

TERM 3

WEEK 1: Monday 13th July, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 20th – Wed 22nd July: SMA Camp – Lady Northcote Camp, Bacchus Marsh

Friday 24th July: School Assembly - JKC 2.30pm

Monday 27th July: 2027 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am

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,
School Assembly - MVN 2.30pm

August 10th – 14th: Book Week – Book Fair open all week

Tuesday 11th August: Book Week Activity - Curl up and Read – 9.00am

Thursday 13th August: Book Week Parade – 9.00am – 10.00am – Marian College Gym

Friday August 14th: Feast of the Assumption Mass 10.00am St Paul's Church, School Assembly - SSR 2.30pm

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

Friday 21st August: School Assembly - JJG 2.30pm

Friday 28th August: Class Mass – SCL, SAS, SSR, SCK, SED and SRH – 10.00am, School Assembly - MTC 2.30pm

Wednesday 2nd September: Father's Day Breakfast – 7.30am

Friday 4th September: Father's Day Stall, School Assembly - MAM 2.30pm – Please note change.

Thursday 10th September: Art Show – 5.00pm - More information to follow

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3 – we hope all families had a relaxing holiday. I am having a wonderful time in Ireland. The people have been very welcoming – and Ms Ellen's wedding was a special celebration. As previously advised, Mr Luke Nulty will be concluding his employment at St Paul's this Friday. We wish Luke, and his partner Aoife, all the best as they return to Dublin. We welcome to St Paul's Mr Sean Bruen who will be in SCL on Mondays and in the Library on Tuesday to Thursday this term. Ms Christine Sursock will be in SCL from Tuesday – Friday for the remainder of the year.

There is a great deal happening this term. Our SMA students will attend camp next Monday - Wednesday. They are looking forward to travelling to Lady Northcote Camp. The children will return to school at approximately 2.45pm on Wednesday next week. Our MMA students have their camps from August 17 – 20. Please remember that we ask children to be kept home on the day immediately after their camps this term. We have our Art Show on Thursday, 10th September. We also have our Father's Day Breakfast on Wednesday, 2nd September at 7.30am and the Father's Day Stall on Friday, 4th September. We have a very special Mass on Friday, August 7th at 9.15am – the Feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop and our Grandparents' Mass. Family and Grandparents are welcome to join us at Mass, which will be held at St Paul's Church, visit classrooms after Mass and join us for morning tea at 11.00am. We also have Book Week this term. More information relating to these special events will follow.

If you have not enrolled your child in Prep for 2027, please do so as soon as possible. Your child will be put on a waiting list if you do not apply immediately.

I remind families that applications for Year 7 in 2028 for Catholic Secondary Schools must be in by Friday, 14th August. Our Year 5 students must enrol by this date if they wish to attend a Catholic Secondary School. Your child will not be accepted if the enrolment form for the secondary school of your choice is not completed on time.

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 term. 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 already applied, your child may not receive a 2027 Prep placement and may be put on a waiting list – please enrol your child immediately if you have not done so.

SMA CAMP PROGRAM – Monday 20th July to Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Dear SMA Parents/Families,

A reminder that SMA Camp will take place at Lady Northcote on July 20th-22nd. Please ensure that students are at school by 8.40am on the day of camp. All medication together with the completed medication form must be given to the SMA teachers by a parent/guardian who is required to sign for this on the morning of camp.

In addition to a sleeping bag and packed luggage, your child will need a small backpack with their lunch, snack and water bottle, all labelled with their name, for the first day. Students do not need to bring money nor are they permitted to take any electronic devices or additional food. Please refer to the camp packing list sent home last term for full details.

At our SMA Term 3 Camp, the students will be viewing a movie. One of the options is 'Hoppers' which is PG. If you do not consent to your child viewing the movie please let your child's teacher know.

Last but not least, we ask that children are kept home on Thursday 23rd July to assist the school in meeting the time in lieu arrangements – please see the letter sent home on May 27th for further information.

Thank you,
SMA Staff

WHAT IS THE NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA (NCCD)?

Schools must now complete the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) every year. It counts the number of students who receive additional adjustments or ‘help’ at school with their learning. This data provides information to the Federal Government and the Victorian Catholic Education Authority (VCEA) about the number of students receiving adjustments which enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students. An NCCD information sheet was sent home on Thursday 25th June. It can also be found on the Audiri App, on the school’s website and at the front office. If you have any questions about the NCCD please contact Ms Kara or Mrs Schembri.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with their classroom teacher as early as possible. Openly communicating with your child's teacher about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated. If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let their teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

CHILD SAFETY AROUND ST PAUL’S

A reminder to all families to use the school crossing or the pedestrian lights when crossing Links Street and Glengala Road. This will ensure all in the community are safe. Please make sure **you drive as far forward as possible in the drop off zone** before stopping for your children to get out of the car. When leaving the drop off zone in the morning, please turn left out of the school driveway as Links Street is a one way street in the morning and afternoon. I also ask families not to leave their cars unattended in the drop off zone in the morning. This causes congestion. If you wish to visit the school office before 8.45am you must park in Links Street and walk to school. It is unsafe to park in the visitor parking bays and cross the drop off zone without using the crossing that is supervised by staff.

A reminder that no child should be left unattended in a car and they should not leave the car on the driver’s side of the vehicle. Please follow all road regulations to ensure the streets around St Paul’s remain safe for all.

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

AUSSIES OF THE MONTH 2026

Congratulations to

Tanush Patel (SRH) & Heiravel Torregosa (MVN)

who were recently named St. Paul's Aussies of the Month for June. They've made a standout start to the year in their Specialist lessons by staying focused, demonstrating excellent listening skills and consistently following instructions.

Well done to Tanush and Heiravel on this well-deserved recognition!

CHILDREN'S ABSENCES FROM 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.

Child Safe Standard 6

People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice.

"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."

1 Corinthians 4:2

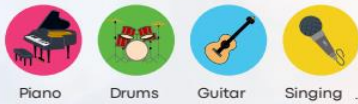
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Available for children aged 5-12 years, Monday through Friday during school terms.

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7am - 8.45am

Recurring: \$32.30

Pay as little as \$12.12*

Flexible: \$37.30

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After School

3pm - 6pm

Recurring: \$35.40

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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.

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1 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.

