

TERM 3

WEEK 4: Monday 3rd August, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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:** MEF, MAM, MMB Attending Musical Matinee Performance at CCCC
- 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
- Monday 31st August:** Term 3 Learning Walk – 2.30pm – 3.20pm
- Tuesday 1st September:** Prep Twilight Night - 6pm – 7.30pm
- Wednesday 2nd September:** Father's Day Breakfast – 7.30am
- Friday 4th September:** Father's Day Stall, School Assembly – MAM - 2.30pm
- Thursday 10th September:** Art Show – 5.00pm - More information to follow
- Friday 18th September:** End of Term III – 1.00pm. Children can wear their favourite football colours
- Monday 5th October:** Beginning of Term IV - 8.40am

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thanks to Mrs Rhiannon Micallef for all she did to organise our NAIDOC day last Thursday. Thanks to the staff for their support as well as to those families who joined our assembly on Thursday afternoon. It was a wonderful day.

This Saturday, August 8th, we celebrate the feast day of St Mary MacKillop. We celebrate her life of faith, service and commitment to helping others. Mary MacKillop is especially significant because she was the first Australian to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She co-founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart with Fr Julian Tenison Woods in 1866. Mary dedicated her life to educating children, especially those living in rural and poor communities. She cared for people who were sick, struggling, or marginalised, believing that everyone deserved dignity and compassion. Mary also showed courage and forgiveness, even when she faced misunderstanding, criticism, and a period of excommunication from the Church that was later lifted. We remember one of her best-known sayings - **"Never see a need without doing something about it."** We thank Mary MacKillop for all she for Catholic Education in Australia. We look forward to our special Mass this Friday 7th August at 9.15am at St Paul's Church 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. There will also be a Mass on Friday 14th August to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. It will be held at St Paul's Church and will commence at 10.00am.

On Wednesday, September 2nd at 7.30am there will be a breakfast to celebrate Father's Day. Bacon and eggs will be served. Please keep this date free. An invitation has been sent home today. The Father's Day Stall will be held on Friday 4th September. The price of gifts will range from \$1 - \$10.

If you have not enrolled your child in Prep for 2027, please do so without delay. Your child will be put on a waiting list if you do not apply immediately.

Applications for Year 7 in 2028 for Catholic Secondary Schools must be in by Friday, 14th 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, 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.

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.

FIRE RESCUE VICTORIA LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY

As the school year continues, many students are using devices such as laptops, tablets, phones, e-bikes and e-scooters. Most of these devices contain lithium-ion batteries, which have become part of everyday life, but need to be used safely.

Fire services are responding to an increasing number of fires caused by lithium-ion batteries, often caused by incorrect charging or leaving devices unattended. That’s why fire safety at home is especially important during the school year.

You can help reduce the risk by:

- Only using the charger and battery designed for each device
- Unplugging devices once fully charged
- Never charging devices on soft surfaces like beds or couches
- Not charging devices overnight, or when no one is home
- Charging larger devices such as e-bikes and e-scooters away from living spaces and keeping them clear of exits
- Regularly checking devices and stopping use if a battery looks damaged, swollen or overheats

You can watch Fire Rescue Victoria’s safety video [here](#)

It’s also important to make sure smoke alarms are working and tested every month. Fire Rescue Victoria recommends installing smoke alarms in bedrooms, living rooms and near areas where devices are charged - because working smoke alarms save lives.

For more tips on lithium-ion battery safety, visit: <https://www.frv.vic.gov.au/battery-safety>

A few simple habits can help protect your home and your loved ones.

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

EVERY DAY COUNTS – SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AND STALL

The Father’s Day Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, 2nd September, from 7.30am - 8:30am. Please note that children attending the breakfast must come to school with a family member. Please return the tear off slip on the invitation already sent home indicating how many will be attending this special breakfast and whether you can help with cooking. **Please RSVP by Monday, 24th August with any dietary requirements.**

The Father’s Day Stall will be held on Friday, 4th September. Prices of gifts range from \$1 to \$10. If you are able to help with selling the gifts please indicate on the slip below and return to the school office.



I am able to assist with the Father’s Day Stall on Friday 4th Sept
(Please tick the box if you can help).

Tôi có thể giúp Gian hàng Mừng Ngày Của Cha vào thứ Sáu (04/09) ☐
(Xin đánh vào ô vuông nếu quý vị có thể giúp).

You must have a current Working With Children Check Card to assist with the Father’s Day Stall. (Quý vị phải có Thẻ Làm Việc với Trẻ Em còn hiệu lực để có thể phụ giúp cho Gian hàng mừng Ngày của Cha.)

Helper’s Name: _____ Phone: _____
(Tên người giúp đỡ) (Điện thoại)



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

PET	Angelina Lane
PMF	Kiruthi Karththikeyan
PMK	Maize Tomlin
JCT	Faviana Arriola
JEM	Saikolo Coutts
JKC	Amanda Quach
JJG	John Van Bawi Thang
JKL	Kireian Naumovski
JSM	Eliyiana Genevieve Samaras
MAM	Mila-Jane Taihia
MEF	Natan Yonas Yemane
MMB	Wendy Nguyen
MAR	Audrey Greto
MTC	Naomi Tran
MVN	Ryan Le
SAS	Jacinta Tauafao
SCL	Allena Nguyen
SSR	Elizabeth Ramos
SCK	Justin Magro
SED	Theodore Ha
SRH	Ismahan Seid

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

On Thursday 30th July, St Paul's celebrated NAIDOC Week with a day of learning, reflection and celebration. Students in Years 3–6 began the day with an Acknowledgement of Country before participating in an Aboriginal Dance Workshop. During the workshop, they learnt words from the Nharangga language and explored an Aboriginal dance, gaining a deeper appreciation of Aboriginal culture, history and traditions. We were also delighted to welcome back Ms Ashlea, who shared her personal experiences, cultural knowledge and stories with our Year 5 and 6 students. We are incredibly grateful for her generosity in sharing her time, knowledge and connection to culture with our school community. The day concluded with a whole school assembly, where our Year 3 and 4 students proudly performed the dance they had learnt earlier that day. They did a fantastic job, confidently showcasing their new skills and celebrating their truly "deadly" efforts. It was a wonderful day that provided our students with a meaningful opportunity to celebrate and learn about the rich history, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the world's oldest continuous living cultures.



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ALL-GIRLS PRE-GAME CLINIC

MISSION WHITTEN OVAL

DATES

SAT 22 AUG V RICHMOND
SAT 5 SEP V SYDNEY
SAT 3 OCT V ST KILDA
FRI 9 OCT V ESSENDON

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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.

