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WEEK 6: Monday 3rd March, 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 – 21 st :	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:	School Assembly SKL – 2.30pm
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:	School Assembly JEF – 2.30pm
Wednesday 2 nd April:	Learning Walk – 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 2 nd April:	Second Hand Uniform Stall, 8.20am – 9am and 3pm – 3.30pm
Friday 4 th April:	Class Reconciliation MEM, MLD & MAM – 10.00am Easter Assembly 12.00pm, End of Term I – 1.00pm Children can wear plain clothes Term II Commences at 8.40am
Tuesday 22 nd April:	School Photos – More information to follow
Wednesday 23 rd April:	ANZAC Day Public Holiday – School Closed
Friday 25 th April:	School Assembly SAK – 2.30pm, Sacrament of Eucharist 6.30pm, St Paul's Church
Friday 2 nd May:	Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30am
Tuesday 6 th May:	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 9 th May:	

Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to Mrs Teagan Desmond and her husband David on the safe arrival of Lucy Mae, born on Saturday at 3.19am weighing 4.15kg (9lbs 2 ounces). A little sister to Olivia and James - we look forward to meeting Lucy soon.

This Wednesday we celebrate Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a period of preparation for Easter and lasts for forty days. We remember how Jesus spent forty days in the desert praying and fasting. Lent is a time for us to come to know Jesus more closely. People often think of Lent as a time for giving things up, but perhaps this year we can think of Lent as a time to show Love and learn more about the Love Jesus Christ has for us and how we can live out the St. Paul's Core Values - Respect, Diversity, Learning and Care and Compassion. I encourage families to contribute to Project Compassion during the Season of Lent. I hope you can join us this Wednesday for our Ash Wednesday Mass. It will commence at 10.00am and will be held at St. Paul's Church. During Mass St Paul's staff will use ash to mark a cross on each child's forehead to show that we are at the beginning of Lent.

International Women's Day is celebrated each year on March 8th. On Saturday, we are provided with the opportunity to join voices with people around the world and shout our message for equal rights loud and clear: "Women's rights are human rights!" We celebrate all women, in all their diversities. We embrace their facets and intersections of faith, race, ethnicity, gender or sexual identity, or disability. We celebrate those who came before us, those who stand beside us now, and those who will come after. It's a time to celebrate the achievements of women, whether social, political, economic or cultural as well as an opportunity to show women the respect that they deserve in society but do not always receive. I thank God for all the women in my life and all they do for me and for their loved ones.

There is no school on Monday 10th March as it is the Labour Day Public Holiday.

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 next session will be held on Tuesday, 4th March 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 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

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EASTER – DONATIONS FOR OUR PRIZES OF HAMPERS

Raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle were sent home today. The tickets are \$1 each. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, 2nd April. Please donate Easter Eggs, chocolates, lollies and gifts to the school for our prize hampers by Tuesday, March 25th. Tickets and money are due back by Monday 31st March.

NAPLAN 2025

NAPLAN online testing begins next week for students in Year 3 and Year 5. Tests for both Year 3 and Year 5 students will be conducted on the following days

- Writing - Wednesday 12th March
- Reading - Thursday 13th March
- Conventions of Language - Friday 14th March
- Numeracy - Monday 17th March

If a student is away on the day of a test there will be opportunities for them to do the missed test on another day until Friday March 21st. A brochure further explaining NAPLAN is being uploaded to Seesaw today for families of Year 3 and Year 5 students. Should you have any questions, please contact your child’s teacher or the school office. Information and demonstration tests can also be found on the following website: <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers>

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

Each family received a copy of the St. Paul’s Anti-Bullying Policy today. The policy is a reminder that the school will not tolerate any instances of bullying. Please note the definition of bullying in the policy:

‘Bullying is when someone, or a group of people, deliberately upset or hurt another person or damage their property, reputation or social acceptance on more than one occasion. There is an imbalance of power in incidents of bullying with the bully or bullies having more power at the time due to age, size, status or other reasons.’

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/what.aspx>

The brochure lists types of bullying as well as what bullying is not. You are encouraged to contact your child’s teacher in the first instance if you have any concerns as these can usually be sorted out quickly when the teacher is informed.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Congratulations to those children who received the Sacrament of Penance last week. It was a wonderful ceremony. The children participated reverently in this celebration. The children were very well prepared by Miss Ellen, Miss Amanda and Mrs Della-Vedova. We would like to thank them for all they did in preparation for this special Sacrament. We would like to thank them for all they did in preparation for this special Sacrament. Thanks also to Fr Rene, Fr Rowan and Fr Peter for their help with the ceremony and all the staff for their assistance.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025

The following dates are very important for **ALL** students who will be attending secondary school in 2027 – our current Year 5 students. If applications for Catholic Secondary School are not in by Friday 15th August, 2025 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

15th August 2025: Applications close for 2027 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 5 Students

17th October 2025: Offers posted to prospective 2027 Year 7 applicants

7th November 2025: Final date for families to accept offers made by the Secondary School

New CDFpay App Now Available



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

<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.

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 \$154. 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.**



Choosing a Secondary School: Finding the right fit.

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College invites families with students in Grade 4 or 5 to join our information session.

Choosing a secondary school for your child can be overwhelming. This session aims to assist families exploring secondary school options about what to consider when selecting a secondary school.

Thursday, 27 March 2025 | 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Quin Auditorium, Caroline Chisholm Catholic College
 Enter via Gate 3 on the corner of Churchill Avenue and Darnley Street, Braybrook

Secure your seats by scanning the QR code.
 For any questions, please email registrar@cccc.vic.edu.au or call 03 9296 5311.



SCHOOL STUDENT BROADBAND INITIATIVE (SSBI)

To boost education opportunities and narrow the digital divide, the Australian Government is providing up to 30,000 qualifying families with school age children a free NBN service. The Initiative has been extended meaning:

- Families can continue to sign up to access the initiative in 2025, until all available 30,000 places have been filled.
- All families, existing and new, will receive free internet until 30 June 2028.

How to qualify? To qualify families and carers must:

- Have a school age student at home (full or part time), enrolled in an Australian school (up to year 12 including Prep in Qld/Vic/Tas, Kindergarten in NSW, Reception in SA, Transition in NT/ACT and Pre-Primary in WA).
- Not have an active NBN network internet service at your current residential address now or in the past 14 days (having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility).
- Live in a premise that can access the NBN network through a standard connection.

For more info visit <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/media-communications-arts/internet/national-broadband-network/school-student-broadband-initiative-ssbi>



JUNIOR FOOTY!

PLACES STILL AVAILABLE!

TRAINING MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS 5PM
 AINSWORTH RESERVE

UNDER 9S
 UNDER 10S
 UNDER 12S

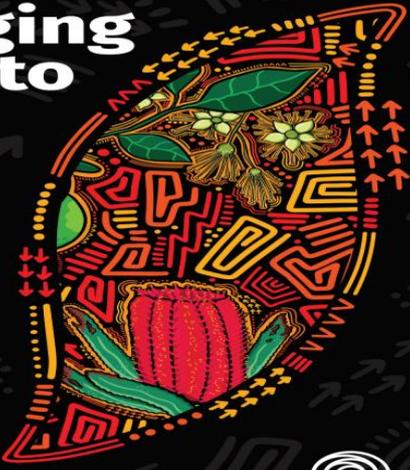
PLEASE CALL HAILEY ON 0450998456 FOR MORE INFORMATION

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

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27 MAY – 3 JUNE

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Newsletter

Camp Australia St. Paul's Primary School March 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.

The big Art Competition will start on the 28th of February until 28th of March www.campaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp.

If your child is booked and will not attend please ring or txt message educators on 0401 362 738 to inform educator.

If your child/children will be attending the After school Care program please ensure they know to come as its very important for children to arrive safely at the service.

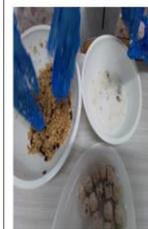
If your child/children has a booking and will not be attending due to a change in circumstances, please inform the Coordinator on 0401 362 738. This can be done via phone call or text message. If your circumstances do change, please ensure you also make the school aware.

Prep 2025 children will be collected by an educator for the first 6 weeks of term 1/2025.

We hope to see you soon!
 Kind Regards,
 Kylie, Irije, Alannah, Sarah and Preet

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

The children have been doing beads, Bingo, drawing, Canvas art



Exciting March Activities
 beads, Painting, outdoor games, Pancakes



Camp Australia acknowledges Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognises the continuing connection to land, waters and communities. We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and Elders, both past and present.

Your OSHC.

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.

