

TERM 4

WEEK 9: Monday 2nd December, 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 3 rd – 13 th :	Prep – 4 Swimming (No swimming December 6th and 9th).
Tuesday 3 rd December:	Second Hand Uniform Stall – 2.45pm – 3.15pm
Thursday 5 th December:	Last day of Canteen for 2024, School Assembly - SMA – Advent II – 2.30pm
Friday 6 th December:	School Closure Day – Planning for 2025
Monday 9 th December:	2025 Year 1 – 6 Orientation - Student Reports Sent Home School Assembly - JMA Advent III – 2.30pm Bookings for 2025 Beginning of Year Learning Conversation Open at 4pm
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 – Adventure Park, Geelong
Monday 16 th December:	End of Year Mass 9.15am, St. Paul's Church Thank You Morning Tea at St. Paul's School following Mass School Assembly - MMA – Advent IV – 2.30pm
Tuesday 17 th December:	School Concludes for 2024 at 1.00pm – Children can wear plain clothes.

Dear Parents/Carers,

This Sunday we light the second Advent Candle - the candle of Love. Please pray the following prayer with your family.
Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us. He is the Saviour of us all. O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light the second candle of the Advent wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. Father, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

Many thanks to all the staff and students for all they did to make the Carols a great success last Wednesday night. Special thanks to Ms Michele Micallef and Ms Lynette Grixti for co-ordinating the night. The children sounded beautiful as they sang about the Christmas Story and also some fun Christmas Songs. Thanks to all families and friends for once again supporting this very special night especially considering the terrible weather – it was wonderful to gather as a community in such large numbers.

Prep – Four swimming began today and concludes on Friday 13th December (**there is no swimming on Friday 6th and Monday 9th December**). It is very important that all students have all their clothing clearly labelled. Family members are welcome to join us at the pool. However, you will be unable to help other children change unless you have a current working with Children Check card.

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 on 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.

There will be no school for children this Friday, December 6th as staff will be preparing for 2025.

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 all those who won a prize in our Christmas Raffle. We raised \$1,374.20 from the raffle – a great effort. Thanks for your support. The prize winners are Nathan Tran (MEM), Joe Gilin (SAK). Despite our best efforts we have been unable to locate the winner of the third hamper. As a result we will redraw the raffle at the assembly this Thursday afternoon.

Many thanks for all of your donations for the Christmas hampers. The St Vincent De Paul Society will be very grateful to the St Paul's School Community for your wonderful donations.



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 next Monday, 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 will be sent home together with his/her report next Monday, 9th December. **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 FOR PREPS, JUNIORS AND MIDDLES

The Prep, JMA and MMA students will attend an 8-day intensive swim program. It will commence on Monday, December 2nd, and conclude on Friday, December 13th. Please note that there will be **no swimming lessons on December 6th (School Closure Day) and December 9th (Orientation Day)**. Each lesson is 40 minutes and is run by trained Staff at the Sunshine Leisure Centre. Please refer to the permission note for the swimming timetable.

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.**

CANTEEN'S LAST DAY FOR 2024 – This Thursday, December 5th

A kind reminder that the canteen will be closed this Thursday and for the remainder of the year. Please make sure your child brings his/her lunch to school from Thursday and for the remainder of the year. We thank Marlene Haber, Jacqui Batty and all the volunteers for their work in the canteen this year.

YEAR 6 BIG DAY OUT – 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. Please refer to the note already sent home for full details.

Please complete and return the permission note as soon as possible if you haven't done so yet. Thank you.

ST. PAUL'S SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL

Please note that the next date for the selling from the St. Paul's Second Hand Uniform Stall is **tomorrow, Tuesday, December 3rd from 2.45pm to 3.15pm**. The cost of all items of clothing is \$5.00. Families are encouraged 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. Thanks to Effie Ross for co-ordinating the stall since it began.

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.

JOIN THE DRAGONS

BOYS & GIRLS
AGED 7 TO 16

Scan the QR code or Contact Hailey on 0450998456

FREE COME AND TRY SESSIONS

runners only PLEASE

Monday Nights 5:30pm
Starting Nov 25
Ainsworth Reserve

SUNSHINE HEIGHTS EST. 1871

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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.

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

HAYFEVER SUFFERERS

If your child has hayfever, please make sure the required medication is taken before they come to school. Should your child need to take any medication during school hours, please make sure you have completed the medication form and handed it in with the medication to the office. All medications are kept in the sickbay and your child will be called to the office to take the medication when required.

Program spotlight

Your OSHC.

St Paul's Primary School



Your OSHC by Camp Australia provides enriching experiences for children during term – before school, after school and on pupil free days. At Your OSHC we give children a supportive space to continue their development, build confidence and socialise with their friends.

What's coming up at Your OSHC this week:

2/12/2024 - 6/12/2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Health and Well. 13</p> <p>Paper Towel Colouring The perfect calm down activity for kids. Paper towel and markers</p>	<p>Adaptability 21</p> <p>Christmas Lego creations to explore fine motor and creative skills lets make christmas lego focusing on christmas trees and presents</p>	<p>Confidence 11</p> <p>Chalk Pastel Drawing Enhancing colour through using pastel crayons on black card</p>	<p>Decision Making 11</p> <p>Cube Sports - Soccer Children to enjoy physical activity</p>	No active rolls
<p>Creative Think. 11</p> <p>Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Sidewalk chalk drawing is a fun activity for all ages, all that's needed is chalk, a path, hose to wash away when finished.</p>	<p>Physical 22</p> <p>Cricket Game Group Game</p>	<p>Communication 43</p> <p>CA 30th Birthday Party Celebrate with us by sharing cake, exploring our service zones, and connecting with new and existing families. It's the perfect way to mark 30 years together and strengthen our</p>	<p>Confidence 12</p> <p>Christmas puppets Use templates or create your own puppets using paper bags</p>	No active rolls



Register for Your OSHC

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Register now

To register and book visit: www.campaustrelia.com.au



Stop by and say hi!

Please feel free to visit the program with your children to meet the team and see what happens in our great program each school day.



Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

Visit our blog

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.

