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TERM 2

WEEK 11: Monday 30th June, 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**TERM 2 CONCLUDES THIS FRIDAY, 4TH JULY AT 1.00PM. CHILDREN CAN DRESS AS A FAIRYTALE OR SHREK CHARACTER IN EXCHANGE FOR GOLD-COIN DONATION FOR OUR SHREK FUNDRAISING.
SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY 21ST JULY AT 8.40AM**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very busy term – so many learning opportunities for all of our children – thanks to the staff for all their work, to the families for their support, and to the children for always bringing a smile to our faces!! To celebrate the children's learning, you are invited to our Term 2 Learning Walk this Tuesday from 2.30-3.30pm.

I would like to wish Miss Rachael Barr all the very best for the future as she travels overseas – we thank her for her commitment to the children in her care for the past 3 years. As previously advised, Mr Luke Nulty will be teaching JRB for the remainder of the year.

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.

This Thursday, July 3rd, our two Parish Schools will come together to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Peter and St. Paul. Both Schools will celebrate Mass together in St. Paul's Church at 9.45am and then celebrate our two wonderful saints in different activities. **A reminder that the canteen will be closed on Thursday and Friday this week.**

I look forward to seeing our families and friends at our Term 2 Learning Walk **tomorrow**, Tuesday, July 1st from 2.30pm – 3.20pm. 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. 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 and a safe holiday.

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.

MULTICULTURAL DAY

Last Monday, we had a great day celebrating our families and where our families come from. We started the day with the Parade of Nations. The parade highlighted what a truly diverse, multicultural community we are! The sausage sizzle cooked by Mr Rob was great. Special thanks to Mrs Annamaria Schembri for all she did prior to and on the day ensuring that our special celebration went smoothly. Thanks to all the staff for their assistance on the day.

Thanks to Cultural Infusion who provided the Greek Dancing sessions for the Prep -5 students, and to Mrs Schembri, Mrs Garcia and Mrs Anna for teaching the Year 6 students the ‘Zorba Dance’. Thanks to the following family and friends who helped on with the sausage sizzle – Vanessa Rizk, Christina Iacovella, Michael Roumen, Mare Jovancevska, Jacqui Batty – without their assistance, it would have taken a long time to give all the children their sausage.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART MASS

Thank you to those families who donated non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent De Paul Society last Friday. Your donations will be of great help to those in the local community who are in need. Thanks also to those family and friends who joined us at Mass on Friday to honour the Feast of the Sacred Heart. A special thank you to the Liturgy Committee who were involved in the organisation of the Mass and took on roles within the Mass. Helen and Peter from the St Vincent De Paul Society were very thankful for the donations. It was wonderful that they could attend our assembly and thank all in our community for your generous donations.

TERM 2 LEARNING WALK – This Tuesday, 1st July

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. We’re looking forward to seeing you there.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH THIS 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 900 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. **Applications for the CSEF close this Friday, July 4th – any late applications will not be accepted.**

Core Values Award – June

Congratulations to JTH!

JTH were awarded the core values trophy for respect in June. They have shown great improvement in their ability to follow teacher instructions, to make good choices for their learning and show pride in their work. They have been trying really hard to show respect for each other and their learning.

Well done JTH!

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SPECIAL OFFER!

For New Students in 2025.

Get two **FREE** lessons in Term 3

when you sign up for a full-term of instrumental music lessons, for any instrument of your choosing!

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

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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



GETTING ORGANISED FOR SCHOOL

How things go at home in the morning can set the tone for the day ahead. A predictable and positive morning routine for school can help children arrive at school feeling calm, fed and ready to make the most of the first few hours of the day.

Morning routine for school: the whys and hows

Children don't understand time in the same way as grown-ups. This can make school morning a stressful time of day for families. But staying calm and getting along in the morning will help you all feel positive about the day ahead. For example, fighting with children in the morning makes it harder for you to work well. It even increases the risk of you having an accident at work. The most useful way to reduce morning chaos is to set up a morning routine for school. Sticking to a morning routine for school helps your children predict what's coming, and remember what they need to do. Here are some ideas to take some of the pressure out of school mornings – even if things don't always go smoothly!

Planning ahead for school mornings: the night before

The first step in your morning routine for school is to think about what you need to do and work out a plan for doing it. You'll probably find that you and your child can do many things the night before.

Here are some ideas:

- Try to find out the night before (or even earlier) if there is something special going on at school the next day.
- Organise lunches and set the breakfast table ready for the morning rush. Breakfast is one of the most important meals of the day and helps your child to concentrate better at school.
- Get your child to have a bath or shower the night before. This means you won't have to worry about this in the morning.
- You may know something is going to come up that could cause conflict, like your child not wanting to eat breakfast, or wanting to wear sneakers rather than school shoes. Talk about it the night before when everybody has time and you're all less likely to be stressed.
- Think about having a weekly schedule or calendar with reminders of what your child needs to take to school each day – for example, library books, sports clothes, show and tell, and so on.
- Think about getting ready for your day the night before as well, to help ease time pressure in the morning.
- Try to read school newsletters and check bags for notes the night before. You could also try to prepare clothes, sign school notes, and get school bags ready the night before.

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*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.*



