

TERM 2

WEEK 4: Monday 11th May, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 12th May:	School Closure Day – Professional Practice Day for Staff – No School for Students TOMORROW
Wednesday 13th May:	Day 2 of School Improvement Review
Thursday 14th May:	MMA Excursion to NGV
Thursday 14th May:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Friday 15th May:	Second Hand Uniform Stall open 8.25am–9.00am & 3.00pm–3.30pm; School Assembly-JCT 2.30pm
Friday 15th May:	Prep Excursion to Traffic School. Sacrament of Eucharist Mass – St Paul's Church, 6.30pm
Monday 18th May:	Bookings for the June Learning Conversations open at 4pm TODAY
Friday 22nd May:	International Day of Families – Parade of Nations – 9.00am in gym – Families welcome to attend Culture Drumming Performance – 2.00pm in gym - Families welcome to attend
Friday 29th May:	National Reconciliation Day, School Assembly – JKL 2.30pm
Tuesday 2nd June:	SMA Excursion to Werribee Zoo
Thursday 4th June:	Learning Walk – 2.30pm – 3.30pm – All Families Welcome
Friday 5th June:	Class Reconciliation MAR, MVN & MTC – 10.00am, School Assembly - JSM 2.30pm
Monday 8th June:	King's Birthday Public Holiday – No School for Students
Tuesday 9th June:	Children's School Reports sent home
Thursday 11th June:	Learning Conversations–Online on Google Meet 1.00pm–7.00pm - School Finishes at 12.30 pm
Friday 12th June:	Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass – 10.00am at St Paul's Church
Wednesday 17th June:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Thursday 18th June:	Feast Day of St Peter and St Paul Mass and Activities (More information to follow)
Thursday 10th September:	Art Show – 5.00pm - More information to follow

Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcome back Ms Diana Nguyen after her leave – we hope she had a successful placement at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College.

This week we have the opportunity to recognise some very important people in our school. On Wednesday, May 13th, we acknowledge Mrs Trish Morris, our office receptionist, as it is National Receptionist Day. I often hear from families and visitors how welcoming Trish is and how she lights up the office. We thank her for all she does for our community. All staff who fill in at the front office from time to time are to be thanked for the way they make our visitors feel welcome. On Saturday, May 16th, we will celebrate all that the Education Support Staff do in our schools. Our Office and Canteen Staff, Learning Support Officers, Miss Karen, our Library Technician and Mr Rob, our Maintenance Officer are vital to the educational journey of our students. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Education Support Staff at St Paul's for all they do to ensure the smooth running of our school. They are always so flexible and take on so many different roles when necessary. Without them, we would not be the wonderful, welcoming school that we are.

On Friday night, our Year 3 students, as well as students from other levels, will be receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist. I encourage the St. Paul's School Community to keep all of these children in your prayers. We pray that our First Communicants will continue to grow in their love for the Father and that they will be able to have many more meals at His holy table. Many thanks to Miss Lisa Peplow, Miss Emma Finnegan, Miss Amanda Mach and Miss Maddy Byrne for the way they have prepared the children.

The children's reports will be sent home on Tuesday 9th June. Learning Conversations (Parent Teacher Interviews) will be held on Thursday 11th June between 1.00pm and 7.00pm. Children will be dismissed at 12.30pm to allow conversations to begin at 1.00pm. **Please note the interviews will be held online via Google Meet.** See the letter and booking instructions sent home today.

There will be **no school TOMORROW**, Tuesday, May 12th as all staff will be participating in Professional Practice activities.

I hope all the Mothers had a wonderful day yesterday. All the best for the week ahead.

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**’. If you have not enrolled your child in Prep for 2027, please do so immediately. The first round of applications closes on May 29th. Prep families who have applied by this date will be interviewed from May 25th and will be first to be offered a place at St Paul’s in 2027. If you have not applied by May 29th, your child may not receive a Prep placement and may be put on a waiting list.

UPCOMING LEARNING CONVERSATIONS – Thursday, 11th June 2026

Learning Conversations (Parent Teacher Interviews) will be held online via Google Meet on Thursday 11th June from 1.00pm. Please refer to the hard copies of the letter and the booking instructions sent home today via your eldest child for the details. Children will be dismissed at 12.30pm to allow conversations to begin at 1.00pm.

Bookings will open, next Monday, 18th May at 4.00pm and must be finalised before **2.00pm on Thursday, 4th June**, when bookings for this event will close. Interviews will run for ten minutes - however you will need to allow 10 minutes between each interview to ensure the interviews stay on schedule. Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code ‘**3urzh**’ to get access to the booking page.

For parents that do not have internet access, please call the school to arrange a time. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 9363 1568 for support.

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 **Fridav. 26th June**.

FEES/LEVIES

Your child’s levies are now overdue. Please pay all levies promptly. The third instalment of the school fees is due on 7th August. 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.

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

ST. PAUL’S SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL

The St. Paul’s Second Hand Uniform Stall will be open **this Friday 15th May from 8.25am – 9.00am and 3.00pm – 3.30pm**. The cost of all items of clothing is \$5.00. Please send school uniform donations to the school office. **In particular, we would appreciate donations of winter uniform dresses.** Thank you very much for your very kind support. Please bring along a shopping bag to put your purchases in.

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.

MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST AND STALL

Thank you to all those mothers, grandmothers, aunts and any other important mother figures who joined us for breakfast last Tuesday morning. It was wonderful to see so many of our students sharing breakfast with our guests and other family members. It was a wonderful community event. Thanks to Mrs Annamaria Schembri for all she did to organise the breakfast and to all the staff for their support of this special event.

The Mother’s Day Stall was a great success last Thursday. There were so many great gifts available for the children to purchase – we know you would all have loved the gifts your children bought for you. We would like to thank Kayla Strinovic and Tana Degala for all their work setting up the stall, purchasing the gifts and assisting with selling the gifts. Thanks also to Linh Le, Lisa Giordmaina, Anna Le, Maria Crnogorac for their assistance at the stall. Without their help, the stall wouldn’t have been so successful. \$1973 was raised – what a magnificent effort. Thank you.

SAFETY AND PARKING AROUND ST PAUL’S

A reminder to drive safely around St Paul’s. There are some drivers not following the road rules when dropping off/picking up students. 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 on 92494000 or via email - info@brimbank.vic.gov.au. We have also contacted the Council and asked for enforcement officers to monitor all drivers.

PREP EXCURSION TO TRAFFIC SCHOOL

This Friday, 15th May 2026

To support our Inquiry Unit 'How do our senses keep us safe?', the Preps will be going on an excursion to Brimbank Bicycle Education Centre in Keilor Downs (Green Gully Reserve) to practise riding bikes and to learn road rules.

Students are required to wear full sports uniform and closed toe footwear suitable for bike riding (runner). Please pack snack, lunch and a water bottle in a small backpack clearly labelled with your child name. Thank you very much for your kind support.

SMA EXCURSION TO WERRIBEE ZOO

Tuesday 2nd June, 2026

SMA will be attending an excursion to Werribee Zoo on **Tuesday 2nd June 2026** to learn about animal adaptations and features and to observe animals in a variety of habitats. Following the excursion, students will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding through our Inquiry Unit, "Why do living things have adaptations?" Please pack a snack, lunch and water bottle in a small backpack. Students will carry this backpack with them throughout the day. **Please complete the consent form sent home last week and return it to your child's teacher by Monday 18th of May.**

We are also seeking parent volunteers for the SMA Werribee Zoo excursion. Please complete the form if you are able to volunteer. If we receive more volunteers than required, we will communicate this with you. Please note that all volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check, available online at: <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications> and have signed the School Community Child Safe Code of Conduct.

MMA EXCURSION TO NGV – This Thursday, 14th May

As part of our Inquiry Unit 'How is art influenced by place, history and culture?' students will visit the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) on **Thursday, 14th May**. They will take part in the 'Explore NGV International' program and complete a self-guided tour of NGV Australia at The Ian Potter Centre at Federation Square.

Students are supposed to bring snacks, lunch and a bottle of water in a small bag/backpack clearly labelled with their name and wear the sports uniform for the day.

CHILDREN'S ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

Please remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, there are various ways that you can contact the school to advise that your child is absent from school.

- Contact the office:** Call 9363 1568, select 1 and then advise that your child is absent on this day. Please include your name, the child's name, the class, the date and the reason for the absence.
- Via Audiri App:** Use the 'Absentee Form' in this app. This form can be found under the section 'Forms'.
- Email:** Send an email to office@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au or your child's class teacher on their school email address.
- Written Note:** A written note may be sent in advance if you know your child will be absent. If he/she is going on an extended holiday, a written note must be provided.

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Child Safe Standard 4

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"The role of the family in building a culture of life is decisive and irreplaceable"

Pope John Paul II
Evangelium
Vitae, 92

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.

MACSEYE

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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.

