

TERM 2

WEEK 7: Monday 1st June, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 Plain clothes day for donations for the Feast of the Sacred Heart
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 - the canteen will be closed all day.
Friday 19 th June:	School Assembly - SAS 2.30pm
Friday 26 th June:	End of Term II – 1.00pm – Canteen closed
Monday 13 th July:	Beginning of Term III 8.40am
Mon 20 th – Wed 22 nd July:	SMA Camp – Lady Northcote Camp, Bacchus Marsh
Friday 24 th July:	School Assembly - JKC 2.30pm
Friday August 14 th :	Applications close for 2028 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 Students
Thursday 10 th September:	Art Show – 5.00pm - More information to follow

Dear Parents/Carers,

Mrs Michele Micallef will be on leave from this Friday and will return to school on Tuesday, 16th June – we wish her all the best on her leave. We welcome back Mr Vaughn Steward from parental leave where he spent time with his family.

What a wonderful day we had on Friday as we celebrated National Reconciliation Week. We began the day taking a whole school photo and followed with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony led by Uncle Colin. The children completed many activities relating to this special week. All the children planted their own Hibiscus flower seed, which will be planted at our school after 10 weeks. Thank you to Mrs Rhiannon for all her organisation of the day. Thanks to Mr Rob for setting up the fire for the smoking ceremony.

On Friday, June 12th, St. Paul's will be celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart with Mass commencing at 10.00am at St Paul's Church. On this day we support the St. Vincent De Paul Society in their mission to help bring about justice and compassion for all people. There are over 250,000 people around Australia in need of assistance from the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Children can wear plain clothes on Thursday 11th June if they donate some non-perishable food (e.g. cereal, canned food, etc.) to help the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Thank you very much for your support.

Your child's reports will be sent home next 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 - After School Care will operate from 12.30pm until 6.00pm. **Please note the interviews will be held online via Google Meet. Bookings are now open and close on Thursday June 4th – if you have not booked a time, you will be given a time. See the newsletter for information on how to book a time.**

The St. Paul's Annual Report to the School Community is available at the office or on the school website – www.spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au. This is a report on all that took place at St. Paul's in 2025. Please feel free to take a copy or visit the website.

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. 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’. The first round of applications closed last Friday. We have already started interviewing families who have applied - they 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 2027 Prep placement and may be put on a waiting list – please enrol immediately.

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 are currently open 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. **Please make your bookings as soon as possible to secure your most suitable time.**

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.

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.

SMA EXCURSION TO WERRIBEE ZOO - This Tuesday, 2nd June

SMA will be attending an excursion to Werribee Zoo **Tomorrow, 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?”.

Students are required to wear full sport uniform, and pack a snack, lunch and water bottle in a small backpack to carry with them throughout the day.

MIDDLE CAMP INFORMATION SESSION – This Wednesday, 3rd June

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Camps and excursions provide a valuable experience for students to learn and grow outside of the classroom setting. As part of our preparation for camp, we will be holding an information session to discuss camp facilities and activities that the children will participate in. **The information session will be held at our school’s library on Wednesday, 3rd June, at 3:15pm.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

TERM 2 LEARNING WALK – This Thursday, 4th June

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. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

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



WFNL ALL GIRLS AUSKICK & SUPERKICK FREE CLINIC

ARDEN STREET, NORTH MELBOURNE

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE 12PM

SCAN HERE





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

PET	Logan Bui
PMF	Henry Pham
PMK	Alen Zohan
JCT	Jeremy Dang
JEM	Cindy Nguyen
JKC	Meklit Asmalash
JJG	Ariomehr Babri
JKL	Dawthlei Cua Chin
JSM	Leo Nguyen
MAM	Jordan Caruana
MEF	Evelyn Dang
MMB	Lisa Plunkett
MAR	Ethan Gauci
MTC	Leo Tauafao
MVN	Emily Iacovella
SAS	Katie Pham
SCL	Lydia Mihtsuntu
SSR	Mamer Deir
SCK	Sririta Herbert
SED	Krishna Singh
SRH	Clement Luong

Understanding maths anxiety: a guide for parents and carers

You don't need to be a maths whiz to make a difference. There are simple things you can do to help your child build the skills and confidence they need so they can thrive in maths.

1. Talk positively about maths at home

The way parents and carers talk about maths (sometimes referred to as numeracy) has a **powerful impact** on how children feel about the subject.

When maths is spoken about negatively at home, children are more likely to experience maths anxiety – a sense of fear or worry when faced with mathematical tasks. This anxiety can lead to lower achievement and/or avoidance of maths altogether.

On the other hand, positive maths talk – like emphasising effort, persistence, and everyday usefulness – can foster a **growth mindset**. This is the belief that abilities improve with practice and hard work.

2. Build confidence in maths

A home environment that values effort over right answers can build confidence. **Showing curiosity and talking through problem-solving** helps children see maths as a skill that can be developed. There is also growing research that suggests some children, particularly girls, may experience higher levels of maths anxiety, making confidence-building support especially important.

3. Work with your child's school

When schools and families partner together, children are more likely to feel **confident and positive** about maths.

Parents can support maths learning at home by using simple, step-by-step approaches that connect to what their child already knows. By building on familiar everyday tasks, giving them time to practice, and **offering encouragement**, you help them gain the confidence to **tackle more challenging problems**.

This guide was produced by the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership, in partnership with Parents Victoria.



Winter Wonderland
School Holiday Program
Prep to Grade 6

Play
Create
Explore
Have fun!

St Peter's OSHC
6.30am - 6pm
2A Killeen St, Sunshine West

Contact details during service hours:
0493 180 796
sp.sunshinesouthwest@macseye.vic.edu.au

MACseye
macseye.vic.edu.au

How to Book

Step 1: Check if your child is enrolled at this school

- If your child attends OSHC at the school hosting the holiday program, go straight to **Step 3** to start booking.
- If your child attends OSHC at a different school or does not attend OSHC, go to **Step 2** and complete the enrolment form. This includes children attending MACSEYE OSHC at other schools.

Step 2: Complete the enrolment form by 19 June

- Scan or click the QR Code and complete the enrolment form.
- Once your enrolment is confirmed, we will email you a unique link to download the Xplor Home App.



Step 3: Book your days

- Book holiday program days via the Xplor Home App.

Important

- New enrolments must be submitted by **19 June**.
- Walk-ins cannot be accepted.
- The enrolment process must be completed before your child attends the program. This includes ensuring all medical and supporting documents have been provided.

For full details of the upcoming winter holiday program, please refer to the recent posting on Audiri App.

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.

