

TERM 1

WEEK 5: Monday 23rd February, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 24 th February:	Sacrament of Penance 6.30pm St. Paul's Church – Year 3 Students – Tomorrow Night
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 – Term 1 concludes
Monday 20 th April:	Term II Commences at 8.40am
Thursday 23 rd April:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 24 th April:	School Assembly SED – 2.30pm
Tuesday 28 th April:	Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night – St Paul's School, 6.30pm
Friday 15 th May:	Sacrament of Eucharist Mass – St Paul's Church, 6.30pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

We ask the community of St. Paul's to pray for the children who will be receiving the **Sacrament of Penance tomorrow night, Tuesday, 24th February at St Paul's Church at 6.30pm**. The children have been very well prepared by Miss Peplow, Miss Emma, Miss Amanda and Miss Maddy. We know that God will continue to guide all the students in their lives, no matter what they do.

Thank you to those families who attended, or watched online, the Cyber Safety information session that was run by our ICT leader, Mr Joshua Turner. It was a great opportunity for families to develop their knowledge of how to keep children safe online. Thanks to Ms Cathy Doran and Mrs Claudia Razi for their help organising the meeting and attending on the night. A recording of the presentation will be made available shortly for families to view.

Raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle will be sent home next week. The tickets are \$1 each. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday, 31st March. Please donate Easter Eggs, chocolates, lollies and gifts to the school for our prize hampers by Tuesday, March 24th. Tickets and money are due back by Monday 30th March.

School photos will be taken on Monday 30th 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 9th March as the school will be closed for the Labour Day Public Holiday. 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. The term will end for students at 3.00pm on Tuesday, March 31st.

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.

CHOIR REHEARSAL COMMENCES NEXT WEEK

Please be advised that hard copies of the choir note were sent to the Middle and Senior classes last week to invite those who are interested in joining the 2026 Middle and Senior Choir (MaSC) to complete and return it to school.

Our first choir rehearsal is to commence in Week 6, Wednesday 4th March, from 3pm – 3.50pm. Please make sure your child/ren who have joined the choir are to be picked up @ 3.50pm every Wednesday afternoons when the choir finishes.

Thank you very much for your kind support.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2026

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

Sacrament of Penance (Year 3)	This Tuesday, February 24th at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church
Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night (Year 3)	Tuesday, April 28 th at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3)	Friday, May 15 th at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church

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, 10th March.**

2. Indonesian Day – Friday, 27th 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.

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

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.

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

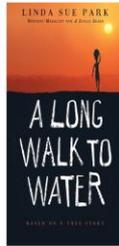
All children are encouraged to apply sunscreen before going outside at recess and lunch time or for sport lessons. Sunscreen is available for children in each classroom to support this (50+ Broad spectrum). You are also able to provide your own. If you don’t wish your child to use the school provided 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, 26th June.**



Grade 6 Lenten Fundraiser – A Long Walk for Water

As part of our Lenten journey this term, Grade 6 are participating in *A Long Walk for Water* through Caritas Australia, supporting Project Compassion. Students are walking 10-25 minutes each day in solidarity with those who travel long distances to access clean water, while exploring these themes in our novel study of *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park.

We are aiming to raise \$250 to support vulnerable communities. We warmly invite our school community to support this initiative through a gold coin donation as we live out the Lenten call to pray, fast and give.

To donate online visit:
<https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraisers/StPaulsPrimarySchoolSunshineWest3189>



**Enrolments Now Open
YEAR 7 2028**

Enrolment applications for current Grade 5 students close on August 14, 2026.

I want my child to attend the College. What do I do?



- 1. Complete an enrolment application form.**
Visit www.cccc.vic.edu.au to access and complete our online application form.
- 2. Submit your completed application form.**
Ensure you provide all required documents with the application. A non-refundable application fee is required at the time of submission. Applications close mid-August each year.
- 3. The College will conduct interviews of all applicants.**
Families will be invited to attend an enrolment interview with a senior staff member of the College.
- 4. Enrolment and waiting list offers will be sent to families.**
Families will be notified of any offer after the interview process.
- 5. Book a College Tour**
If you would like to visit our College, please book a tour by visiting www.cccc.vic.edu.au or call **03 9296 5311**

If you have any questions please contact the College on **03 9296 5311** or email registrar@ccc.vic.edu.au

The Open Day will be held at 204 Churchill Ave, Braybrook, on Sunday, 22nd March 2026, 11am – 2pm. Bookings can be done via this QR Code.



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BRIMBANK & SURROUNDS AUSKICK & SUPERKICK TERM 1

AINSWORTH RESERVE, WEST SUNSHINE
 5:00PM - 6:00PM
 STARTS WEDNESDAY 25TH OF FEBRUARY

\$55 FOR THE PROGRAM WITH A \$55 DISCOUNT FOR COMMUNITY AUSKICK OR SUPERKICK

For enquiries please reach out to Josh Coward on joshua.coward@afl.com.au

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.

