

TERM 1

WEEK 3: Monday 10th February, 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

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
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,

Please keep in your prayers Mrs Louise Collison and Mr Daniel Collison as their Mum/Grandmother passed away last week. We extend our deepest condolences to Louise, Daniel and their family at this sad time.

I would like to thank those family and friends who attended the Beginning of the Year Mass on Friday. It was a very special ceremony. Thanks to all the children, especially the Preps, for the way they sat quietly and listened to Fr. Rowan and for their wonderful singing.

A reminder of the Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Night that will be held at St. Paul's School this Thursday night, 13th February, commencing at 6.30pm. Children who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and at least one parent, are to attend. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday, 26th February at 6.30pm at St. Paul's Church.

We will be presenting our SRC from each class at our assembly on Friday. I know many children have prepared a speech to read to their class explaining why they should be the SRC rep for their class. I congratulate all of these students on this great achievement as it can be very difficult to speak in front of their peers. I am very proud of all of these children – no doubt you as parents are too. Please join us at 2.30pm.

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 9363 1568 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 13th at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s School

Sacrament of Penance (Year 3)

Wednesday, February 26th at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church

Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night (Year 3)

Thursday, March 27th at 6.30pm - St. Paul’s School

Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3)

Friday, May 2nd at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church

Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night (Year 5 and 6)

Thursday, May 8th at 6.30pm - St. Paul’s School

Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 5 and 6)

Thursday, May 22nd at 6.30pm – St. Paul’s Church

FEES/LEVIES

Your child’s levies are now due. Please pay all levies promptly. The second instalment of the school fees is due on May 2nd. 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.

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.

REGISTRATION DAY

OUR UPCOMING REGISTRATION DAY FOR THE 2025 JUNIOR SEASON WILL BE HELD ON

FEBRUARY 10
5PM

AINSWORTH RESERVE

FREE SAUSAGE
SIZZLE

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HAILEY ON
0450998456 FOR
MORE
INFORMATION



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Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on campus – with lessons typically during school hours
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

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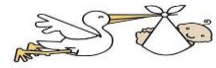
For every dollar you save, you will receive another dollar from ANZ to spend towards educational costs, up to \$500.

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services. Income, eligibility and participation criteria apply, go to saverplus.org.au for more information or call 1300 610 355.



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Baby News



Congratulations to the Grima Family (Joseph JCL) on the safe arrival of his baby sister Rebecca on Monday, 23rd December 2024. We wish the Grima Family much love and happiness.



Guiding children's growth

Newsletter

Camp Australia St. Paul's Primary School February Newsletter



Dear Parents and Families

Please book your child/ren in as soon as possible.

This will guarantee a spot in our sessions. Often, if you book on the day, you may be rejected due to our compliance needs of staffing and ratio.

Our service has received our Assessment and Rating results from The Department of Education.

We received a result of Meeting in all 7 Quality areas

Irije and myself completed our CPR update over the school holidays.

Term 1 2025 Educators

Kylie will be Lead Educator all mornings.

Kylie Coordinator on Monday Afternoons only.

Irije will be doing all before school care assistant shifts

And Tuesday and Wednesday After School Care Coordinator and Monday and Thursday assistant After School Care.

We welcome Sarah as Thursday and Friday Coordinator and Preet will be the Friday Assistant.

Allannah will do Tuesday and Wednesday after school care assistant.

We hope to see you in 2025!

Kind Regards Kylie, Irije & Alannah, Sarah, Preet.

The children have been doing beads, gardening, drawing, painting



Exciting upcoming Activities
Sand art, drawing, painting, sand art



To register and book, visit www.campastralia.com.au



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

Sunday 2nd March
12PM-5PM
Parking in large carpark on Harvester Rd with short walk over rail footbridge

Community Festival
in the **H.V. McKay Gardens**
120 Anderson Road, Sunshine

Food, market stalls, free face painting, live performances, sporting activities, games and prizes

Free gift for children that attend 'Singalong for the Kids' at 12:30!

Friends of the McKay Gardens

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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.

