

TERM 3

WEEK 2: Monday 20th 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

Thursday 30th July: NAIDOC Week Celebrations

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 – 13th: Book Week – Book Fair open from Monday to Thursday this week

Tuesday 11th August: Book Week Activity - Curl up and Read – 8.45am

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: 100 Days of Prep, 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,

I would like to thank Miss Lisa Peplow, Mrs Claudia Razi and Ms Claudia Capuano for leading the school last week. Their support and the support of all the staff in my absence was greatly appreciated.

We welcome back from leave Ms Cathy Doran, Mrs Libby Morganti and Mr Adam Fazekas – we hope they had a great time overseas. We also welcome back Mrs Michelle Casamento after her absence due to health reasons.

Our SMA students left for Lady Northcote Camp this morning - they will return to school at approximately 3.00pm on Wednesday afternoon. Please remember there is no school for SMA students on Thursday this week, unless you have indicated your child will be attending school.

Please feel free to join us for a very special Mass for the Feast Day of St. Mary MacKillop / Grandparents Mass on Friday, 7th August. The Mass will be held at St. Paul's Church and will begin at 9.15am. Grandparents will be able to visit the children in their classrooms after Mass and then join us for Morning Tea. Children have brought invitations home today – please pass them on to their loved ones!!

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.

NAPLAN REPORT

Year 3 and 5 students who participated in the NAPLAN assessments in March, will have received a sealed envelope last Thursday. In the envelope was your child’s NAPLAN report, a brochure explaining the report and a Principal’s letter. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN please feel free to contact your child’s teacher.

ST PAUL’S 2026 BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS – Week 5

- **Book Fair:** Monday 10th August - Thursday 13th August
Held in the library before and after school. Children will also be able to purchase books during their library lesson that week.
- **Curl up and Read:** Tuesday 11th August @ 8.45am
Families are invited to join 'curl up and read' session in the classroom. Children can bring soft toys/pillows to curl up and read.
- **Book Parade:** Thursday 13th August @ 9am at the Marian Gym
Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character.

100 DAYS OF PREP - Friday, 21st August

The Preps will be celebrating their 100 Days of Prep on Friday, August 21st. They will be participating in many fun activities to mark this special day. More information will follow shortly.

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

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Kirsten Syers

Caritas Australia
Chief Executive Officer



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1 Corinthians 4:2



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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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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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Parents and Guardians

Do you enjoy making art?

In preparation for our Art Show, we are offering some adult art sessions at school. You do not need any experience or special talents - workshop will be easy and fun! We will be making a display together.

Join us on :
Thursday 30th July
Thursday 6th August
8.40am - 9.30am



Please leave your name at the office



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.

