

## TERM 3

## WEEK 3: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2026

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July:** NAIDOC Week Celebrations
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July:** Class Mass – MAR, MTC and MVN – 10.00am, School Assembly - SCL 2.30pm
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August:** St Mary MacKillop/Grandparents Mass – 9.15am at St Paul's Church, Open Classrooms and Morning Tea, School Assembly - MVN 2.30pm
- August 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>:** Book Week – Book Fair open from Monday to Thursday this week
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August:** Book Week Activity - Curl up and Read – 8.45am
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August:** Book Week Parade – 9.00am – 10.00am – Marian College Gym
- Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>:** Feast of the Assumption Mass 10.00am St Paul's Church, School Assembly - SSR 2.30pm
- Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>:** Applications close for 2028 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 students
- August 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>:** MAM & MVN Attending Camp at Camp Doxa, Malmsbury
- August 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>:** MEF & MAR Attending Camp at Camp Doxa, Malmsbury
- August 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>:** MMB & MTC Attending Camp at Camp Doxa, Malmsbury
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August:** 100 Days of Prep, School Assembly - JJG 2.30pm
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August:** Class Mass – SCL, SAS, SSR, SCK, SED and SRH – 10.00am, School Assembly - MTC 2.30pm
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September:** Father's Day Breakfast – 7.30am
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September:** Father's Day Stall, School Assembly – MAM - 2.30pm
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September:** Art Show – 5.00pm - More information to follow

Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcome back from leave Mrs Louise Collison and Mrs Kara Brizzi – we hope they had a great time overseas. Congratulations to Mrs Rhiannon Micallef and her husband Hayden as they are expecting their second child in December – we wish them all the very best throughout this exciting time.

The Year 5 and 6 students had a wonderful time at camp last week. They participated in many activities – the giant swing, archery, canoeing, just to name a few. Thanks to Mrs Razi and Ms Capuano for all their work organising and attending the camp. I would like to thank all the staff who attended the camp – Ms Anna S, Miss Stephanie, Ms Christine, Mrs Kylie, Miss Rachel, Miss Eliza, Mr Adam, Mr Chris, Miss Cathy, Miss Kayla, Miss Emma, Mrs Nicole, Mrs Kaylene, Mr Daniel, Mrs Louise S and Ms Ngunsang. If it were not for these staff giving of their time so generously, there would be no camps. I would also like to thank the students for the way they mixed with, and supported, each other. I received lots of positive feedback from the Lady Northcote Camp staff about how good the children were – I was very proud of every single one of them. Thanks also to the staff that remained at school and took on extra responsibilities during the camp.

Yesterday, the Church remembered Ss Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Virgin Mary. Despite the importance of their role as the maternal grandparents of Jesus, we do not know too much about them. Joachim was a shepherd from Jerusalem who was married to Anne. They did not have any children, and they were a rather elderly couple when, one day, while Joachim was at work in the fields as usual, an angel appeared to announce the birth of a child, and Anne also had the same vision. They called their little girl Mary, which means “loved by God”, and then they moved to Nazareth, where they educated Mary, teaching her the law of the Lord. The Feast Day of Ss Joachim and Anne allows us the opportunity to remember our Grandparents, whether they are living or are no longer with us. I know my grandparents loved me very much and all of them gave so much help to my parents, and in turn my parents and my wife's parents have given us so much support. We look forward to our special Mass next Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August where we will remember St. Mary MacKillop as well as our Grandparents. Family and Grandparents are welcome to join us at Mass, visit classrooms and join us for morning tea. The children brought invitations home last week.

**Applications for Year 7 in 2028 for Catholic Secondary Schools must be in by Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> August. 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](http://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.

## **NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS – This Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> July**

We will be celebrating NAIDOC Week this Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> July. The day is filled with fun activities for the children to participate in. There will be a special assembly at 2.30pm where the children will present the dances they have learnt throughout the day. All families are welcome to attend this special assembly.

## **ST PAUL’S 2026 BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS – Week 5**

- **Book Fair:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> August @ 9am at the Marian Gym  
Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character.

## **100 DAYS OF PREP – Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> August**

The Preps will be celebrating their 100 Days of Prep on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2026 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

**14<sup>th</sup> August 2026:** Applications close for 2028 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 Students

**16<sup>th</sup> October 2026:** Offers posted to prospective 2028 Year 7 applicants

**6<sup>th</sup> November 2026:** Final date for families to accept offers made by the Secondary School

## MMA'S DOXA MALMSBURY CAMP – Week 6

A reminder that hard copies of the Doca Camp Consent Form were sent home last week. **Please complete and return this Consent Form as soon as possible.**

Please also be advised that hard copies of What to Bring to Camp List and Camp Medication Form have also been sent home today. If your child requires any medications during their camp, please fill up the medication form and put it together with the medication and hand them to your child's teacher on the morning of their camp.

Below are the dates for the Camp Medication registration.

- **MAM & MVN – 17<sup>th</sup> August**
- **MEF & MAR – 18<sup>th</sup> August**
- **MMB & MTC – 19<sup>th</sup> August**

## 2026 Junior Development Program

Join the Softball Victoria Junior Development Program, tailored to beginner to intermediate skilled players from 7 to 15 years of age, and develop fundamental skills and game sense leading into the 2026/2027 Summer season!

### Keilor Park & Districts Softball Association

81 Stadium Drive, Keilor Park

Saturday's, 25 July – 29 August

2pm-4pm

Ages 7-15

**ONLY \$90** (Receive a \$20 refund if you register for the Summer Season at the completion of the program)

Perfect for beginners!

Learn from experienced coaches and state representative players

Experience and develop the different elements of Softball including batting, fielding, pitching, catching and base running

2 hours each week over 6 weeks

\$90 registration includes participant pack with T-shirt, cap & drink bottle



REGISTER HERE:  
[www.softballvic.org.au/events/363067](http://www.softballvic.org.au/events/363067)



## 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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Play your part visit: [care.macs.vic.edu.au](http://care.macs.vic.edu.au)

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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.

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](mailto: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.

## 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



## Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)

**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.

### St Paul's, Sunshine West

#### 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.

**MACSEYE**

[macseye.vic.edu.au](http://macseye.vic.edu.au)

*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.*

