

TERM 1

WEEK 2: Monday 3rd February, 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 7 th February:	Beginning of the Year Mass 10.00am St. Paul's Church
Thursday 13 th February:	Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Night - 6.30pm St. Paul's School
Friday 14 th February:	First Assembly for 2025 – Presentation of SRC for 2025 – 2.30pm
Wednesday 19 th February:	School Closure Day – No School for Students
Thursday 20 th February:	2026 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Friday 21 st February:	School Assembly MGR – 2.30pm
Wednesday 26 th February:	2026 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Wednesday 26 th February:	Sacrament of Penance 6.30pm St. Paul's Church – Year 3 Students
Friday 28 th February:	Class Prayer Service JRB, JEF & JSM – 10.00am, School Assembly SAS – 2.30pm
Tuesday 4 th March:	2026 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Wednesday 5 th March:	Ash Wednesday Mass 10.00am St. Paul's Church
Friday 7 th March:	No Assembly
Monday 10 th March:	Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 11 th March:	2026 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 9.15am
Wednesday 12 th March:	Preps Attend School today and all future Wednesdays
March 12 th – 24 th :	NAPLAN
Friday 14 th March:	Class Prayer Service JTH, JCL & JKL – 10.00am, School Assembly JSM – 2.30pm
Monday 17 th March:	2026 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Friday 21 st March:	No Assembly
Monday 24 th March:	2026 Prep Information Session – St. Paul's School, 1.30pm
Thursday 27 th March:	Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night - 6.30pm St. Paul's School – Year 3 Students
Friday 28 th March:	Class Reconciliation MEM, MLD & MAM – 10.00am, School Assembly JEF – 2.30pm
Friday 4 th April:	Easter Assembly 12.00pm, End of Term I – 1.00pm Children can wear plain clothes
Tuesday 22 nd April:	Term II Commences at 8.40am
Wednesday 23 rd April:	School Photos – More information to follow

Dear Parents/Carers,

I congratulate the children on the way they have settled into school. They are striving 'to be the best that they can be'! I know they are looking forward to the exciting activities that are planned for this year. Particular congratulations to our Prep students who have settled in so well to school. It is very different to kinder/child care – however, they are sitting quietly listening to their teachers

Our first assembly for 2025 will be on Friday, February 14th – we will be presenting the SRC for 2025. Please join us at 2.30pm. Please note that the SAS assembly previously advertised to be held on February 28th, has had to be postponed as the gym will be unavailable due to electrical works. We will advertise a new date later in the year.

There will be no school for children on Wednesday February 19th as staff will be further developing their knowledge of the Vocabulary in Literacy. There will be no school on Monday 10th March as the school will be closed for the Labour Day Public Holiday.

All children should be wearing the St. Paul's hat during Term I. Any students not wearing the hats will be required to sit in the shade. No other hats are permitted to be worn.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

2026 PREP ENROLMENTS – ONLINE APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Enrolments for Prep 2026 are now open. This year, there is a change to the way we will accept enrolments. 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**’. There will be several information sessions for 2026 Prep Parents/Carers. The first session will be held on Thursday, 20th February at 9.15am. Anyone wishing to attend any information sessions also needs to book online. Again, go to our website, click on ‘**Enrolment Information**’ and ‘**Book a Tour**’. All this information will be provided in a separate letter – there will also be QR Codes for you to click on to book school tours and complete an enrolment form. Please contact the office on 93631568 if you have any questions or need any help.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2025

The dates for the celebration of the Sacraments and the Family nights in 2025 are:

Sacrament of Penance Family Night (Year 3)	Thursday, February 13 th at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Penance (Year 3)	Wednesday, February 26 th at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church
Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night (Year 3)	Thursday, March 27 th at 6.30pm - St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3)	Friday, May 2 nd at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church
Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night (Year 5 and 6)	Thursday, May 8 th at 6.30pm - St. Paul’s School
Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 5 and 6)	Thursday, May 22 nd at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church

FEES/LEVIES

Your child’s levies are now due. Please pay all levies promptly. School fees are due on February 7th. Account statements were emailed to families on 28th January 2025. 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 collect a form.

CANTEEN

The canteen opened last week - the full menu is available. CDF Pay has also opened to order lunches online. You will be able to use cash as well as CDF Pay to pay for lunch orders - see below for more information on how to use CDF Pay. Hard copies of the 2025 price list were sent home last year and the pricelist is also on the Audiri App. Volunteers are needed to assist in the canteen. We would be very grateful to have your assistance even if it can be for only a couple of hours per week. Please see Marlene or Jacqui in the canteen if you can help.

ANAPHYLAXIS

There are several children at school who suffer from allergic reactions to various forms of food, plants, bites and stings. The Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCI) does not recommend the banning of particular items. This is based on the premise that for school age children, an essential step is to develop strategies for avoidance in the wider community as well as at school. All staff have undertaken anaphylactic training and will have it renewed this term. The school has a thorough policy, action plan and procedures for each child, including first aid response and medication storage, to ensure the wellbeing of all students. Please visit www.allergy.org.au for more information.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

The yard is supervised from 8.25am every morning. Parents are asked not to send their children to school before this time. Class teachers are at school but they are unable to supervise children because they will be preparing for the day’s activities. Before School Care Program operates every morning. Parents who need to drop off their children early will need to use this service. Kylie Hayes and Irije Demeri are the co-ordinators of the program. They can be contacted on 0401 362 738.

FIRST AID

We would appreciate any donations of boxes of tissues for our first aid supplies. Thank you for your continued support.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund is Government Funding to assist families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities. Centrelink health care card holders and Pensioner Concession card holders may be eligible for a payment of \$150. If you think you qualify for the CSEF, please contact the office for a form. Please complete and return the CSEF form to school, along with a copy of your Centrelink Card. **It is important that you submit this CSEF form to be assessed for the school bonus of \$400 per child at Catholic schools. Therefore, please submit the CSEF form ASAP.**

PARKING AROUND ST PAUL’S

Last week Police and Brimbank Council Traffic Officers were present at school checking whether our families and friends were following parking regulations as well as collecting children from the school. They will continue to be a presence around our school to fine those who are not being safe around our school. Motorists are asked to be vigilant before and after school. Please allow an extra 5 minutes to find a safe and legal park to ensure your children’s safety.

New CDFpay App Available to Download



Please make sure you download the new CDFpay App from Apple or Google Store or visit its website at

<https://user.cdfpay.flexischools.com.au/register> and complete the account registration to be able to start ordering lunches online for your child(ren).

If you have any questions, please call the CDFpay powered by Flexischools Parent Support Line on 1300 361 769 or complete the online Contact Form (<https://flexischools.zendesk.com/hc/en-au/requests/new>) and Flexischool will get back to you directly.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOING PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL PERFORMANCES, ASSEMBLIES, SPORTING AND OTHER SANCTIONED SCHOOL EVENTS

St. Paul's Primary School allows members of the school community to take photographs and videos of their children at school assemblies, class presentations, performances, sporting events etc.

In accordance with the Privacy & Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic), Copyright Act 1968 (Cth) & Education Department guidelines, members of the school community are restricted to only photograph / video their children. These images must not be published on social media or in any other form without the prior consent of parents & guardians whose children may unintentionally appear in the images.

The school does not permit any member of the school community or invited guest to take photographs / videos of the bi-annual school production.

Note: The school does not own or control any photographs or video taken by members of the school community or invited guests.

SPORTS NEWS

The School Sport Victoria (SSV) Team Vic representative program provides a development platform for Victoria's emerging student athletes to participate in the annual School Sport Australia (SSA) Championships.

SSV coordinates the selection process for Team Vic teams in partnership with relevant state sporting organisations in the following sports:

- Australian Football 12 Years and Under Boys
- Basketball 12 Years and Under Girls
- Basketball 12 Years and Under Boys
- Cricket 12 Years and Under Boys
- Football (Soccer) 12 Years and Under Boys
- Netball 12 Years and Under Girls

Students and families must consult with Mr Casamento, Mr Chris and Miss Samantha to ensure they have the skill level to trial and represent their school at a national championship level. Registration for a Division trial incurs a NON-REFUNDABLE \$35 fee.

Details of all procedures and other available sports can be found at the following link
<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>

IMAGINE THE FUN

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast
 Designed for kids to learn skills, exercise, and make friends.

Venue: Sunshine Heights CC, Ainsworth Reserve
 25 Vernon Cres, Sunshine West VIC 3020
 Day: Thursdays
 Date: February 20th, 27th & March 6th, 13th
 Time: 4pm - 5pm
 Contact: blastcricket@sunshineheightscc.com.au

SIGN UP TODAY!
 Play Cricket

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY Woolworths CRICKET

ALBANVALE COBRAS

SEEKING JUNIOR FOOTY PLAYERS

AUSKICK UNDER 12 MIXED UNDER 16 GIRLS
 UNDER 10 MIXED UNDER 14 MIXED UNDER 16 BOYS

NEVER PLAYED BEFORE, LOOKING TO CHANGE CLUBS, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! ALL KIDS ALL ABILITIES ALL EXPERIENCES

Pre Season Training
 Wednesday 5th February
 6:00PM-7:00PM
 Robert Bruce Reserve

Junior Coordinator Kylie 0413 807 445 Cobrasafnc@gmail.com

BE A COBRA IN 25

St. Paul's Primary School

2025 Sacramental Program: Reconciliation and Eucharist – non Year Three students

If your child is in Years Four, Five and Six, is baptised in the Catholic faith and has not received the following Sacraments, please complete the form below and return it to the school office. Any questions, do not hesitate to ask for Lisa Peplow in the school office.

Please Note: Children need to receive Penance and Eucharist in order to receive Confirmation in 2025

Name of Child Class.....

My child is baptised and is **ELIGIBLE** to receive the Sacraments of (please **TICK**)
 Reconciliation (Penance – Wednesday 26th February, 6:30pm St. Paul's Church
 Eucharist – Friday 2nd May, 6:30pm St Paul's Church

Parents Name Signature

ST PAUL'S PARISH FEAST DAY - 2025 PROGRAM

- Monday 10th Feb - 7pm** Italian Mass, followed by supper.
 - Tuesday 11th Feb - 7pm** Vietnamese Mass, followed by supper.
 - Wednesday 12th Feb - 7pm** Maltese Mass, followed by supper
 - Thursday 13th Feb - 7pm** Spanish Mass, followed by supper
 - Friday 14th Feb - 7pm** Philippine Mass, followed by supper.
 - Saturday 15th Feb - 6pm** English Vigil Mass, followed by the Family Dance.
 - Sunday 16th Feb - 3pm** Mass with Benediction followed by the procession with the statue of St Paul.
- EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

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.

