: End of Term II – 1.00pm – Canteen closed all day
Shrek Fundraising - children can dress as a fairytale or Shrek character.
Monday 21st July: Beginning of Term III 8.40am
21st – 23rd July: SMA Camp 1 (SAS, SCC, SHG)
23rd – 25th July: SMA Camp 2 (SAK, SKL, SRC)
28th – 29th July: MMA Camp - CYC the Island Camp – Phillip Island
Friday 1st August: School Assembly SRC – 2.30pm
Monday 4th August: 2026 Prep Information Session – St Paul's School, 9.15am
Wednesday 6th August: St Mary MacKillop/Grandparents Mass (9.15am), Open Classrooms and Morning Tea
August 7th and 8th: School Closure Days – No School for Students
August 11th – 15th: Book Week – more information to follow
Friday August 15th: Feast of the Assumption Mass – 10.00am St Paul's Church
Friday August 15th: Applications close for 2027 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges—our current Year 5 students
Friday August 22nd: Class Mass – MVN, MGR, MAR – 10.00am, School Assembly – 'Shrek' Performance – 2.30pm
Monday 25th August: 2026 Prep Information Session – St Paul's School, 1.30pm
September 11, 15, 16 and 17 – New dates for Production – more information to follow.

Dear Parents/Carers,

In some staffing news, Miss Diana Nguyen will be on long service leave from next Monday, 30th June and will return to St Paul's on Monday, 4th August. She will be travelling to Vietnam to see her family. We wish her all the best on her travels. Mrs Lan Nguyen and Mrs Ha-Anh Nguyen will be replacing Diana in her absence.

Please ensure you use the drop off zone correctly in the morning. **Children must not leave the car on the driver's side of the car as this will mean they are walking into oncoming traffic.** Please remember that you are not to leave your car in the drop off zone while you visit the office. You will need to park in the church car park or in the street and then walk to the school. Please ensure you park appropriately around the school.

Thank you to all those parents/carers who joined your child's teacher for Learning Conversations last week. The feedback from staff and families was very positive as all found these discussions very worthwhile. Please remember to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher should you have any concerns at any stage during the year. Thanks also to the teachers for preparing so professionally for the conversations.

Please remember that we have Mass this Friday, June 27th at 10.00am to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Children are asked to donate some non-perishable food (e.g. cereal, canned food, etc.) to help the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

I look forward to seeing our families and friends at our Term 2 Learning Walk on Tuesday, July 1st from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. I am sure you will be very proud of the wonderful work your children are producing.

There is no school for children on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th August as all staff will be further developing their understanding of the Child Safe Standards as well as renewing their First Aid Level 1 qualifications.

Term II concludes on Friday 4th July at 1.00pm. The children are able to dress up as a character from their favourite fairy tale or as a Shrek character – if your child dresses up, we ask for a gold coin donation. There will be a parade at 9.00am for the children to show their favourite character. After School Care will operate from 1.00pm until 6.00pm on this day. Term III commences on Monday 21st July at 8.40am.

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’. Please ensure you apply as soon as possible as we are interviewing 2026 Preps and Families over the coming weeks. If you don’t apply in the near future, you may be put on a waiting list.

INDONESIAN SPEAKING COMPETITION

Big congratulations to the following winners, who competed against participants from 10 Government schools, 2 Catholic and Christian schools, and 1 Grammar School in the Final Round.

*** Level 1 Winners:**

- First prize: Moza Tjenderasa (JSM)
- Second prize: Levi Tomlin (JSM)

*** Level 3 Winners:**

- Second prize: Hana Nguyen (SAS)
- Third prize: Giulietta Matina (SAS)

Congratulations again to these students who represented St Paul’s very well! Many thanks to Ibu Santi for her great support and encouragement to our students’ participation in this Indonesian speaking competition.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART – This Friday, 27th June

This Friday, 27th June 2025, St. Paul’s is celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by collecting non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent De Paul Society. This initiative upholds Catholic Social Teachings by supporting the needy in our community. Donations of canned goods and pasta are welcomed, with pickup and distribution facilitated by a member of the Sunshine conference.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and living out our faith to help those in our community.

TERM 2 LEARNING WALK – Tuesday, 1st July 2025

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. Look forward to seeing you there.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH **THURSDAY, JULY 3RD 2025**

St. Paul’s and St. Peter’s students will gather together on Thursday July 3rd to celebrate St. Peter’s and St Paul’s Feast Day. We will begin with Mass at St Paul’s Church at 9.45am, visits with buddies, a Sausage Sizzle lunch and fun activities with a sporting group in the gym in the afternoon.

As we will be catering for nearly 1,000 students and teachers, we would be very appreciative of your help to cook and serve sausages.

If you are able to help from 10:30am until 1:30pm, please leave your name and number at the office.

As lunch will be provided, please remember that children will only need to bring their snack and a drink to school on Thursday, July 3rd. **The canteen will be closed all day – there will be no lunch orders. If your child does not want a sausage for lunch, they will need to bring their lunch to school.**

Thank you in advance for your support.



Article from eSafety Commissioner: Screen Time for Your Child: 7 Tips

There is a lot of conflicting advice and emerging research around screen time. But, the right amount of screen time can depend on a range of factors like your child’s age and maturity, the kind of content they are consuming, their learning needs and your family routine. It can be easy to focus only on the clock and how long your child is spending in front of the screen, but the quality and nature of what they are doing online, and your involvement are just as important.

1. Be involved
2. Work with your child to set some boundaries for screen use
3. Be clear about the consequences of not switching off
4. Set device-free zones and times at home
5. Ask your child to explain their screen use
6. Use tech tools to help manage access
7. Lead by example

For more info visit https://www.esafety.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-06/EC-ESP-screen-time-tips-flyer_0.pdf?v=1749775083664

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.**



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

PET	Safeer Ahmed
PMF	Hudson Head
PMK	Cindy Nguyen
JCL	Tina Apostolikas
JKL	Dawthlei Chin
JTH	Clara Phan
JEF	Myer Nguyen
JRB	Vantha Lian
JSM	Archie Giannoulidis
MAM	Sebastian Borg
MEM	Eli Murray
MLD	Naomi Tran
MAR	Rachele Turchi
MGR	Anna Truong
MVN	Elizabeth Ramos
SAK	Yianna Apostolikas
SKL	Tanush Patel
SRC	Jordan Truong
SAS	Charan Kotipalli
SCC	John Bawi Duh Nung
SHG	Harley Bonett

Shrek Fundraiser

By order of Lord Farquaad, we invite all St Paul's students to join the citizens of Duloc in helping to raise funds for our "Shrek" school production in Term 3.

WHEN:
Friday 4th July - Last Day of Term 2

HOW:
Please come dressed as a fairytale character or Shrek character and bring a gold coin donation with you!

WHY:
Your donation will help with the cost of putting on such a fantastic show and... it will be fun!

Thank you,
Ms Lynette & Ms Michele



Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter

23/06/2025

Camp Australia St.Paul's West Sunshine OSHC

Camp Australia
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Your OSHC. **ROCKETEERS**

Dear Families,

And that's not all. They will also have some great board games competitions. This is the perfect opportunity for your child to unleash their imagination and challenge themselves in a fun and supportive environment.

Big Art Fridays (Every Friday)

And don't forget, Fridays are for creativity! Every week in After School Care, we host Big Art Fridays, where children can dive into all kinds of artistic activities. From painting to creative writing, and everything in between, Fridays are a time for your child to showcase their individuality and express themselves in their own unique way. It's a great time to get together with friends and celebrate creativity!

Open morning at Before School Care on Thursday 26th of June and all families are welcome to visit the service between 8:15 am to 8:45 am and see the program in operation.

On Thursday 19th of June After Care will open from 1pm to 6pm please book in advance.

Last day of term Friday 4th of July Early school finish the After Care Program will operate from 1pm to 6pm please book in advance so we can have correct child/ staff ratio.

If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to reach out to the OSHC team. You can contact Kylie /Irije/Sarah on 0401 362 738. Let's make this week full of fun, creativity, and community spirit!

Best regards,

Kylie Hayes, Irije Demiri, Sarah Tanveer
Service Leader

Activities coming up

- Model Magic
- Lego Hama Beads
- Lego Masters
- Outdoor games

Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

[Book now](#)



Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustalia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at www.campaustalia.com.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Sharpen your footy skills at one of our School Holiday Programs in Regional Victoria
Suitable for kids aged 4-12.

WEEK 1

MON. JULY 7 — SKINNER RESERVE, BRAYBROOK
THUR. JULY 10 — GORDON STREET RESERVE, ARARAT
FRI. JULY 11 — CITY OVAL, BALLARAT
FRI. JULY 11 — DONALD MCLEAN RESERVE, SPOTSWOOD

WEEK 2

MON. JULY 14 — CIVIC HUB, BACCHUS MARSH
FRI. JULY 18 — ALL GIRLS PROGRAM — CITY OVAL, BALLARAT
FRI. JULY 18 — CROFTS RESERVE, ALTONA

REGISTER NOW

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.

