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TERM 3 WEEK 9: Monday 9th September, 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 13th September: School Assembly SAK – 2.30pm

Friday 20th September: Final Day to Complete MACSSIS Surveys

Friday 20th September: End of Term III – 1.00pm. Children can wear their favourite football colours.

Monday 7th October: Beginning of Term IV - 8.40am

Friday 11th October: No assembly

Friday 18th October: Whole School Sports – No Assembly Wednesday 23rd October: 2025 Prep Transition – 9.15am

Friday 25th October: National Teachers Day - Day for Daniel and Assembly

Wednesday 30th October: 2025 Prep Transition – 9.15am

Friday 1st November: Feast Of All Saints/St Anthony Claret Mass 10.00am at St Paul's Church

Friday 1st November: School Assembly PRB – 2.30pm

Monday 4th November: Melbourne Cup Eve – No School for Students – Professional Practice Day for Staff

Tuesday 5th November: Melbourne Cup Day – No School for Students

Wednesday 6th November: 2025 Prep Transition – 9.15am

Friday 8th November: Mission Day Mass - St. Paul's Church – 10.00am and Fete – 11.30am (No assembly)

Wednesday 13th November: 2025 Prep Orientation – 9.15am

Friday 15th November: Class Mass – MEM, MVN and MAK – 10.00am, School Assembly PMK – 2.30pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope to see many of you at our Art Show this Thursday night. It will be a great opportunity for you to see the work of our talented students. Please note that the Art Show will be open between 5.00pm and 7.00pm this Thursday and on Friday from 9.00am – 10.00am. On Thursday, please enter the school via the Glengala Road gates to access the school. On Friday, you will need to enter via the office. Please remember that we will be celebrating the children's learning with our Term 3 Learning Walk this Thursday from 4.30-4.55pm prior to the Art Show.

A reminder that the MACSSIS Survey is open for the next two weeks. Thanks to those families who have completed the survey already. The survey, which is completed by students in Years 4-6, staff and families, is a great opportunity for all members of the school community to share their thoughts about St Paul's and contribute to future planning to make our school even better. We invite you to take 10-15 minutes to share your thoughts. If you have misplaced the letter/email with your family's code, please contact the office and we will send you a replacement copy.

If you have not enrolled your child in Prep for 2025, please do so immediately. Your child will be put on a waiting list if you do not apply immediately.

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 2025. Please return it to school promptly if your children are not returning next year as we are planning for 2025.

Please note the St Paul's Sports Day will be held on Friday 18th October – more information will follow next term.

There will be no school on Monday 4th November (Cup Eve) and Tuesday 5th November (Cup Day). Term III concludes on Friday 20th 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 on this day. Term IV commences on Monday 7th October at 8.40am.

I hope you have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento

Principal



Over the next two weeks, our school is participating in Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS). These surveys give us information that helps us improve our school.

The survey is available online and can be accessed until Friday 20th September 2024. The school is inviting all families to respond via this survey and participation is completely voluntary. There are no 'right' or 'wrong' answers – all responses are completely anonymous.

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

Families should have received an email with details of how to access your survey. If you require any further information or assistance to complete the survey, please contact the school office.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Thanks to Effie and Daniel Ross, Tanya Parry and Kayla Strinovic for opening the Second Hand Uniform Stall last week. I encourage families to make donations of school uniforms to the second hand uniform stall. Please wash any donations before taking them to the school office. Please make sure they are in good condition ie not damaged or faded logos. Many thanks to Effie Ross for coordinating the stall.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Sunshine Heights Under 12's Football team on a thrilling Premiership win last week. The boys were behind for most of the game but refused to give up and kicked three goals in the last quarter to force the match into extra time. From here they played brilliant footy to overrun their opposition, Point Cook.

The boys from our school are Robbie Greto [SCC], Oscar Brooks [MVN], Shrey Lal [SAK], Liam Parry [SRC], Alex Briffa [SHG], Harley Bonett [SAS], Robby Iacovella [MAM], Jason Truong [SAS], Archie Adoniadis [MEM] and Quincy Bol [MGR]. Well done boys.

Particular congratulations go to their captain, Robbie Greto, on winning the best and fairest in the competition with 31 votes. Maybe a future Western Bulldogs star in our midst!

DISCOVERY DAY AT MARIAN COLLEGE (YEAR 4 GIRLS) - Friday, September 13th

Year 4 girls will attend a Discovery Day at Marian College on Friday, September 13th, from 9:00am to 12:50pm. They'll explore various subjects and experience secondary education through hands-on activities guided by teachers and student leaders. Students can wear their sports uniform, and morning tea will be provided.

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.

ARE YOU LEAVING ST. PAUL'S AT THE END OF 2024?

We have a waiting list for 2025 and need to know if your family is changing schools.

Trường đang có danh sách học sinh chờ cho niên học 2025 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 2025.

Xin vui lòng nôp lai phần giấy này nếu con quý vi không học ở Trường St. Paul trong niên học 2025.

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 sau.

SCHOOL ATTENDING IN 2025.....

Tên Trường sẽ học vào năm 2025

Child's name	Class (this year)
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INDIGENOUS LITERACY DAY

Wominjenka Everyone! On Wednesday the 4th of September, St Paul's celebrated Indigenous Literacy Day! Students came dressed in their favourite colours and had a great time swapping their old books. Due to the generosity of some of our families and staff donating multiple books, EVERY student at St Paul's was able to take a book home! Together our school community raised over \$400! JKL was our winning class who raised \$30! This money will be sent to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation and will assist them to continue writing and publishing more amazing books with our outback Australia communities. Thanks again for all of your help and support.



GOVERNMENT FUNDED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES SAVER PLUS

Saver Plus encourages parents to save \$50 a month (for 10 months). Savings are then matched - a free \$500 for education costs, making \$1,000 potentially available for the school camp.

Families that start saving in August, will have their savings ready to pay their school camp fees in June 2025.

If there are families that don't have students attending camp they may also still apply for the program and allocate the funds to other education costs.

Saver Plus will chat with your families about eligibility:

- Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- · Payment from Centrelink and
- Earning an income (employment, carer's payment, or child support).

If families would like to check their eligibility and receive a call back please include our enquiry link - https://www.bsl.org.au/services/saving-and-managing-money/saver-plus/ or they're welcome to call our national number 1300 610 355 and a local coordinator will contact them directly.

Saver Plus helps your families with budgeting for the cost to attend next year's school camp.

There are also still running regular information sessions for parents/carers every Wednesday that only goes for **15 minutes**. Please see flyers on our Audiri App for more info.





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.

