

TERM 1

WEEK 6: Monday 2nd March, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 3rd March:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 6th March:	School Assembly MEF – 2.30pm
Monday 9th March:	Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 10th March:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Wednesday 11th March:	Preps Attend School today and all future Wednesdays
March 11th – 23rd:	NAPLAN
Friday 13th March:	Class Prayer Service JCT, JKC & JEM – 10.00am, No Assembly
Monday 16th March:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Friday 20th March:	School Assembly MAR – 2.30pm
Monday 23rd March:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Friday 27th March:	Indonesian Day – Students are encouraged to wear red and white
Monday 30th March:	School Photos – More information to follow
Tuesday 31st March:	Easter Assembly 9.00am, End of Term I – 3.00pm
April 1st and 2nd:	School Closure Days – No School for Students – Term 1 concludes
Monday 20th April:	Term II Commences at 8.40am
Thursday 23rd April:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 24th April:	School Assembly SED – 2.30pm
Tuesday 28th April:	Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night – St Paul's School, 6.30pm
Friday 1st May:	Class Reconciliation MEF, MAM & MMB – 10.00am, School Assembly - JEM 2.30pm
Friday 15th May:	Sacrament of Eucharist Mass – St Paul's Church, 6.30pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to Mrs Nicole Azarnikow and her husband Andrew on the safe arrival of Rose Ellen, born on February 26th at 10.53am weighing 4.2kg (9lbs 3 ounces). A little sister to Gemma and Phoenix - we look forward to meeting Rose soon.

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated each year on March 8th. On Sunday, we are provided with the opportunity to join voices with people around the world and shout our message for equal rights loud and clear: "Women's rights are human rights!" International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender equality. IWD has occurred for well over a century, with the first IWD gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people. Today, IWD belongs to all groups collectively everywhere. IWD is not country, group or organization specific. IWD is a movement, powered by the collective efforts of all. I thank God for all the women in my life and all they do for me and for their loved ones.

Raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle were sent home today. The tickets are \$1 each. The raffle will be drawn on Monday, 30th March. Please donate Easter Eggs, chocolates, lollies and gifts to the school for our prize hampers by Thursday, March 26th. 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 next session will be held on **Tuesday, 3rd March 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 THIS 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 this 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 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

NAPLAN 2026

NAPLAN online testing begins next week for students in Year 3 and Year 5. Tests for both Year 3 and Year 5 students will be conducted on the following days:

- **Writing** - Wednesday 11th March
- **Reading** - Thursday 12th March
- **Conventions of Language** - Friday 13th March
- **Numeracy** - Monday 16th March

If a student is away on the day of a test there will be opportunities for them to do the missed test on another day until Friday March 20th. A brochure further explaining NAPLAN is being uploaded to Seesaw today for families of Year 3 and Year 5 students. Should you have any questions, please contact your child’s teacher or the school office. Information and demonstration tests can also be found on the following website: <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers> .

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.

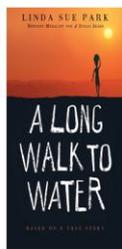
SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Congratulations to those children who received the Sacrament of Penance last week. It was a wonderful ceremony. The children participated reverently in this celebration. The children were very well prepared by Miss Peplow, Miss Emma, Miss Maddy and Miss Amanda. We would like to thank them for all they did in preparation for this special Sacrament. Thanks also to Fr Rene, Fr Joseph and Fr Rowan for their help with the ceremony and all the staff for their assistance

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 on Sunday, 22nd March, 11am – 2pm. Bookings can be done via this QR Code.



2026

juniors pre season training

**Kicks off the week of February 2
Ainsworth Reserve
5 to 6pm**

U12s & U14s - Mondays and Wednesdays
U8s, U9s & U10s - Wednesdays only

Runners only. Bring a friend
New players are welcome!

Contact Natalie & Tanya 0420 761 685



Get up to \$500 for education costs.

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500.

1300 610 355
saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is a well-established program funded by Department of Social Services that helps eligible families build savings specifically for education expenses.

Families can save up to \$500, which is matched by dollars for dollars, giving them up to \$1,000 to spend on approved school-related costs such as uniforms, books, laptops, excursions, and other learning essentials. Alongside the financial benefit, families also gain practical saving skills that continue to support them well beyond the school year.

Your OSHC.

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: **2/3/2026 - 6/3/2026**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Confidence 3.3</p> <p>Basketball hoops Children get to construct basketball hoops to take home</p>	<p>Creative Think. 1.2</p> <p>disco ball paintings Paint your own groovy disco ball!</p>	<p>Decision Making 1.1</p> <p>Soccer Time Children to enjoy physical activity</p>	<p>Eco-Responsible 2.2</p> <p>Jungle bingo Learn about animals as you play animal bingo</p>	<p>Critical Thinking 1.2</p> <p>Sandwich Paper Craft Paper Sandwich Craft for Kids – a bright and colorful paper craft to complete.</p>
<p>Curiosity 2.3</p> <p>Bug Bingo Children compete to fill their bingo sheet with the most bugs</p>	<p>Physical 4.1</p> <p>Cricket Game Group Game</p>	<p>Courage 3.1</p> <p>AFL King of the Pack Children will kick a football to other children, who try and mark the ball.</p>	<p>Communication 1.2</p> <p>Tissue Paper Printing Get creative and artsy with tissue paper. Arrange it out on your paper, wet it and see what happens.</p>	<p>Creative Think. 1.1</p> <p>Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Sidewalk chalk drawing is a fun activity for all ages, all that's needed is chalk, a path, hose to wash away when finished.</p>

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.campastralia.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.

