

## TERM 1

## WEEK 4: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

### DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>Safer Internet Information Session–6.30pm St Paul's School - <b>tomorrow night!!</b></b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Mass 10.00am St. Paul's Church</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>Sacrament of Penance 6.30pm St. Paul's Church – Year 3 Students</b>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February:</b>	<b>Class Prayer Service JKL, JJG &amp; JSM – 10.00am, School Assembly SRH – 2.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:</b>	<b>2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>School Assembly MEF – 2.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Preps Attend School today and all future Wednesdays</b>
<b>March 11<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>:</b>	<b>NAPLAN</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Class Prayer Service JCT, JKC &amp; JEM – 10.00am, No Assembly</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>School Assembly MAR – 2.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:</b>	<b>2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Indonesian Day – More information to follow</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>School Photos – More information to follow</b>
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March:</b>	<b>Easter Assembly 9.00am, End of Term I – 3.00pm</b>
<b>April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	<b>School Closure Days – No School for Students – Term 1 concludes</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>Term II Commences at 8.40am</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>School Assembly SED – 2.30pm</b>

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the years, St Paul's Primary School has made donations to many in our community with the proceeds we have received from the sales at the Second Hand Uniform Stall. Late last year we have made a \$3000 donation to the Abbey Solo Foundation. The Abbey Solo Foundation is a 100% volunteer-run charity that began ten years ago in honour of young Abbey Solo, a former student of Mother of God School in Ardeer. Abbey sadly passed away while in Year 3, and her legacy continues through the Foundation's work supporting families during incredibly challenging times. On February 26<sup>th</sup>, there is a community T20 Cricket Match which will assist the foundation to raise money but also provide a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together, show support, and help make a real difference for families in need.

This Wednesday we celebrate Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a period of preparation for Easter and lasts for forty days. We remember how Jesus spent forty days in the desert praying and fasting. Lent is a time for us to come to know Jesus more closely. People often think of Lent as a time for giving things up, but perhaps this year we can think of Lent as a time to show Love and learn more about the Love Jesus Christ has for us and how we can live out the St. Paul's Core Values - Respect, Diversity, Learning and Care and Compassion. I encourage families to contribute to Project Compassion during the Season of Lent. I hope you can join us this Wednesday for our Ash Wednesday Mass. It will commence at 10.00am and will be held at St. Paul's Church. During Mass St Paul's staff will use ash to mark a cross on each child's forehead to show that we are at the beginning of Lent.

Thanks to the families and staff who joined Fr Elio Capra at the Sacrament of Penance Family Night that was held last week. The Sacrament of Penance will be celebrated on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm at St. Paul's Church.

School photos will be taken on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Children will need to be in their full summer school uniform. More information will follow later in the term.

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.

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 (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

## **FREE SERVICES FOR FAMILIES**

Brimbank City Council has partnered with Services Australia to provide free drop-in support sessions for families who may need assistance completing government forms or accessing services. These sessions are delivered at no cost, and interpreter services can be arranged where required to ensure families receive the support they need. Sessions are held at Southwold Street St Albans Maternal & Child Health Centre and West Sunshine Maternal and Child Health Centre. Please refer to the flyers on Audiri App for full details.

## **INDONESIAN NEWS**

### **1. Indonesian Poster Competition**

Our students are invited to create a poster explaining why learning Indonesian is important and interesting. Posters may include ideas such as:

- Travelling to Indonesia
- Indonesia as Australia’s closest neighbour (including maps)
- Why Indonesian is an easy language to learn
- Indonesian culture and traditions

Posters must be A4 or A3 size only. **All poster entries are to be handed to Bu Santi by Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March.**

### **2. Indonesian Day – Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March**

There are many exciting activities including traditional music, dance, art workshops and games on the Indonesian Day. Students are encouraged to wear red and white clothing, representing the Indonesian flag on the day.

## **SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL**

Many thanks to Tania Ramos and Tana Degala for their assistance co-ordinating and selling at the Second Hand Uniform Stall last week. Thanks also to the families who have purchased and supported the stall. Please note that all money raised is donated to a worthy cause. We encourage families to make donations of school uniforms to our second hand uniform stall. Please wash any donations before taking them to the school office.

## **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.

## **MOBILE PHONES AND SMART WATCHES**

A reminder to families that students must hand all mobile phones and smart watches into the school office before school in the morning and collect them at the end of the day. These devices, especially smart watches, can be very distracting to students and are not necessary during school hours. They are also very expensive to replace should they be lost or damaged at school. We ask for your support in this matter.

## **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.

## **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.**

## eSAFETY INFORMATION NIGHT – Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February

We would like to invite you to attend a Parent eSafety Information Session being held on **TOMORROW, 17<sup>th</sup> February, at 6:30pm** at St Paul's School.

During the session, we will discuss:

- What we are currently doing at St Paul's to support online safety.
- How our students are interacting online and the types of content they are consuming.
- Cyberbullying.
- Screen time.
- Practical and helpful strategies families can implement at home.

We strongly encourage families to attend, as eSafety is most effective when schools and homes work in partnership. For those unable to join us at school, the event will also be live streamed. Please follow the link below for live stream access.

<https://www.thefinalcut.com.au/stpaulsparentsession.html>

If you have any questions during the presentation, please email them to [esafety@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au](mailto:esafety@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au).

### COME & TRY HOCKEY

**Who:** 4 -12 year olds NEW to the game of hockey  
**Where:** Footscray Hockey Club, Fogarty Ave Yarraville (Down by the Westgate Freeway)  
**Time:** U6 & U8 5.15 – 6.00  
 U10 & U12 6.00 – 6.45  
**Dates:** Wednesday 25 Feb, 4 Mar & 11 Mar  
**Cost:** FREE ! Just turn up!  
**Equipment:** Hockey sticks and shin guards are available to borrow by new players. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to have a hockey stick fitted

**Fun**  **Friendly**  **Inclusive**  **Engaging**

Come and Try enquiries please contact:  
 Nicole 0424 132 715 [come-and-try@footscrayhockey.com.au](mailto:come-and-try@footscrayhockey.com.au)  
[www.footscrayhockey.com.au](http://www.footscrayhockey.com.au) Facebook: @footscrayhockey

### NEW U12 GIRLS TO CLUB HOCKEY HALF SEASON FEES

Any new girl in the U12 age group born 2014 & 2015 who is registering for club hockey for the first time will receive half season fee discount in their first year (only \$175 usually \$350). We can also lend a stick and shin guards for the season.

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## 2026 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Congratulations to the newly appointed St Paul's Student Representative Council (*please see the attached list*). The students were presented with their SRC badges at our assembly last Friday. The school captains, house captains and SRC will be working with Ms Peplow and Ms Cathy on leadership and student voice throughout 2026. We thank all those children who applied to be an SRC Rep and were unsuccessful. We are very proud of them for speaking in front of their classmates.

### St Paul's Primary School

Program spotlight

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:

16/2/2026 - 20/2/2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Curiosity   23</b> <b>Bug Bingo</b> Children compete to fill their bingo sheet with the most bugs	<b>Communication   11</b> <b>Welcome Friendship Chain</b> Create a collaborative art piece symbolizing connection and belonging.	<b>Creative Think.   41</b> <b>Painting with lemon juice</b> What happens when watercolour paints mix with lemon juice? Let's do a science experiment and see!	<b>Communication   11</b> <b>Welcome Friendship Chain</b> Create a collaborative art piece symbolizing connection and belonging.	<b>Creative Think.   41</b> <b>Dragon Realist Artwork</b> Create bright and colourful images that look great, no matter how well you can draw! The more lines and colours the better!
<b>Adaptability   14</b> <b>Team Soccer</b> Okay, get ready to be the best soccer player! With these tips you can become a great, soccer player and win lots of games!	<b>Creative Think.   13</b> <b>scratch art drawing</b> Encouraging children to express themselves in a creative manner.	<b>Creative Think.   13</b> <b>Playdough Family</b> Children work on their fine motor skills while creating their families out of playdough to use in their imaginative play.	<b>Cooperation   31</b> <b>Sand Pit Play</b> Sand play is a great way to unwind and have fun with friends after a hard day at school. Let's make some sand castles!	<b>Creative Think.   26</b> <b>Recyclable creations</b> To create with recyclable resources



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

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.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)



### 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.

