

## TERM 1

## WEEK 3: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcome back Ms Lan Nguyen who has been on long service leave since last year – we hope she had a great time overseas with her family.

I would like to thank those family and friends who attended the Beginning of the Year Mass on Friday. It was a very special ceremony. Thanks to all the children, especially the Preps, for the way they sat quietly and listened to Fr. Rene and for their wonderful singing.

A reminder of the Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Night that will be held at St. Paul's School **tomorrow night, Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, commencing at 6.30pm**. Children who are receiving the Sacrament of Penance, and at least one parent, are to attend. The Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm at St. Paul's Church.

We will be presenting our SRC from each class at our assembly on Friday. I know many children have prepared a speech to read to their class explaining why they should be the SRC rep for their class. I congratulate all of these students on this great achievement as it can be very difficult to speak in front of their peers. I am very proud of all of these children – no doubt you as parents are too. Please join us at 2.30pm on Friday.

There will be no school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March as the school will be closed for the Labour Day Public Holiday. There will be no school for children on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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, 25<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2026 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

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

**16<sup>th</sup> October 2026:** Offers posted to prospective 2028 Year 7 applicants

**6<sup>th</sup> 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)**      **This Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s School**

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

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

**Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3)**      Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>. Account statements were emailed to you on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 9<sup>th</sup> Feb - 7pm**

Italian Mass

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb - 7pm**

Vietnamese Mass

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb - 7pm**

Maltese Mass

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - 7pm**

Spanish Mass

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - 7pm**

Pilipino Mass

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb - 6pm**

English Vigil Mass, followed by the Family Dance.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please note the deadline to submit the 2026 CSEF application form to schools is **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June**.

**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.

**SUNSMART & SUNSCREEN**

All children are encouraged to apply sunscreen before going outside at recess and lunch time or for sport lessons. Sunscreen is available for children in each classroom to support this (50+ Broad spectrum). You are also able to provide your own. If you don't wish your child to use the school provided sunscreen, please advise the class teacher.

A reminder also that all students must be wearing a school hat until the end of April. Please ensure hats are clearly marked with the students name and class assist with their return should they be misplaced.



**SPECIAL OFFER!**  
For New Students in 2026.  
Get **two FREE** lessons  
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

PMI is able to offer:

- **Flexible payment plans** (weekly / fortnightly / monthly instalments across the term), and
- **Financial assistance options** for families experiencing hardship. Please contact us directly at 1300 362 824 or email to [Admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au](mailto:Admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au) for further discussion.



**JUNIORS REGISTRATION DAY**

**Wednesday 11th February**  
**Ainsworth Reserve**

**Registration from 4:30pm**  
**Training 5-6pm**  
**Runners only**

**FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**ALL WELCOME**  
Girls & Boys  
New & Returning Players  
All ages welcome including Auskick  
Bring a friend

Meet your coaches  
Kit & Mouthguard fittings

**What to bring:**  
Child's birth certificate/passport

Contact Natalie & Tanya on  
**0420 761 685**

Register and pay on or before Feb 11 for a free runoff jacket

**St. Paul's Primary School**




**2026 Sacramental Program: Reconciliation and Eucharist – non Year Three students**

If your child is in Years Four, Five and Six, is baptised in the Catholic faith and has not received the following Sacraments, please complete the form below and return it to the school office. Any questions, do not hesitate to ask for Lisa Peplow in the school office.

**Please Note:** Children need to receive Penance and Eucharist in order to receive Confirmation in 2027

Name of Child ..... Class .....

My child is baptised and is **ELIGIBLE** to receive the Sacraments of (please TICK )

- Reconciliation (Penance) - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 6:30pm  
St. Paul's Church
- Eucharist - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 6:30pm St. Paul's Church

Parents Name..... Signature.....

*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.*

