

TERM 3

WEEK 8: Monday 31st August, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 1 st September:	Prep Twilight Night - 6pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 2 nd September:	Father's Day Breakfast – 7.30am
Friday 4 th September:	Father's Day Stall, School Assembly – MAM - 2.30pm
Thursday 10 th September:	Art Show – 5.00pm - More information to follow
Friday 11 th September:	Art Show – 9.00am – 10.00am
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
Friday 16 th October:	Whole School Sports – New Date to be advised.
Friday 23 rd October:	Feast of All Saints/St Anthony Claret Mass 10.00am at St Paul's Church
Thursday 29 th October:	School Closure Day – No school for Students
Friday 30 th October:	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 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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thanks to those families who attended the Learning Walks this afternoon – I am sure you were proud of your children's work. We welcome back Miss Diana Nguyen after her teaching placement at CRC St Albans. We also wish Ms Monica McIntyre all the best for her leave for the remainder of the term.

In 2026, National Child Protection Week (NCPW) will be celebrated from September 6th – 12th. NCPW will continue to embrace the overarching message that 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go'. This year's theme – ***'Every conversation matters: Shifting conversation to action'*** – highlights that, while discussions are crucial, dialogue must translate to meaningful action to ensure that every child feels heard, and experiences real safety, care and protection. Where we start our lives in terms of where we live, the resources available to us, and the opportunities presented to us make a significant difference to our life outcomes. The aim of NCPW is to bring together partners to focus on addressing the significant harms being experienced by children in Australia. By working collectively to change the trajectory of these children and families, we can reduce the number of children who may come in contact with the child protection system. The time to act is now. We are continuing to develop our policies and procedures as part of our commitment to Child Safety and NCPW assists us to achieve this commitment.

From today until Friday 18th September, our school is participating in Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS). MACSSIS is an annual process whereby schools listen to the thoughts and feelings of students, families and staff have about how their school can improve. These surveys help inform the ongoing improvement of schools across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. You should have received an email today inviting you to complete the surveys which are completely anonymous. There is an afternoon tea next Monday, 7th September from 1.30pm – 2.45pm where families will be able to complete the MACSSIS survey with help from staff as well as enjoying a coffee or tea and a snack!!

I look forward to seeing you all at the Father's Day Breakfast this Wednesday, 2nd September at 7.30am. We also look forward to the Father's Day Stall this Friday, 4th September.

You are invited to the 2026 St. Paul's Art Show, which will be held on Thursday 10th September from 5:00pm until 7:00pm at Marian College Gymnasium (enter via St. Paul's School, Glengala Rd. Gate). If you are unable to attend on the Thursday night, the Art Show will also be open on Friday 11th September from 9.00am – 10.00am. More information will follow shortly.

Term III concludes on Friday 18th September at 1.00pm. The children can wear their favourite footy colours on this day. After School Care will operate from 1.00pm until 6.00pm. Term IV commences on Monday 5th October at 8.40am.

Have a great week.

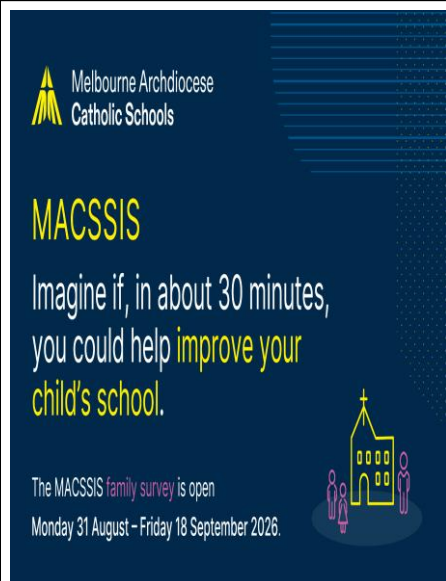
Yours sincerely,
Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

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'. 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.



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools

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.

The 2026 MACS School Improvement Survey (MACSSIS) will be opened to families in the coming weeks. It is an annual process whereby schools ask for and listen to the thoughts and feelings students, families and staff have about how their school can improve. These surveys help inform the ongoing improvement of schools across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The survey is available online and can be accessed from Monday 31st August until Friday 18th September 2026. Participation is completely voluntary but we invite and encourage **all** families to complete the survey. There are no 'right' or 'wrong' answers and all responses are completely anonymous.

The survey is available in English, Arabic, Assyrian, Chaldean, simplified and traditional Chinese, Dinka, Falam, Hakha Chin, Karen, Tagalog, Vietnamese and Zomi.

Families should have received an email with details for how to access your survey. If you have changed your email address please inform the school as soon as possible so we can update our records. If you require any further information, please contact the school office

COME AND JOIN US FOR MACSSIS MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

In order to encourage as many families as possible to complete the MACSSIS Survey, we are offering an afternoon tea and access to our ICT lab with staff available to assist you. Feel free to come along to complete the survey, have a coffee and something to eat.

The session will run from 1.30pm - 2.45pm on Monday 7th of September



Parents are invited to
AFTERNOON TEA

PREP TWILIGHT – TOMORROW, 1st September

We are excited to invite our Prep students to a **Twilight Evening this Tuesday, 1st September, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.** Please ensure your child is dropped off promptly at 6:00pm and collected on time at 7:30pm to help the evening run smoothly. We look forward to sharing this special event with the students and encourage everyone to join in for a memorable night of fun and friendship. Thank you for your kind support.

Is your child starting kindergarten in 2027?

KELLIE O'CONNELL KINDERGARTEN

Information & Open Evening

Tuesday 1 September | 5:00–6:30pm

Reserve your place and receive a **FREE** children's book

RESERVE YOUR PLACE



Walk-ins welcome.



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.

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)

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.



Dear Families,

We invite you to display your own artwork in this year's Art Show. This might include a homemade quilt, a sketch, diamond art, a homemade card, a painting, woodwork art, cross stitch, a book week costume or Lego art.

The focus for our Art Show this year is 'See My Voice'. We have encouraged students to express their own voice in their artworks and we'd love to see your artistic voice too!

If you are interested, please drop off your art piece to the office with your name and your child's name and class attached to the back.

Please drop off to the front office on

Wednesday 9th September or Thursday 10th September.

Pick up will be Friday 11th September.

Thank you.

MACSEYE School Holiday Program Prep to Grade 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

MACSEYE's Spring Festival School Holiday Program will be running from 21st September to 2nd October.

You can book the holiday program at
St Margaret's, OSHC

7:00am - 6:30pm

67 The Esplanade, Maribyrnong

Contact details during service hours:

0493 592 066

sm.maribyrnong@macseye.vic.edu.au



Attached are the holiday program poster and brochure, which include the full activity schedule, booking information and fees.

Gabby's Spain Soccer Tour

One of our lucky students, Gabriel Montes [MAR], will be heading to Spain in September for a couple of weeks to play with his academy team in Barcelona. His brother Raph took a similar trip a few years ago. Gabby will be playing against local clubs and academies, as well as receiving training from coaches in Barcelona and Girona.

We wish Gabby all the best when he goes, what an exciting and sure to be rewarding experience!





HOME RUN Heroes

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN THIS SEPTEMBER!

AGES 6-12 BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME!

A FUN & INCLUSIVE INTRODUCTION TO T-BALL & SOFTBALL!

- 6 FUN-FILLED SESSIONS
- DEVELOP NEW SKILLS
- FRIENDLY & INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT
- ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
- JUST \$50 FOR ALL 6 SESSIONS!

Over 6 action-packed sessions, kids will build throwing, catching and batting skills through fun activities, challenges and modified games. Delivered by qualified coaches and a great pathway into T-Ball & junior Softball!

DATES: Mon 21 Sep, Tue 22 Sep, Wed 23 Sep, Mon 28 Sep, Tue 29 Sep, Wed 30 Sep

TIME: 10:00am - 12:00pm each day

VENUE: Sunshine Softball Association, More Park, Esmond St, Ardeer

PRICE: \$50.00 for access to all sessions

REGISTRATION: One registration entitles you to attend all 6 sessions.

PROGRAM CONTACT: Kasey Burnham | 0405 100 855 | sunshinesoftballbookings@gmail.com

For general information about the program: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/sunshinesa/events/375939>

SCAN TO REGISTER NOW!



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.

