

TERM 1

WEEK 2: Monday 2nd February, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 6 th February:	<i>Beginning of the Year Mass 10.00am St. Paul's Church-Please join us at Mass, No Assembly</i>
Tuesday 10 th February:	Sacrament of Penance Family Night - 6.30pm St. Paul's School
Friday 13 th February:	First Assembly for 2026 – Presentation of SRC for 2026 – 2.30pm Second Hand Uniform stall open today - 8.25am – 9.00am and 3.00pm – 3.30pm
Tuesday 17 th February:	Safer Internet Information Session–6.30pm St Paul's School (More information to follow)
Wednesday 18 th February:	Ash Wednesday Mass 10.00am St. Paul's Church
Tuesday 24 th February:	Sacrament of Penance 6.30pm St. Paul's Church – Year 3 Students
Wednesday 25 th February:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 27 th February:	Class Prayer Service JKL, JJG & JSM – 10.00am, School Assembly SRH – 2.30pm
Tuesday 3 rd March:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 6 th March:	School Assembly MEF – 2.30pm
Monday 9 th March:	Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 10 th March:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Wednesday 11 th March:	Preps Attend School today and all future Wednesdays
March 11 th – 23 rd :	NAPLAN
Friday 13 th March:	Class Prayer Service JCT, JKC & JEM – 10.00am, No Assembly
Monday 16 th March:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Friday 20 th March:	School Assembly MAR – 2.30pm
Monday 23 rd March:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Friday 27 th March:	Indonesian Day – More information to follow
Monday 30 th March:	School Photos – More information to follow
Tuesday 31 st March:	Easter Assembly 9.00am, End of Term I – 3.00pm
April 1 st and 2 nd :	School Closure Days – No School for Students
Monday 20 th April:	Term II Commences at 8.40am

Dear Parents/Carers,

I congratulate the children on the way they have settled into school. They are striving 'to be the best that they can be'! I know they are looking forward to the exciting activities that are planned for this year. Particular congratulations to our Prep students who have settled in so well to school. It is very different to kinder/child care – however, they are sitting quietly listening to their teachers.

I want to thank all our families with your flexibility last week with learning conversations. We were fairly certain there would be a lingering smell of smoke after the fire last Tuesday. However, when we arrived at school on Wednesday morning, the air had cleared so we made the decision to have the conversations in the classrooms as previously planned. I want to thank the staff for the way they promptly evacuated the building when we were made aware of the fire. I also want to thank the emergency services who arrived promptly and extinguished the fire. Thanks also to Joe and Hayden Micallef from Civis Electrical who came onsite to disconnect power to the damaged building and then reconnecting power and making the school safe when authorised by Fire Rescue Victoria. This incident was enough example of all in the St Paul's School Community when we were experiencing difficulties – thank you.

Our first assembly for 2026 will be on Friday, February 13th – we will be presenting the SRC for 2026. Please join us at 2.30pm.

There will be no school for children on April 1st and 2nd as staff will be preparing for the School Improvement Review and updating their First Aid skills. This will be the end of Term 1.

All children should be wearing the St. Paul's hat during Term I. Any students not wearing the hats will be required to sit in the shade. No other hats are permitted to be worn.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento

PRINCIPAL

2027 PREP ENROLMENTS – ONLINE APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Enrolments for Prep 2027 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 2027 Prep Parents/Carers. The first session will be held on Wednesday, 25th February 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 on the **Audiri App** if you have a child that you wish to enrol for Prep 2027 - 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.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

The following dates are very important for **ALL** students who will be attending secondary school in 2028 – our current Year 5 students. If applications for Catholic Secondary School are not in by Friday 14th August, 2026 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

14th August 2026: Applications close for 2028 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 Students

16th October 2026: Offers posted to prospective 2028 Year 7 applicants

6th November 2026: Final date for families to accept offers made by the Secondary School

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2026

The dates for the celebration of the Sacraments and the Family nights in 2026 are:

Sacrament of Penance Family Night (Year 3) Tuesday, February 10th at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s School

Sacrament of Penance (Year 3) Tuesday, February 24th at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church

Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night (Year 3) Tuesday, April 28th at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s School

Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3) Friday, May 15th at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church

FEES/LEVIES

Your child’s levies are now due. Please pay all levies promptly. School fees are due on February 6th. Account statements were emailed to you on Wednesday, 28th January 2026. You can pay your school fees and levies with a credit card or by direct debit from a nominated bank account or from your Centrelink payments. If you would like this to happen, please come to the office to complete a form.

CANTEEN

The canteen has opened for lunch orders - the full menu is available. CDF Pay has also opened to order lunches online. You will be able to use cash as well as CDF Pay to pay for lunch orders - see below for more information on how to use CDF Pay. Hard copies of the 2026 price list were sent home last year and the pricelist is also on the Audiri App. Volunteers are needed to assist in the canteen. We would be very grateful to have your assistance even if it can be for only a couple of hours per week. Please see Marlene or Jacqui in the canteen if you can help.

ANAPHYLAXIS

There are several children at school who suffer from allergic reactions to various forms of food, plants, bites and stings. The Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCI) does not recommend the banning of particular items. This is based on the premise that for school age children, an essential step is to develop strategies for avoidance in the wider community as well as at school. All staff have undertaken anaphylactic training and will have it renewed this term. The school has a thorough policy, action plan and procedures for each child, including first aid response and medication storage, to ensure the wellbeing of all students. Please visit www.allergy.org.au for more information.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

The yard is supervised from 8.25am every morning. Parents are asked not to send their children to school before this time. Class teachers are at school but they are unable to supervise children because they will be preparing for the day’s activities. Before School Care Program operates every morning. Parents who need to drop off their children early will need to use this service. Kylie Hayes, Irije Demeri and Ms Sarah Tanveer are the co-ordinators of the program. They can be contacted on 0401 362 738.

FIRST AID

We would appreciate any donations of boxes of tissues for our first aid supplies. Thank you for your continued support.

ST PAUL’S PARISH FEAST DAY - 2026 PROGRAM

Monday 9th Feb - 7pm

Italian Mass

Tuesday 10th Feb - 7pm

Vietnamese Mass

Wednesday 11th Feb - 7pm

Maltese Mass

Thursday 12th Feb - 7pm

Spanish Mass

Friday 13th Feb - 7pm

Pilipino Mass

Saturday 14th Feb - 6pm

English Vigil Mass, followed by the Family Dance.

Sunday 15th Feb - 3pm

Mass with Benediction followed by the procession with the statue of St Paul.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

CDFpay App Available for Online Lunch Orders

 

Please download the CDFpay App from Apple/Google Store and complete the account registration to be able to start ordering lunches online for your child(ren).

If you have any questions, please call the CDFpay powered by Flexischools Parent Support Line on 1300 361 769 and they will get back to you directly.

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 \$400 per child. 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.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOING PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL PERFORMANCES, ASSEMBLIES, SPORTING AND OTHER SANCTIONED SCHOOL EVENTS

St. Paul's Primary School allows members of the school community to take photographs and videos of their children at school assemblies, class presentations, performances, sporting events etc.

In accordance with the Privacy & Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic), Copyright Act 1968 (Cth) & Education Department guidelines, members of the school community are restricted to only photograph / video their children. These images must not be published on social media or in any other form without the prior consent of parents & guardians whose children may unintentionally appear in the images.

The school does not permit any member of the school community or invited guest to take photographs / videos of the bi-annual school production.

Note: The school does not own or control any photographs or video taken by members of the school community or invited guests.

SWIMMING SPORT

If you have a child who is a member of a swimming squad you may wish to nominate them for the Maribyrnong Division Swimming Sports on Tuesday March 10th at Brimbank Aquatic Centre, 90 Taylors Rd, Keilor Downs, VIC 3038. Your child is able to nominate for two individual events. You will need to be able to transport your child to and from the event. Please see Mr Chris for more information.

OPERATION SCHOOLS BACK

Local Police together with members of the Highway Patrol are running an operation to mark the start of the school year. Operation Schools Back will target the safety of students arriving and departing school with the major focus being the enforcement of the 40kmph school zones. Motorists are asked to be vigilant before and after school as there will be increased pedestrian, road and pushbike traffic. Please allow an extra 5 minutes to find a safe and legal park to ensure your children's safety.

SPORTS NEWS

The School Sport Victoria (SSV) Team Vic representative program provides a development platform for Victoria's emerging student athletes to participate in the annual School Sport Australia (SSA) Championships.

SSV coordinates the selection process for Team Vic teams in partnership with relevant state sporting organisations in the following sports:

- Australian Football 12 Years and Under Boys
- Basketball 12 Years and Under Girls
- Basketball 12 Years and Under Boys
- Cricket 12 Years and Under Boys
- Football (Soccer) 12 Years and Under Boys
- Netball 12 Years and Under Girls

Students and families must consult with Mr Casamento and Mr Chris to ensure they have the skill level to trial and represent their school at a national championship level. Registration for a Division trial incurs a NON-REFUNDABLE \$35 fee.

Details of all procedures and other available sports can be found at the following link <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>.



Sunday 1st March
12PM-5PM

Parking on Harvester Rd Sunshine
with short walk over rail footbridge

Community Festival
in the
H.V. McKay Gardens

120 Anderson Road, Sunshine
Food, market stalls, free face painting,
live performances, sporting activities, games
and prizes

Free gift for children that attend
'Singalong for the Kids' at 12:30!

Proudly supported by  Friends of the McKay Gardens



Program spotlight

St Paul's Primary School

Your OSHC by Camp Australia provides enriching experiences for children during term – before school, after school and on pupil free days. At Your OSHC we give children a supportive space to continue their development, build confidence and socialise with their friends.

What's coming up at Your OSHC this week: **2/2/2026 - 6/2/2026**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Creative Think! 41 Oregon Resist: Artwork Create bright and colourful images that look great no matter how well you can draw! The more lines and colours the better!	Critical Thinking 14 Lego Challenge Playground Team up or Work individually to create your own playground.	Creative Think! 21 Pokemon name beads create a name bead version of your favourite Pokemon or create your own!	Cooperation 11 Games Tournament Grab some friends, make a team and challenge each other to a board game tournament.	Confidence 11 Send Beach Painting the children can paint the beach as they like/see
Health and Well... 11 Musical Statues Freeze Tag musical statues and tag in one game!	Communication 14 Handball drills - AFL Children use hand eye coordination and ball control skills.	Adaptability 11 Bug Building Let's investigate the habitats of bugs by building one out of blocks to promote experimentation and imaginative play.	Cooperation 31 Send Fit Play Send play is a great way to unwind and have fun with friends after a hard day at school. Let's make some sand citiel!	Creative Think! 11 The Dot painting Children use their creative skills to create an artwork using a big dot.

Register for Your OSHC

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

[Register now](#)

Stop by and say hi!

Please feel free to visit the program with your children to meet the team and see what happens in our great program each school day.

[Visit our blog](#)

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New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

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To register and book visit: www.campaustrelia.com.au

By 

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.

