

TERM 3 WEEK 2: Monday 28th July, 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

28 th – 29 th July:	MMA Camp - CYC the Island Camp – Phillip Island (Where possible, students to stay home July 30 th .)
Thursday 31 st August:	Prep Excursion (ACMI)
Friday 1 st August:	100 Days of Prep Celebrations, 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 No Choir Rehearsal after school
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
Thursday 28 th August:	MVN, MAR and MGR attend excursion to Melbourne Zoo
Friday 29 th August:	MEM, MLD and MAM attend excursion to Melbourne Zoo, Assembly – JKL - 2.30pm
Thursday 4 th September:	Father's Day Breakfast – 7.30am
Friday 5 th September:	Father's Day Stall, School Assembly –MVN 2.30pm
Tuesday 9 th September:	2026 Prep Information Session – St Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 12 th September:	School Assembly – MAM – 2.30pm
September 11, 15, 16 and 17	New dates for Production – more information to follow.

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Year 5 and 6 students had a wonderful time at camp last week. They participated in many activities – the giant swing, bush cooking, the flying fox and tree top challenge, just to name a few. Thanks to Mrs Razi and Ms Capuano for all their work organising and attending the camp. I would like to thank all the staff who attended the camp – Miss Heidi, Ms Anna, Miss Kayla, Mr Killender, Ms Christine, Ms Michele, Mr Adam, Mr Chris, Miss Cathy, Miss Sarah, Mrs Louise C, Mrs Kaylene, Mrs Louise S, Ms Ngunsang and Mrs Nicole C and Mr Daniel who attended both camps. If it were not for these staff giving of their time so generously, there would be no camps. I would also like to thank the students for the way they mixed with, and supported, each other. I received lots of positive feedback from the Camp Manyung staff about how good the children were – I was very proud of every single one of them. Thanks also to the staff that remained at school and took on extra responsibilities during the camps.

Our Year 3 and 4 students left for their camp at Phillip Island this morning – they are looking forward to seeing the penguins tonight. Please remember they will return to school at approximately 3.00pm tomorrow.

Please feel free to join us for a very special Mass - the Feast Day of St. Mary MacKillop / Grandparents Mass - on Wednesday, 6th August. The Mass will be held at St. Paul's Church and will begin at 9.15am. Grandparents will be able to visit the children in their classrooms after Mass and then join us for Morning Tea. Children brought home invitations last week – please pass them on to their loved ones!!

I remind families that applications for Year 7 in 2027 for Catholic Secondary Schools must be in by Friday, 15th August. Our Year 5 students must enrol by this date if they wish to attend a Catholic Secondary School.

If you have not enrolled your child in Prep for 2026, please do so immediately. Your child will be put on a waiting list if you do not apply immediately.

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.

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.

CHILD SAFETY AROUND ST PAUL’S

A reminder to all families to use the school crossing or the pedestrian lights when crossing Links Street and Glengala Road. This will ensure all in the community are safe. Please make sure **you drive as far forward as possible in the drop off zone** before stopping for your children to get out of the car. When leaving the drop off zone in the morning, please turn left out of the school driveway as Links Street is a one way street in the morning and afternoon. I also ask families not to leave their cars unattended in the drop off zone in the morning. This causes congestion. If you wish to visit the school office before 8.45am you must park in Links Street and walk to school. It is unsafe to park in the visitor parking bays and cross the drop off zone without using the crossing that is supervised by staff. A reminder that no child should be left unattended in a car and they should not leave the car on the driver’s side of the vehicle. Please follow all road regulations to ensure the streets around St Paul’s remain safe for all.

PREP EXCURSION TO ACMI/100 DAYS OF PREP CELEBRATIONS

To support our Inquiry Unit ‘How to help our fairytale friends’ the Preps will be going on an excursion to ACMI where they will engage in a fairy tale and fantasy workshop. Here, they will gain an understanding of a green screen and how it’s used, engage in dramatic play and turn themselves into fairytale characters. The excursion is being held this Thursday, July 31st. Please refer to the excursion note that was sent home last term for the full details of the excursion. Please complete and return the permission slip immediately if you haven’t already done so.

The Preps are celebrating their 100 Days of Prep this Friday, August 1st – we congratulate the Preps on all their learning and development since they began school in January. We are all very proud of them.

SUNSHINE T-BALL COMPETITION

When: Every Wednesday, from
30 July – 10 September 2025
Where: Sunshine Softball Association, More
Park, Esmond St, Ardeer
Time: 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Who: All genders, ages 5–11
What is T-Ball? Bat and ball sport, similar
to Softball, Baseball & Rounders, played on
a diamond shaped field, ball is hit off a
batting tee, fielders field ball with a glove.
Equipment: All equipment provided
Cost: \$55.00



**REGISTRATIONS
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to register



<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/sunshinesa/events/303096>





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->

IMPORTANT DATE FOR THIS TERM

Children who will be attending a Catholic Secondary School in 2027 – our current Year 5 students - must enrol in their Catholic Secondary School of choice by Friday 15th August, 2025. If they are not enrolled by this date, your child will not receive an offer to attend their school of choice in 2027.

15th August 2025: Applications close for 2027 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 Students

CHOIR CANCELLED IN WEEK 3

Please be advised that there will be **No Choir on Wednesday, 6th August**, due to the Staff Conference on Thursday and Friday that week. Thank you very much for your support.

CHILDREN'S ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

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

- 1. 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.
- 2. Via the SkoolBag App:** Use the 'Absentee Form' in this app. This form can be found under the section 'eForms'.
- 3. Email:** Send an email to office@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au or your child's class teacher on their school email address.
- 4. 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.

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter

28/07/2025

Camp Australia- St.Pauls West Sunshine OSHC



Your
OSHC.

ROCKETEERS

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 3, we have lots of activities planned for the children to explore and use their imagination and create amazing works of art.

We will be celebrating World Friendship Day, Book Week and National Science Week and more.

If your children in SMA and MMA will be going to School Camp, please ensure you cancel your ASC bookings on these dates.

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!

Before School Care and After School care will not be open on the school closure days, August the 7th and the 8th.

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 0401362738. 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

- cooking
- book characters
- Lego Masters
- Outdoor games
- painting

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

The St Paul's Community acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we teach, learn and play. 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.

