

TERM 3

WEEK 10: Monday 14th September, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 17 th September:	Second Hand Uniform Stall open - 8.30am – 9am and 3pm – 3.30pm
Friday 18 th September:	End of Term III – 1.00pm. Children can wear their favourite football colours
Monday 5 th October:	Beginning of Term IV - 8.40am
Friday 9 th October:	Class Reconciliation – SCK, SRH, SED, No Assembly
Wednesday 21 st October:	2027 Prep Transition – 9.15am
Friday 23 rd October:	Feast of All Saints/St Anthony Claret Mass 10.00am at St Paul's Church
Wednesday 28 th October:	2027 Prep Transition – 9.15am
Thursday 29 th October:	School Closure Day – No school for Students
Friday 30 th October:	World Teacher's Day & Child Safety Awareness Day and Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 2 nd November:	Melbourne Cup Eve – No School for Students
Tuesday 3 rd November:	Melbourne Cup Day – No School for Students
Wednesday 4 th November:	2027 Prep Transition – 9.15am
Friday 6 th November:	Mission Day Mass - St. Paul's Church – 10.00am and Fete – 11.30am. Assembly – PMK
Thursday 12 th November:	Whole School Sports – New Date
Friday 20 th November:	Plain Clothes Day – Donations given for Christmas Raffle Hampers
Wednesday 25 th November:	Carols Night 5.00pm – 7.00pm, St Paul's School
Monday 7 th December:	Graduation Mass 6.30pm, St Paul's Church

TERM III CONCLUDES THIS FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER AT 1.00PM –
Afterschool Care operates from 1.00pm-6.00pm. Children can wear their favourite footy team gear.
SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER AT 8.40AM

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was fantastic to see so many families at the Art Show last Thursday night and Friday morning appreciating the artistic talents of the students, and staff, of St Paul's. It was a great success. We thank you all for your support of our Art Show. We are very proud of the artwork that the children have produced. A very big thank you to Mrs Amanda Gallus and Ms Lynette Grixti for all their work organising the Art Show. Thanks also to all the staff for supporting the Art Show by participating in so many different activities. A special thanks to all the students for showing us how talented they are! Thanks to Mr Rob Kilpatrick for all his work organising the 'Music Wall'. It was great to see so many visitors trying out the wall!!!

Congratulations to all our students who represented St Paul's at the Maribyrnong Division Athletic Sports last Tuesday. Well done to those who will compete at the next stage of the competition next term.

A reminder that the MACSSIS survey closes this Friday, 18th September. Thanks to those families who have completed the survey – we ask that as many families as possible complete the survey by this Friday when it closes.

On the second page of the newsletter, there is a note to be returned to school advising us if your children will not be returning to St. Paul's in 2027. Please return it to school promptly if your children are not returning next year as we are planning for 2027.

If you have not enrolled your child in Prep for 2027, please do so immediately.

Please note the new date for the St Paul's Sports Day is Thursday 12th November – more information will follow next term.

Please note there is no school for students on Thursday 29th October as staff will be attending the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre to learn more about Australia's first saint. Please note this day was meant to be held in Term 3, however, the Heritage Centre advised that the venue was fully booked.

I hope you all have a safe and relaxing holiday – I look forward to seeing you all when I return from my hip surgery in November.

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’. 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.

FEES/LEVIES

Your child’s school fees and levies are now overdue. Please pay them promptly. 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. Please contact the office if you need to arrange a payment plan.



MACSSIS

Imagine if, in about 30 minutes,
you could help **improve your**
child’s school.

The MACSSIS family survey is open
Monday 31 August – Friday 18 September 2026.



Please help us improve our school - complete the MACSSIS Survey! Your opinions are important and we value your feedback. Check your email for the link to the survey. If you did not receive an email with the link, please contact the office.

MACSSIS Survey Morning Tea

Currently 34 families have completed the MACSIS School Improvement Survey. We are offering another opportunity for families to come along and complete the survey at school if they need help. **This morning tea will be held this Wednesday 16/09 from 8.30-9.30am in the ICT lab.**

The survey can also be completed online in your own time if that is more convenient. Should you require any assistance or are unable to locate the email continuing the link to the survey, please contact the school.

NO HAT – NO PLAY

A reminder that from September 1st all children should be wearing the St. Paul’s hat when they are outside. Any students not wearing the hats will be required to sit in the shaded area of the yard. No other hats are permitted to be worn. We encourage families to apply sunscreen to their children at home before they leave for school. One of the requirements of being a Sun Smart school is that children and staff wear hats from September to April when outdoors.

ST. PAUL’S SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL – This Thursday, 17th September

The St. Paul’s Second Hand Uniform Stall will be open **this Thursday, 17th September, from 8.30am – 9.00am and 3.00pm – 3.30pm.** The cost of all items of clothing is \$5.00.

Please send school uniform donations to the school office. **In particular, we would appreciate donations of the summer uniform.** Thank you very much for your very kind support.

SAFETY AND PARKING AROUND ST PAUL’S

A reminder to drive safely around St Paul’s. There are some drivers not following the road rules when dropping off/picking up students. The disabled parking bay at the front of the school in Links Street is for drivers who have the appropriate permit allowing them to use this car park. We ask anyone who sees drivers not parking appropriately to report any issues to the Brimbank Council on 9249 4000 or via email - info@brimbank.vic.gov.au. We have also contacted the Council and asked for enforcement officers to monitor all drivers.

ARE YOU LEAVING ST. PAUL’S AT THE END OF 2026?

We have a waiting list for 2027 and need to know if your family is changing schools.

(Trường đang có danh sách học sinh chờ cho niên học 2027 nên cần biết gia đình quý vị có chuyển trường cho con quý vị không.)

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE NOT COMING BACK IN 2027.

(Xin vui lòng nộp lại phần giấy này nếu con quý vị không học ở Trường St. Paul trong niên học 2027.)

There is no need for any Grade 6 students to respond to this notice as we know that you will be at secondary school next year.

(Học sinh Lớp 6 không cần phải điền vào phần này vì Trường đã biết học sinh sẽ lên học trường trung học vào năm sau.)

Please print

My child(ren) will not be returning to St Paul’s School next year *(Con/các con tôi sẽ không học ở Trường St. Paul vào năm học sau)*
SCHOOL ATTENDING IN 2027.....

(Tên Trường sẽ học vào năm 2027)

Child’s name <i>(Tên học sinh)</i>	Class/this year <i>(Tên Lớp/năm nay)</i>
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Melbourne Archdiocese
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Child Safe Standard 8



Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training.

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"Those with knowledge grow in strength."
Proverbs 24:5

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.

STEMMAD students Interview University of Melbourne Researcher

Recently, as a part of the STEMMAD competition, St. Paul's students Lilly Caruana (SAS), Rodas Mulatu and Allena Nguyen (SCL) had the exciting opportunity to interview Dr Rachel McQuade, a biomedical researcher from the University of Melbourne. The students asked thoughtful questions about her research, her work as a scientist and what inspired her to pursue a career in research. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to connect their classroom learning and own STEM project with real-world science and learn directly from an expert in the field. We thank Dr. McQuade for her time and support!



SUNSHINE UNITED CRICKET CLUB

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRICKET CLINIC

Looking for a fun and active way to spend the school holidays?
Join Sunshine United Cricket Club for our **FREE** School Holiday Cricket Clinic. Whether you're new to cricket or already playing, this clinic is a great opportunity to develop skills, make new friends and enjoy cricket in a fun and welcoming environment.

CLINIC DETAILS

Location: Selwyn Park, Albion

Dates:

- Monday 21 September 2026
- Wednesday 23 September 2026
- Monday 28 September 2026
- Wednesday 30 September 2026

Session Times:

- 8-10 Year Olds (Boys) 9:00am - 10:30am
- 8-14 Year Olds (Girls) 11:00am - 12:30pm
- 12-15 Year Olds (Boys) 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Cost: FREE

WHAT TO BRING:

- Hat
- Water Bottle
- Runners or Cricket Shoes
- Cricket Equipment (if you have it)

CONTACT
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Junior Coordinator
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SUNSHINE UNITED
CRICKET CLUB

BUZZBOLTS AFL VICTORIA AFL PLAY



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

JR PARSONS RESERVE, SUNSHINE
TUE 22 SEP

MISSION WHITTEN OVAL, FOOTSCRAY
WED 23 SEP & WED 30 SEP



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