

## TERM 1

## WEEK 8: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

### DATES TO REMEMBER

March 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> :	NAPLAN – make up sessions
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March:	Learning Walk 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March:	School Assembly MAR – 2.30pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March:	Plain Clothes Day for Donations for Easter Raffle Prizes
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March:	Indonesian Day – Students are encouraged to wear red and/or white
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March:	School Photos – children to wear full summer school uniform
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March:	Easter Assembly 9.00am, End of Term I – 3.00pm–Children to wear their school uniform
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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) celebrates Catholic Education Week this year from 15–22 March. Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate their Catholic identity, the pivotal role they play within their local community and the strength of the sector. The theme is 'Christ beside me: Walking in the footsteps of Saint Patrick'. Our School Leaders, Miss Peplow, Mrs Nicole and Mrs Blerina and I will be attending the Catholic Education Week Mass this Friday. I thank all of our families for continuing to support Catholic Education.

Please remember that we have our Term 1 Learning Walk this Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. The children will be very excited to show you all they have achieved this term. I know you will be very proud of them.

School photos will be taken on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 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. The term will end for students at 3.00pm on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. We will assemble in the yard at 2.55pm 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 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 next session will be held on **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 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

## **RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EASTER – DONATIONS FOR OUR PRIZES OF HAMPERS**

Raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle have been sent home. The tickets are \$1 each. The raffle will be drawn on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March. **There will be a plain clothes day on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – children can wear plain clothes if they bring a donation of Easter Eggs, chocolates, lollies and gifts to the school for our prize hampers on this day. Tickets and money are due back by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

## **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<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

## **LEARNING WALK – Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Please join us as we open our classrooms to show you the amazing learning the children have completed this term. All classes will be open from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

## **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.

### **EVERY DAY COUNTS – SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

### **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**.

### **NO HAT – NO PLAY**

A reminder that from September 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## 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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## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 30 minutes

and



Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – 30 minutes

**DID YOU KNOW:** Many kids in South Sudan often walk over 6 km daily, in extreme heat, carrying 15kg of water upon their return home.



## You're Invited!

# Learn about Outside School Hours Care with MACSEYE

MACSEYE is excited to begin providing Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) at your school from Term 2, 2026.

Join our free online information session to:

- Learn more about our OSHC program
- Understand the enrolment process
- Ask our team any questions you may have



Click or scan the QR code to register for one of two sessions.

Tuesday 24 March, 6.30pm – 7pm  
Thursday 26 March, 12pm – 12.30pm

This event will be held online via Microsoft Teams. A link to join will be sent in your booking confirmation.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming your family to MACSEYE!

**MACseye**  
macseye.vic.edu.au

Program spotlight

## St Paul's Primary School

Your OSHC.



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:

16/3/2026 – 20/3/2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Confidence   14</b></p> <p><b>Dolls and Role Play</b> We will explore our social skills through playing dolls, dressing them, feeding them and providing for their needs.</p>	<p><b>Creative ThinkL   14</b></p> <p><b>Superhero cards</b> Children will make superhero DIY cards for our community heroes</p>	<p><b>Physical   41</b></p> <p><b>Cricket Game Group Game</b></p>	<p><b>Communication   14</b></p> <p><b>Handball drills - AFL</b> Children use hand eye coordination and ball control skills</p>	<p><b>Confidence   41</b></p> <p><b>Craft Boxes</b> See what can be created using the open-ended craft materials, simply fill a crafty or set out some and let the kids go wild</p>
<p><b>Health and WellL   11</b></p> <p><b>Musical Statue Freeze Tag</b> musical statues and tag in one game!</p>	<p><b>Curiosity   23</b></p> <p><b>Bug Bingo</b> Children compete to fill their bingo sheet with the most bugs</p>	<p><b>Communication   23</b></p> <p><b>card games</b> lets play some card games!</p>	<p><b>Creative ThinkL   11</b></p> <p><b>Threads and beads</b> Holding and stringing the beads will strengthen your child's hand muscles, finger strength, and overall fine motor skills.</p>	<p><b>Creative ThinkL   41</b></p> <p><b>Woolworths Bag Craft</b> Using the brown paper bag and cardboard boxes create To do lists, shopping list, Menu planners, Note pad, Art book etc.</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

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

[Visit our blog](#)

To register and book visit: [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

by Camp Australia

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# Join the dragons

## 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



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.

