

TERM 2

WEEK 1: Monday 20th April, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 23 rd April:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 24 th April:	School Assembly SED – 2.30pm
Tuesday 28 th April:	Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night – St Paul's School, 6.30pm
Friday 1 st May:	Class Reconciliation MEF, MAM & MMB – 10.00am, School Assembly - JEM 2.30pm
Tuesday 5 th May:	Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30am - RSVP to school by April 27th.
Thursday 7 th May:	JMA Excursion to Sovereign Hill – Students will return to School at 5pm (Extended day)
Friday 8 th May:	Mother's Day Stall, School Assembly – SCK 2.30pm
Monday 11 th May:	Day 1 of School Improvement Review
Tuesday 12 th May:	School Closure Day – Professional Practice Day for Staff – No School for Students
Wednesday 13 th May:	Day 2 of School Improvement Review
Thursday 14 th May:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Friday 15 th May:	School Assembly - JCT 2.30pm
Friday 15 th May:	Sacrament of Eucharist Mass – St Paul's Church, 6.30pm
Monday 18 th May:	Bookings for the June Learning Conversations open at 4pm TODAY
Friday 22 nd May:	International Day of Families – More information to follow
Friday 29 th May:	National Reconciliation Day, School Assembly – JKL 2.30pm
Thursday 4 th June:	Learning Walk – 2.30pm – 3.30pm – All Families Welcome
Friday 5 th June:	Class Reconciliation MAR, MVN & MTC – 10.00am, School Assembly - JSM 2.30pm
Monday 8 th June:	King's Birthday Public Holiday – No School for Students
Tuesday 9 th June:	Children's School Reports sent home
Thursday 11 th June:	Learning Conversations–Online on Google Meet 1.00pm–7.00pm - School Finishes at 12.30 pm
Friday 12 th June:	Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass – 10.00am at St Paul's Church
Thursday 10 th September:	Art Show – 5.00pm - More information to follow

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term II. As always, it will be a busy term. We particularly look forward to our Mother's Day Breakfast on Tuesday, 5th May. An invitation was sent home last term – please RSVP by Monday, April 27th. Our Mother's Day Stall will be held on Friday, 8th May – please return the slip in the newsletter if you can help on the day.

We welcome back from leave Mrs Kylie Ponce Rios - we hope Kylie and her family had a wonderful time travelling.

This Saturday, we will commemorate ANZAC Day. This date, April 25th, is the anniversary of the day Australian and New Zealand soldiers landed on Gallipoli in 1915 as part of the Allies' invasion. Last year I was fortunate enough to travel to Turkey and visit ANZAC Cove. I remember being touched by the meaning of this special place – I still have fond memories of this visit today and how moved I was to be there. ANZAC Day is a time for us to recognise more than 1.5 million men and women who have served Australia in all conflicts, wars and peacekeeping operations. It's also a time to remember some 102,000 Australians who lost their lives as a result of that service. Not only do service men and women lose their lives, but so many innocent adults and children do as well. We pray for peace in the world.

There will be no school on Tuesday, May 12th 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, 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.

APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7 PLACEMENT 2027 FORM (GOVERNMENT SCHOOL)

Last term, our Year 6 students who will *not* be attending a Catholic/Private secondary school in 2027 received an *Application for Year 7 Placement 2027 Form*. To assist with this process, an information pack has been emailed to all families.

Please note, the cut-off date for completing your child's application form is 08/05/2026.

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**.

MARCH TROPHY “Care and Compassion”

Last term we made an error in the March Trophy announcement.

The correct class that won this trophy is **MTC**.

Big congratulations to MTC for winning this trophy by 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.

SAFETY AND PARKING AROUND ST PAUL'S

A reminder to drive safely around St Paul's. There are some drivers who are not following the road rules when dropping off or picking up students.

A reminder that the disabled parking bay at the front of the school in Links Street is for drivers who have the appropriate permit allowing them to use this car park. We ask anyone who sees drivers not parking appropriately to report any issues to the Brimbank Council. We have also contacted the Council and asked for enforcement officers to monitor drivers who are parking/driving in an unsafe manner. The number for Brimbank Council is 9249 4000 – you can also contact the council via email - info@brimbank.vic.gov.au.

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

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

All children should be wearing their winter school uniform by **May 1st**. Students can choose whether to wear Winter or Summer uniform depending on the weather until then. We allow some flexibility with this as it can still be warm over the next couple of weeks. **Hats are still compulsory until the end of April.**

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AND STALL

There will be a **Mothers' Day Breakfast on Tuesday 5th May, commencing at 7.30am**. Please keep this day free. Please note that children attending the breakfast must come to school with a family member. Please return the tear off slip on the invitation sent home last term indicating how many will be attending this special breakfast. **Please RSVP by Monday, April 27th.**

The **Mother's Day Stall will be held on Friday 8th May**. The price of gifts will range from \$2 - \$10. If you are able to help with selling the gifts please indicate on the slip below and return to the school office.

I am able to assist with the Mother's Day Stall on Friday, 8th May 2026 (Please tick the box if you can help)

(Xin đánh vào ô nếu quý vị có thể giúp)

Tôi có thể giúp Gian hàng Mừng Ngày Của Mẹ vào thứ Sáu (08/05)

You must have a current Working With Children Check Card to assist with the Mother's Day Stall.

Quý vị phải có Thẻ Làm Việc với Trẻ Em còn hiệu lực để có thể phụ giúp cho Gian hàng mừng Ngày của Mẹ.

Helper's Name: _____ Phone _____

(Tên người giúp)

(Điện thoại)

GETTING ORGANISED FOR SCHOOL

How things go at home in the morning can set the tone for the day ahead. A predictable and positive morning routine for school can help children arrive at school feeling calm, fed and ready to make the most of the first few hours of the day.

Morning routine for school: the whys and hows

Children don't understand time in the same way as grown-ups. This can make school morning a stressful time of day for families. But staying calm and getting along in the morning will help you all feel positive about the day ahead. For example, fighting with children in the morning makes it harder for you to work well. It even increases the risk of you having an accident at work. The most useful way to reduce morning chaos is to set up a morning routine for school. Sticking to a morning routine for school helps your children predict what's coming, and remember what they need to do.

Here are some ideas to take some of the pressure out of school mornings – even if things don't always go smoothly!

Planning ahead for school mornings: the night before

The first step in your morning routine for school is to think about what you need to do and work out a plan for doing it. You'll probably find that you and your child can do many things the night before.

Here are some ideas:

- Try to find out the night before (or even earlier) if there is something special going on at school the next day.
- Organise lunches and set the breakfast table ready for the morning rush. Breakfast is one of the most important meals of the day and helps your child to concentrate better at school.
- Get your child to have a bath or shower the night before. This means you won't have to worry about this in the morning.
- You may know something is going to come up that could cause conflict, like your child not wanting to eat breakfast, or wanting to wear sneakers rather than school shoes. Talk about it the night before when everybody has time and you're all less likely to be stressed.
- Think about having a weekly schedule or calendar with reminders of what your child needs to take to school each day – for example, library books, sports clothes, show and tell, and so on.
- Think about getting ready for your day the night before as well, to help ease time pressure in the morning.
- Try to read school newsletters and check bags for notes the night before. You could also try to prepare clothes, sign school notes, and get school bags ready the night before.



Music Lessons

Music tuition at your school!



Piano Drums Guitar Singing ...and more!

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- Experienced and dedicated teachers
- Parent Portal
- Performance opportunities
- Private or shared lessons available
- Comprehensive method books designed for young beginners
- Lessons conducted during school times or after school
- Financial hardship assistance available - we believe everyone deserves the chance to learn music

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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 80% 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.

