

TERM 2

WEEK 5: Monday 18th May, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 18 th May:	Bookings for the June Learning Conversations open at 4pm TODAY
Friday 22 nd 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. Canteen closed at recess and lunch.
Friday 29 th May:	National Reconciliation Day, School Assembly – JKL 2.30pm
Tuesday 2 nd June:	SMA Excursion to Werribee Zoo
Wednesday 3 rd June:	Year 3 and 4 Camp Information Session, St Paul's School, 3:15pm – 3:45pm
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
Wednesday 17 th June:	2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Thursday 18 th June:	Feast Day of St Peter and St Paul Mass and Activities (More information to follow)
Friday 19 th June:	School Assembly - SAS 2.30pm
Friday 26 th Jun:	End of Term II – 1.00pm – Canteen closed
Friday August 14 th :	Applications close for 2028 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 Students

Dear Parents/Carers,

Mr Vaughn Steward will be on partner leave for the next two weeks – we look forward to welcoming him back to St Paul's on June 1st.

Congratulations to our children who received the Sacrament of Eucharist last Friday evening. The children participated reverently in the celebration. Many thanks to Miss Lisa Peplow, Miss Emma Finnegan, Miss Amanda Mach and Miss Maddy Byrne, for the way they prepared the children. Thanks also to the school choir for singing so well – they sounded beautiful. Thanks to Mrs Michele Micallef for leading the choir. Thanks to the St. Paul's staff for their assistance prior to and on the day. Thanks to Father Rene for leading us in a very beautiful liturgy. We hope all the children will remember this special day and that they will attend Mass with their family and receive the Eucharist many more times.

This Friday is our International Day of Families. We would love to see you at the Parade of Nations at 9.00am – the children are encouraged to wear their cultural dress or colours for the parade. We will have a sausage sizzle for lunch. Children will need to bring their own lunch if they don't want a sausage for lunch – please remember that the canteen will be closed all day on Friday.

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 after school care is open from 12.30pm when school closes. **Please note the interviews will be held online via Google Meet.** See the letter and booking instructions sent home last Monday - **bookings open today at 4.00pm.**

Many thanks to Tania Ramos and Tana Degala from the School Advisory Council for their assistance co-ordinating and selling at the Second Hand Uniform Stall last week. Thanks also to the families who have purchased and supported the stall. Please note that all money raised is donated to a worthy cause. We encourage families to make donations of school uniforms to our second hand uniform stall. Please wash any donations before taking them to the school office.

There will be **no school on Monday June 8th as it is the Kings Birthday public holiday.** Term II concludes on Friday 26th June at 1.00pm. The children are able to wear plain clothes as it is the last day of term. After School Care will operate from 1.00pm until 6.00pm on this day. Term III commences on Monday 13th July at 8.40am.

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’. 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 last week via your eldest child for the details. Children will be dismissed at 12.30pm to allow conversations to begin at 1.00pm. After School Care will be operating from 12.30pm on this day.

Bookings will open TODAY, 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.

Please note that school reports will be sent home on Tuesday, 9th June.

INDONESIAN NEWS - INDONESIAN SPEAKING COMPETITION

Thank you to all students who have nominated themselves for the Indonesian Speaking Competition.

The first-round selection will be held on **Friday, 29th May, from 9:00am to 11:00am** in the Indonesian Room and Meeting Room at school. During the competition, students’ performances will be video recorded. Two winners from each year level will be selected.

The video recordings of the winners, together with the consent forms, will be sent to Victorian Indonesian Language Teachers Association for further assessment against other contestants across Victoria.

We encourage all participants to practise both at home and at school, and we wish everyone the very best in the competition.

Terima kasih - Bu Santi

SMA EXCURSION TO WERRIBEE ZOO - Tuesday, 2nd June

SMA will be attending an excursion to Werribee Zoo on **Tuesday, 2nd June**, 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 which students will carry with them throughout the day.

Please complete the consent form and return it to your child’s teacher as soon as possible if you haven’t done so.

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.

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**.

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

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 9249 4000 or via email - info@brimbank.vic.gov.au. We have also contacted the Council and asked for enforcement officers to monitor all drivers.

SPORTS NEWS – CROSS COUNTRY

Recently St Paul's sent a team to the Sunshine District Cross Country at Sassella Park, Deer Park. The team was:

Rupert Szulik [MAR], Narayt Herbert [MAR], Gabriel Montes [MVN], Jake Rafoo [MVN], Dylan Trieu [SSR], Ava Simmonds [MEF], Milla Stepanovski [MAR], Emily Iacovella [MVN], Oscar Brooks [SSR], Jonathan Lasuba [SCK], Henry Simmonds [SED], Domenic Sposato [SCK], Justin Magro [SCK], Phong Ta [SRH], George Embeslidis [SRH], Emily Cook [SCK], Sophia Gacad [SCK] and Mia Daskalakis [SED].

The students ran two and three kilometres. Congratulations to all and particularly to those students who finished in the top ten and qualified for the Maribymong Division Cross Country at Keilor Park on Wednesday May 27.

They were: Mia [9th], Sophia [10th], George [7th], Rupert [2nd], Jake [6th], Oscar [2nd] and Jonathan [6th].

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES
Friday, May 22nd 2026

We celebrate the beauty of our diverse community at St. Paul's Primary School.

Children are encouraged to wear their cultural dress or colours for the day.

Here are some events happening during the day: Families are invited to join us!

9.00 am
Parade of Nations in the gym:
Children will parade in their cultural dress.

2.00 pm
Rhythm Culture Drumming Performance:
West African Drumming and Dancing Show.

Sausage Sizzle Lunch:
We will be providing a sausage sizzle lunch (beef & gluten free)

Please provide lunch if your child is not having a sausage.
If you are able to help cook sausages, please leave your name and number at the office.

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.

1. **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.
2. **Via Audiri App:** Use the 'Absentee Form' in this app. This form can be found under the section 'Forms'.
3. **Email:** Send an email to office@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au or your child's class teacher on their school email address.
4. **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.



Baby News

Congratulations to the Kayembe Family (Joy SED, Esther SAS, Abram MEF, Keren JKL & Naomi ex-student) on the safe arrival of their baby sister Lydia on Wednesday, 13th May 2026. We wish the Kayembe Family much love and happiness.

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools

Child Safe Standard 4

Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.

MACS CARE
Play your part visit: care.macs.vic.edu.au
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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)

St Paul's, Sunshine West

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.

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.

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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.

