

TERM 1

WEEK 7: Tuesday 10th March, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

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
Thursday 19th March:	Learning Walk 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Friday 20th March:	School Assembly MAR – 2.30pm
Monday 23rd March:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Thursday 26th March:	Plain Clothes Day for Donations for Easter Raffle Prizes
Friday 27th March:	Indonesian Day – Students are encouraged to wear red and/or 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
Tuesday 5th May:	Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30am
Friday 8th May:	Mother's Day Stall, School Assembly – SCK 2.30pm
Monday 11th May:	Day 1 of School Improvement Review
Tuesday 12th May:	School Closure Day – Professional Practice Day for Staff – no school for students
Wednesday 13th May:	Day 2 of School Improvement Review
Thursday 14th May:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Friday 15th May:	School Assembly - JCT 2.30pm
Friday 15th May:	Sacrament of Eucharist Mass – St Paul's Church, 6.30pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thanks to those families who returned their preferences for Term 2 Learning Conversations. The responses were 76 families preferring in person interviews and 51 preferring online interviews. The staff vote was 7 online and 5 in person. There were 16 families and 2 staff who had no preference. There were approximately 65% (250 families) who didn't respond. We have made the assumption that they were satisfied with the mid-year online interviews that have been happening over the past few years. After looking at the results of the voting, we have decided to maintain online interviews in Term 2 as the gap between preferences for those who did vote wasn't enough to change what we have been doing previously.

A reminder that our Prep students attend school tomorrow and all Wednesdays from now on.

School photos will be taken on Monday 30th March this term. Children will need to be in their full summer school uniform. All photo orders must be completed online. Last week you received your child's unique ID in the personalised order flyer – please ensure you use this ID when you place a photo order.

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. Term 2 commences at 8.40am on Monday 20th April.

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 **Monday, 16th March at 1.30pm**. 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 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

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 28th at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s School

Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3)

Friday, May 15th at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church

NAPLAN 2026

NAPLAN online testing begins tomorrow 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. 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> .

FEES/LEVIES

Your child’s levies are now overdue. Please pay all levies promptly. The second instalment of the school fees is due on 1st 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, 26th June**.

TICKETS/DONATIONS FOR EASTER RAFFLE

Raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle were sent home last week. The tickets are \$1 each. The raffle will be drawn on Monday, 30th March. There will be a plain clothes day on Thursday 26th March – children can wear plain clothes if they bring a donation of Easter Eggs, chocolates, lollies or gifts to school on this day. Tickets and money are due back by Monday 30th March.

NO HAT – NO PLAY

A reminder that from September 1st all children should be wearing the St. Paul’s hat when they are outside. Any students not wearing the hats will be required to sit in the shaded area of the yard. No other hats are permitted to be worn. We encourage families to apply sunscreen to their children at home before they leave for school. One of the requirements of being a Sun Smart school is that children and staff wear hats from September to April when outdoors.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS – 11 MONTHS, 11 STANDARDS

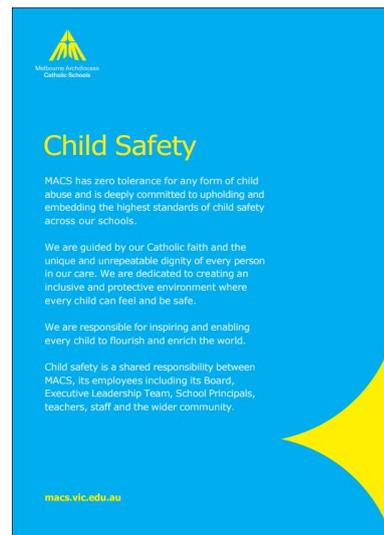
The Child Safe Standards are a set of 11 requirements that organisations must follow to create environments where children are safe, respected and supported. These standards guide schools in preventing, responding to and reporting child abuse, and require strong policies and practices that place children’s safety and wellbeing at the centre of everything we do.

The standards were developed following recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and are designed to promote a strong culture of child safety across all organisations that work with children.

To ensure all members of our school community are informed about our commitment to child safety, MACS Care has launched the initiative **11 Months, 11 Standards**. Each month, a MACS Care newsletter highlighting one of the Child Safe Standards will be shared on SeeSaw.

Standard One was posted last week. We encourage families to take a moment to read it, and to look out for Standard Two coming soon.

Together, we continue to build and strengthen a child-safe community.



The poster features the MACS logo at the top, followed by the heading 'Child Safety'. Below this, it states: 'MACS has zero tolerance for any form of child abuse and is deeply committed to upholding and embedding the highest standards of child safety across our schools.' It then lists guiding principles: 'We are guided by our Catholic faith and the unique and unrepeatable dignity of every person in our care. We are dedicated to creating an inclusive and protective environment where every child can feel and be safe.' and 'We are responsible for inspiring and enabling every child to flourish and enrich the world.' It concludes with: 'Child safety is a shared responsibility between MACS, its employees including its Board, Executive Leadership Team, School Principals, teachers, staff and the wider community.' The website macs.vic.edu.au is listed at the bottom.

AUSSIES OF THE MONTH 2026

Congratulations to

Walter Aggrey (JJG) & Yasmina Karyotis (SAS)

who were recently named St. Paul's Aussies of the Month for February. They've made a standout start to the year in their Specialist lessons by staying focused, demonstrating excellent listening skills and consistently following instructions.

Well done to Walter and Yasmina on this well-deserved recognition!



CARITAS AUSTRALIA
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A Long Walk For Water Year 6 Fundraiser

'THE BIG WALK'

In solidarity, we will walk our school grounds to achieve a goal of **6km**.
Our Big Walk will take place on:

 Monday 23rd March - 30 minutes

and

 Tuesday 24th March - 30 minutes

DID YOU KNOW: Many kids in South Sudan often walk over 6 km daily, in extreme heat, carrying 18kg of water upon their return home.



to the following students who received awards at the Assembly on Friday.

PET	Noah Nguyen
PMF	Felix Tran
PMK	Leo Dong
JCT	Amelia Lee
JEM	Elijah Basco
JKC	Emily Gurung
JJG	Shiloh Iorangi
JKL	Jamal Balfas
JSM	Roman Gruevski
MAM	Moza Tjenderasa
MEF	Jemma Dinh
MMB	Marcus Leung
MAR	Eli Murray
MTC	Emily Jovancevska
MVN	Kiara Sheriff
SAS	Luna (Anh) Le
SCL	Joyce Huynh
SSR	Ananya Assefa
SCK	Thomas Jovancevski
SED	Christian Lai
SRH	Katherine Nguyen



WESTERN BULLDOGS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM – REGISTRATIONS OPEN!

Looking for a fun and active way to keep the kids moving these school holidays? The Western Bulldogs School Holiday Program is packed with exciting games, footy skill sessions, and teamwork activities designed to help kids build confidence, make new friends, and enjoy the game.

Open to boys and girls aged 4–12, the program welcomes all abilities and experience levels - whether your child is new to footy or already loves the game.

Location: Mission Whitten Oval, Footscray

Dates: Friday 10 & 17 April, 9am-3pm

Give your child a memorable school holiday experience with the Bulldogs!

Register here:

https://play.afc/club-finder-map?formats=holiday_programs&orgId=0ca3ed80-4d11-40bf-b4c4-4b9b740f8a14

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.

