

## TERM 1

## WEEK 10: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March:	<b>Easter Assembly 9.00am, End of Term I – 3.00pm – Children to wear their school uniform</b>
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
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April:	School Assembly SED – 2.30pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April:	Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night – St Paul's School, 6.30pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May:	Class Reconciliation MEF, MAM & MMB – 10.00am, School Assembly - JEM 2.30pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May:	Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May:	Mother's Day Stall, School Assembly – SCK 2.30pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May:	Day 1 of School Improvement Review
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May:	School Closure Day – Professional Practice Day for Staff – no school for students
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May:	Day 2 of School Improvement Review
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May:	School Assembly - JCT 2.30pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May:	Sacrament of Eucharist Mass – St Paul's Church, 6.30pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May:	International Day of Families – More information to follow
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May:	National Reconciliation Day, School Assembly – JKL 2.30pm

**A reminder that the school term ends tomorrow, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 3.00pm. Children are to wear their full school uniform.**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Ms Amanda Rowe and Mrs Nicole Campagna will be on leave early next term. Amanda will be replaced by Mrs Kathryn Oram and will return on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May and Nicole will return to school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. We wish Amanda and Nicole all the best for their leave.

Last Wednesday we celebrated The Feast of the Annunciation. This feast day is a Christian celebration held each year on March 25<sup>th</sup>. It commemorates the moment when the angel Gabriel announced to the Virgin Mary that she would become the mother of Jesus. This event is described in the Gospel of Luke and is seen as an important turning point in Christian belief. The feast is observed by many churches around the world, often with special prayers and services. It highlights themes of faith, obedience, and hope, as Mary's response is seen as an example of trusting in God.

We hope you are able to participate in the Holy Week celebrations at St Paul's Church in the coming weeks. Palm Sunday was celebrated yesterday. On Palm Sunday, Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week - it is a very sacred time of the year, for it is during this week that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but the events of Holy Week are extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it. The message of Easter is one of hope. Jesus died on the cross but rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, a great day in the Church's Liturgical Year. We hope the Risen Christ is able to live in your hearts during the Easter season and throughout the year.

There will be no school for children on Wednesday or Thursday as staff will be preparing for the School Improvement Review and updating their First Aid skills. We will assemble in the yard at 2.55pm tomorrow for our end of term assembly – children are to wear their school uniform. Term 2 commences at 8.40am on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. There will be no school on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> as all staff will be participating in Professional Practice activities.

Have a great holiday and a holy Easter.

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 next session will be held on **Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 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.

## **RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EASTER**

Thanks to all those who donated Easter Eggs, chocolates, lollies and gifts for our raffle prize hampers. Special thanks to Tania Ramos for making the beautiful hampers. The raffle winners are Myles Vo (JEM) - 1<sup>st</sup>, Oliver (MTC) & Billy Shapland (PMF) – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Levi Alaimalo (MAM) – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Hannah Nguyen (MEF) – 4<sup>th</sup>; Charlie Briffa (SAS) – 5<sup>th</sup> and Junipar Hlawn Ceu (SSR) – 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **FEES/LEVIES**

Your child’s levies are now overdue. Please pay all levies promptly. The second instalment of the school fees is due on 1<sup>st</sup> May. 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.

## **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 submit your CSEF application form to school by **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June**.

### **MARCH TROPHY “Care and Compassion”**

MAM have earned this award for choosing kindness in their words and actions. They help each other with specialist tasks and, like the parable of the good Samaritan shows us, they try to think about the needs of their neighbours within the St Paul’s community.

### **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

## **MACS Family Survey – Have Your Say**

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) invites current families to take part in a short online survey about school choice and their experience as a MACS family.

The survey explores what influences families’ choice of Catholic education, what supports satisfaction and belonging, and what matters most at different stages of schooling.

The findings will help inform future planning across the MACS system.

- ❖ Takes 10–15 minutes
- ❖ Responses are confidential
- ❖ A chance to win one of five \$100 eGift Cards

### **Survey Link:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MACSFAMILY>

Your voice matters. By sharing your experience, you are helping shape the future of Catholic education for current and future families.

### **Prize draw terms and conditions:**

<https://www.edified.com.au/post/macs-parent-survey-prize-draw>



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**2026**



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**Junior Training Days**

U12s & U14s - Wednesday - 5-6:30pm, Friday - 6-7pm  
U8s, U9s & U10s - Fridays only from 5-6pm  
@ Ainsworth Reserve

Bring a friend!  
New players are welcome!

Contact Natalie & Tanya 0420 761 685



**MAYOR OF BRIMBANK VISITS ST. PAUL'S SUNSHINE WEST**



On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, Mayor of Brimbank, Virginia Tachos kindly took time out of her busy schedule to speak with our SMA students. The SMA students have been learning about the different levels of government and came prepared with some excellent questions for the Mayor.

Mayor Tachos shared valuable insights into local government, explaining how councils make decisions and support the community. She also spoke about her personal journey into leadership, encouraging students to get involved, work hard, and make a positive difference in their communities.

It was an inspiring and informative session, and we are very grateful for her visit.

**ST PATRICK'S MASS FOR SCHOOLS**

As part of Catholic Education Week, our School, Vice and House Captains were invited to attend the St Patrick's Mass for Schools. The Mass was a special opportunity for students to reflect on the life and legacy of St Patrick, and to celebrate faith and community.

The students participated respectfully and reverently throughout the celebration, joining in prayer, song, and reflection. The experience helped strengthen our sense of community and reminded us of the importance of faith in our daily lives. The students were also treated to the concert in the park, where they joined students from other MACS schools to celebrate Catholic Education Week.

We are proud of the way our students represented SMA and contributed so positively to this meaningful celebration



**BERITA INDONESIA - INDONESIAN NEWS**

We celebrated Indonesian Day last Friday with a range of cultural activities. Students participated in music, dance, crafts, and games, with a special performance highlight in the gym.

I would like to thank all St. Paul's students for making Indonesian Day such a success. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying the day and having so much fun!

Terima kasih - Bu Santi



**Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)**

**Introducing MACSEYE:**  
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MACSEYE offers a safe, inclusive and engaging environment where children can relax, explore their interests and connect with friends.

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**St Paul's, Sunshine West**

**Before School**

7am - 8.45am  
Recurring: \$32.30  
Pay as little as \$12.12\*  
Flexible: \$37.30  
Pay as little as \$17.12\*

**After School**

3pm - 6pm  
Recurring: \$35.40  
Pay as little as \$3.54\*  
Flexible: \$40.40  
Pay as little as \$5.81\*

\*The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 90% off your fees. Check your eligibility at Services Australia.

**Enrol now**



Click the QR code to complete the online enrolment form.

Make sure you have key information and documents ready before you complete the enrolment form.



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*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.*

