

TERM 1

WEEK 9: Monday 23rd March, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 24th March:	MACSEYE Online Info Session / Outside School Hours Care, 6.30pm – 7pm
Thursday 26th March:	Plain Clothes Day for Donations for Easter Raffle Prizes MACSEYE Online Info Session / Outside School Hours Care, 12pm – 12.30pm
Friday 27th March:	Indonesian Day – Students are encouraged to wear red and/or white, School Assembly – 2.30pm
Monday 30th March:	School Photos – children to wear full summer school uniform
Tuesday 31st March:	Easter Assembly 9.00am, End of Term I – 3.00pm–Children to wear their school uniform
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
Friday 22nd May:	International Day of Families – More information to follow
Friday 29th May:	National Reconciliation Day, School Assembly – JKL 2.30pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

Mrs Kylie Ponce Rios will be on leave from tomorrow until Wednesday, April 1st. She will be travelling overseas with her family during this time – we wish her all the best during her trip. Various teachers will be replacing Kylie on the 3 days that she will be absent. She will return to school on Tuesday 21st April.

A reminder that under no circumstances should any adult approach a child that is not their own with a view to disciplining that child for their behaviour. Such matters are only to be dealt with by school staff. If you have any concerns about another child's behaviour, you must contact the class teacher or the office so that we can deal with the issue. Speaking to another child will not be tolerated. Please refer to the Parent Code of Conduct which is available on our website under Policies and Enrolments.

Thank you to those families who joined us on the Learning Walk last Thursday. It was great to see family members visiting their child's classrooms and leaving with smiles on their faces.

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. 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 20th April. There will be no school on Tuesday, May 12th as all staff will be participating in Professional Practice activities.

I wish to advise that Ms Cathy Doran, Mrs Louise Collison and I will be at a leadership conference from tomorrow afternoon until Friday – please see Miss Lisa Peplow, Mrs Claudia Razi or Mrs Kara Brizzi if you have any questions or concerns.

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 **Thursday, 23rd 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 – DONATIONS FOR OUR PRIZES OF HAMPERS

Thank you to those families who have returned their raffle tickets and money. If you have not done so, please return your tickets and money by Monday 30th March as the raffle will be drawn on this day. **There will be a plain clothes day this Thursday, 26th March** – children can wear plain clothes if they bring a donation of Easter Eggs, chocolates, lollies or gifts to the school for our prize hampers on this day.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – NEXT MONDAY, 30TH MARCH

School photos will be taken on Monday 30th March. Children will need to be in their full summer school uniform. All photo orders must be completed online. You should have received your child’s unique ID in the personalised order flyer – please ensure you use this ID when you place a photo order. **Sibling orders must be placed prior to 8am on Monday, 30th March 2026.**

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 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.

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, 26th June**.

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

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

Each family has received a copy of the St. Paul’s Anti-Bullying Policy today. The policy is a reminder that the school will not tolerate any instances of bullying. Please note the definition of bullying in the policy:

‘Bullying is when someone, or a group of people, deliberately upset or hurt another person or damage their property, reputation or social acceptance on more than one occasion. There is an imbalance of power in incidents of bullying with the bully or bullies having more power at the time due to age, size, status or other reasons.’

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/what.aspx>

The brochure lists types of bullying as well as what bullying is not. You are encouraged to contact your child’s teacher in the first instance if you have any concerns as these can usually be sorted out quickly when the teacher is informed.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, WEST SUNSHINE

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

Monday, 30 March 2026

SIBLING ORDERS
must be placed prior to 8am on Monday, 30 March 2026



Order at order.schoolpix.com.au

Orders with **FREE delivery** to your school **CLOSE 5 WORKING DAYS** after your last photography session. A postage fee will apply for orders placed after this date.

Misplaced your order flyer? Please visit www.schoolpix.com.au and use the student search to find your child's unique ID or contact our Customer Care team on 1300 766 055 or help@schoolpix.com.au.



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

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| PET | Victoria Nguyen |
| PMF | Ivy Pham |
| PMK | Salome Rojas Donoso |
| JCT | Evan Nguyen |
| JEM | Angel-Rose Pham |
| JKC | Grace Tran |
| JJG | Dustin Le |
| JKL | Joseph Low |
| JSM | Linh Pham |
| MAM | Archie Giannoulidis |
| MEF | Ethan Tran |
| MMB | Eva Wallace |
| MAR | Yenishka Karththikeyan |
| MTC | Oliver Shapland |
| MVN | Jake Rafoo |
| SAS | Nathan Tran |
| SCL | Martin Rios Navarro |
| SSR | Kim Le |
| SCK | Milly Laidlaw |
| SED | Kayla Hoang |
| SRH | Phong Ta |

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>

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)

Introducing **MACSEYE**: A new high-quality OSHC Service connected to your school

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

We provide a variety of fun activities, cosy quiet spaces and healthy food options. Our supportive educators are dedicated to nurturing each child's wellbeing.

Available for children aged 5-12 years, Monday through Friday during school terms.

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.



Please feel free to register one of the Online Family Information Sessions to learn more about our OSHC program.



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

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.

