

TERM 4 WEEK 10: Monday 9th December, 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 9 th December:	Student Reports Sent Home Bookings for 2025 Beginning of Year Learning Conversation Open at 4pm
December 10 th – 13 th :	Prep – 4 Swimming continues
Tuesday 10 th December:	Year 6 Graduation Mass St Paul's Church 6.30pm Students to wear full school uniform
Wednesday 11 th December:	Year 6 Big Day Out
Monday 16 th December:	End of Year Mass 9.15am, St. Paul's Church followed by Thank You Morning Tea at 10.30am at St. Paul's School School Assembly - MMA – Advent IV – 2.30pm
Tuesday 17 th December:	School Concludes for 2024 at 1.00pm – Children can wear plain clothes
Monday 27 th January, 2025:	Bookings for 2025 Beginning of Year Learning Conversation Close at 4pm
Wednesday 29 th January, 2025:	Learning Conversations – 8.45am – 6.30pm – No school for students.

Dear Parents/Carers,

This Sunday we light the third Advent Candle - the pink candle, which is the candle of Love. This is a sign we are getting close to celebrating Jesus' birth. I ask you to say the following Advent prayer with your family.

O God, rejoicing, we remember the promise of your Son. As we light the third candle of Advent, may the blessing of Christ come upon us, brightening our way and guiding us by his truth. May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of our world and to us, as we wait for his coming. Amen.

Prep – Four swimming continues this week - it concludes this Friday, 13th December. It is very important that all students have all their clothing clearly labelled.

Thank you to those families who have settled their accounts for 2024. If you have not done so, could you please ensure that all accounts are paid as soon as possible. Please see me if you have any concerns about settling your account.

The Year Six Graduation Mass will be held **tomorrow night, Tuesday, 10th December**, at St. Paul's Church commencing at 6.30pm. This is a celebration of all that our Year Six students have achieved in their time at St. Paul's. Please join us in our celebration. All Year Six students are to be wearing their full summer school uniform.

We will be celebrating our End of Year Mass on Monday, 16th December at 9.15am at St. Paul's Church. Family and friends are very welcome to attend. After Mass there will be a morning tea to thank all those who have volunteered at St. Paul's this year. A reminder that your child's semester two report and class for 2025 have been sent home today – each family has also received another envelope with lots of information about St Paul's in 2025. Please remember that **bookings for Learning Conversations open this afternoon at 4.00pm – please book the interview time using the class that is on the slip with your child's report.**

The 2024 school year concludes on Tuesday 17th December at 1.00pm. The children are able to wear plain clothes to school. After School Care will operate from 1.00pm until 6.00pm on this day.

I hope you have a good week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
Principal

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Congratulations to the winner of the third hamper, Mrs Serafina Buttigieg, Grandma of Joseph Grima (PRB). Very well done!

Again, many thanks for all of your donations for the Christmas hampers and your support with buying the raffle tickets this year.



ST. PAUL'S 2025 BEGINNING OF YEAR LEARNING CONVERSATION – Wednesday, January 29th

Our beginning of the year learning conversation for Years Prep-6 will be held on Wednesday, 29th of January 2025 from 8:45am to 6.30pm. Please refer to the booking instructions previously sent home via your eldest child. All bookings must be done online via www.schoolinterviews.com.au using code **e7ca8**.

Bookings will open TODAY, 9th December 2024 at 4.00pm and will close at 4.00pm on Monday, 27th January 2025. If you have not completed the online booking by this time, you will be allocated a time by your child's 2025 classroom teacher.

Your child's 2025 class name has been sent home together with his/her report today. **Please use this class name when you do your bookings.** Please note that Staff will be available to assist with booking your interview times from Tuesday 10th until Tuesday 17th December. If you need help with the online bookings, please contact our school office on 9363 1568.

SWIMMING PROGRAM CONTINUE THIS WEEK

The Prep, JMA and MMA students will continue attending the swimming program this week – it will conclude this Friday, December 13th.

A kind reminder that **students need to wear bathers underneath their school uniform and bring clean underwear, a singlet, thongs and a fresh dry towel in a plastic bag DAILY.**

REMINDER - NO CANTEEN THIS WEEK

Please note that our canteen is closed for the remainder of the year. Please make sure your child(ren) brings along their snacks and lunches to school this week and Monday next week. **A reminder that the school finishes at 1pm on Tuesday, December 17th.** Thank you very much for your kind support.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – NEW CDFpay APP

St Paul's school will be using the new CDFpay mobile app for online canteen ordering from the start of Term 1, 2025.

Please make sure you download this new CDFpay app to your phone and create a new account as your existing CDFpay login details will not work for this new app. Please refer to the instructions separately sent home today or the Audiri posting for the full details.

YEAR 6 BIG DAY OUT – This Wednesday, December 11th

The Year 6 students will be attending an excursion to 'Adventure Park' in Geelong as part of our graduation celebration 'Big Day Out!' Adventure Park is an outdoor water theme park where students are able to participate in a range of water activities and rides. As with any water parks, there are associated risks. To minimise these risks, students will be given a safety briefing prior to commencing any activities.

The students need to bring along snack, lunch and a bottle with water on the day. They are to wear appropriate casual clothing and closed-toe shoes, along with swimwear and rashies underneath. They should also bring a bag or backpack clearly labeled with their name, along with a hat and sunscreen. After the water activities, students will need a change of clothes, including underwear and socks.

Students are not permitted to bring jewellery, phones, cameras, or any other electronic devices. They should also not bring any money. Please note that students will not be able to purchase food or drinks at the excursion venue.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025

The following dates are very important for **ALL** students who will be attending secondary school in 2027 – our current Year 4 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 4 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

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

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.



MiniTillies, let's play!

What is MiniTillies?
MiniTillies is Football Australia's national introductory football program for girls. This fun, social and engaging program provides an alternate option for girls who may not want to participate in a mixed-gender program, as well as the opportunity to choose their football experience.

GIRLS AGED BETWEEN 4 – 6 YEARS ONLY

**SUNSHINE HEIGHTS JSC
CASTLEY RESERVE
SUNSHINE WEST**

5:30PM - 6:15PM (TBC)

THURSDAYS - TERM 1 (TBC)

\$70 PER PLAYER

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

SUNSHINE HEIGHTS JSC

CHILDREN'S ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

There are various ways that you can contact the school to advise that your child is absent from school.

- Contact the office:** Call 9363 1568, select 1 and then advise that your child is absent on this day. Please include your name, the child's name, the class, the date and the reason for the absence.
- Via Audiri App:** Use the 'Absentee Form' in this app. This form can be found under the section 'Forms'.
- Email:** Send an email to office@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au or your child's class teacher on their school email address.
- Written Note:** A written note may be sent in advance if you know your child will be absent. If he/she is going on an extended holiday, a written note must be provided.



Guiding children's growth

Newsletter

Camp Australia St. Paul's Primary School December 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.

On the last day of term, 17th of December, the After School Care service will operate from 1pm please book in advance if your child/children will attend.

The children are excited for our upcoming christmas craft experiences.

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.

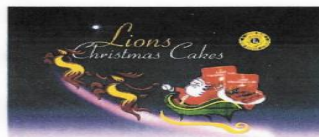
Prep 2024 Students are now independently transitioning to After School Care so they will be ready for Term 1 in 2025. The Outside School Hours Care Service will return on Thursday 30th of January 2025.

We hope to see you soon!

Kind Regards Kylie, Irije & Alannah & Alice

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

Your OSHC.



Lions Christmas Cakes

Large (1.5kg) - \$20.00

Small (1Kg) - \$16.00

Pudding - \$16.00

Assisting Projects of the
Lions Club of Sunshine

Please come to the School Office to place your orders with your cash payment.

We once again acknowledge and thank the Lions Club of Sunshine for their contribution to our graduation ceremony. Each year the Club makes a generous donation to be used for presentations to our outgoing Year 6 students.

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



**Exciting upcoming
December
Activities
Sand art,
Christmas tree
craft,
Pancakes**



Camp Australia acknowledges Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognises the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Elders, past and present as we commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

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.

