

TERM 2

WEEK 8: Tuesday 9th June, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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
Plain clothes day for donations for the Feast of the Sacred Heart
- 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 Ss Peter and Paul Mass (9.45am) and Activities - the canteen will be closed all day
- Friday 19th June:** School Assembly - SAS 2.30pm
- Friday 26th June:** End of Term II – 1.00pm – Canteen closed
- Monday 13th July:** Beginning of Term III 8.40am
- Mon 20th – Wed 22nd July:** SMA Camp – Lady Northcote Camp, Bacchus Marsh
- Friday 24th July:** School Assembly - JKC 2.30pm
- Friday 31st July:** Class Mass – MAR, MTC and MVN – 10.00am, School Assembly - SCL 2.30pm
- Friday 7th August:** St Mary MacKillop/Grandparents Mass – 9.15am at St Paul's Church, Open Classrooms and Morning Tea
- Friday August 14th:** Applications close for 2028 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 students
- August 17th – 18th:** MAM & MVN Attending Camp at Camp Doxa, Malmsbury
- August 18th – 19th:** MEF & MAR Attending Camp at Camp Doxa, Malmsbury
- August 19th – 20th:** MMB & MTC Attending Camp at Camp Doxa, Malmsbury
- Thursday 10th September:** Art Show – 5.00pm - More information to follow

Dear Parents/Carers,

Your children have brought home their school report today. I was very proud of all the children and their achievements this semester – I know you will also be very proud of them. The teachers are looking forward to discussing the report with you online at Learning Conversations on Thursday. Please remember that children will be dismissed at 12.30pm on Thursday – please collect your children promptly at this time. After School Care will operate from 12.30pm until 6.00pm on this day. If you did not book a time online for your child's learning conversation, you have been allocated a time - please check your emails to find an email with the time of your child's interview as well as a link to join online at that time. A reminder of your interview time was included in the envelope with your child's report.

This Friday we are 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. Children can wear plain clothes this Thursday 11th June if they donate some non-perishable food (e.g. cereal, canned food, etc.).

Please ensure you use the drop off zone correctly in the morning. **Children must not leave the car on the driver's side of the car as this will mean they are walking into oncoming traffic.** Please remember that you are not to leave your car in the drop off zone while you visit the office. You will need to park in the church car park or in the street and then walk to the school. Please ensure you park appropriately around the school.

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.

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 – This Thursday, 11th June 2026

Learning Conversations (Parent Teacher Interviews) will be held online via Google Meet this Thursday 11th June from 1.00pm. 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.

Please refer to the confirmation email from the website www.schoolinterviews.com.au and click on “Join video-conference” link in this email a few minutes prior to your booked/allocated time to have a conversation with your child’s teacher.

Please note that if you are unable to connect online at the time of interview, the teacher will attempt to call you from a “No Caller ID” number so please answer this call.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

St Paul’s will celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with a **whole school Mass this Friday, 12th June at 10am.** All families are invited to attend.

To mark this occasion, **students are invited to wear plain clothes this Thursday, 11th June, in exchange for donating a non-perishable food item**, such as canned goods, pasta, noodles, or similar items. This initiative supports Catholic Social Teaching by assisting those in need within our community.

All donations will be collected and distributed by a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Sunshine Conference.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and for living out our faith through helping others in our community.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH - Thursday, 18th June 2026

St. Paul’s and St. Peter’s students will gather together on Thursday, 18th June, to celebrate St. Peter’s and St Paul’s Feast Day. We will begin with Mass at St Paul’s Church at 9.45am, a Sausage Sizzle lunch and fun activities with a sporting group in the gym in the afternoon.

As we will be catering for nearly 1,000 students and teachers, we would be very appreciative of your help to cook and serve sausages.

If you are able to help from 10:30am until 1:00pm, please leave your name and number at the office.

As lunch will be provided, please remember that children will only need to bring their snack and a drink to school on Thursday, June 18th. **The canteen will be closed all day – there will be no lunch orders. If your child does not want a sausage for lunch, they will need to bring their lunch to school.**

Thank you in advance for your support.

CHOIR NEWS

Please be advised that choir rehearsals will still be going ahead on Wednesdays after school while Mrs Michele Micallef is on leave this term and next term.

Many thanks to the staff who are generously giving their time to support the choir during Michele’s leave.

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



Last week three Bulldog AFL young guns came to our school. We welcomed Riley Sanders [21], Lochie Smith [20] and Jed Busslinger [22]. Here they are pictured with Levi and Tabitha from MMB.

15 fun activities to boost maths skills

Daily routines	Play and puzzles	Outdoor & creative fun
1 Master chef Cook or bake together using measurements and fractions	6 Card games Play strategy or number games like Memory, Uno, Monopoly, or Yahtzee	11 Travel log Track the travel time to and from familiar destinations like school, the shops or to a friend's place
2 Supermarket sweep Estimate total costs at the shops and compare to the receipt	7 Interior designer Measure furniture or spaces for DIY tasks or rearranging rooms	12 Patterns in nature Explore patterns in nature – count petals, spot symmetry
3 Family budget Plan a family budget for a meal or day out	8 Logic puzzles Have a weekly puzzle night with Sudoku, logic puzzles, or riddles	13 Lego Build with LEGO using equal lengths and shapes
4 Weather watch Graph the weather over a week	9 Bargain hunt Compare discounts and percentages in catalogues or online	14 Geometry Draw or cut out shapes and identify sides, angles or symmetry
5 Savings jar Sort and count coins together	10 Dream team Track sports statistics or scores and graph them	15 Word problems Turn daily situations into maths questions to solve

Child Safe Standard 5

Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice.

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"No one is exempted from striving to ensure respect for the dignity of every person"
Pope Leo XIV, May 2025

Twilight Discovery Tour

Thursday July 16
5:00–7:30pm

Accepting Enrolments for 2028. Applications Close 14 August.
** LIMITED NUMBER OF 2027 ENROLMENT SPACES REMAIN! **

Secure your place today. Scan or click code.

Winter Wonderland School Holiday Program

Prep to Grade 6

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.

Author Adam Wallace during a school visit with Mia and Nikolas Daskalakis at St Paul's Primary School.

Adam Wallace brings his stories to life through school visits, where he runs engaging, high-energy sessions designed to spark creativity and a love of reading and writing in kids. His visits combine humour, drawing, and storytelling, making him a favourite with students and teachers alike. It's easy to see why he's such a hit in classrooms around the world.

For the full article, please visit <https://thewestsider.com.au/recommended-reading-june-26/>

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.