

TERM 4

WEEK 11: Monday 12th December, 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 12 th December:	Year Six Graduation Mass 7.00pm St. Paul's Church—students to wear full school uniform
Tuesday 13 th December:	Middle and Senior Choir Excursion to Sunshine Marketplace and Bunnings - CANCELLED
Wednesday 14 th December:	End of Year Mass 9.15am St. Paul's Church Thank You Morning Tea at 10.30am at St. Paul's School Year 1 – 6 Orientation for 2023, Reports Sent Home
Friday 16 th December:	School Concludes for 2022 at 1.00pm – Children can wear plain clothes

Dear Families,

This Sunday we light the fourth Advent Candle – the final purple candle. This final candle is known as the “Angel's Candle,” symbolizing peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.” This week is also a time to recollect, and to reflect on our Advent journey. I ask you to say the following Advent prayer with your family.

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Many thanks to all the staff and students for all they did to make the Carols a great success last Thursday 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 – it was wonderful to gather as a community once again.

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the MaSC excursion to Sunshine Marketplace and Bunnings, Sunshine. We will be providing lunch for the children at school tomorrow. I would like to congratulate all members of the MaSC for their commitment throughout the year. Thanks to Ms. Michele Micallef and Ms Lynette Grixti for co-ordinating the choir. We are very proud of our choir as they represent St. Paul's so well and give up so much of their own time.

Thank you to those families who have settled their accounts for 2022. 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 **tonight** at St. Paul's Church commencing at 7.00pm. 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 Wednesday, 14th 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 report and class for 2023 will be sent home on Wednesday – each family will also receive another envelope with lots of information regarding school in 2023.

The 2022 school year concludes on Friday 16th 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 great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Congratulations to all those who won a prize in our Christmas Raffle. We raised just over \$1,200 from the raffle – a great effort. Thanks for your support. The prize winners are Riley Scott (MSG), Owen Calleja (JTC), Hana Nguyen (MGC) and Shane Mc Namara.

Many thanks for all of your donations for the Christmas hampers. The St Vincent De Paul Society collected 10 hampers last week. These will be distributed to families in need in our local area. The St Vincent De Paul Society were very grateful to the St Paul's School Community for your wonderful donations.

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.

A reminder that the school finishes at 1pm this Friday, December 16th.

Thank you very much for your kind support.

P-4 SWIMMING PROGRAM – THANK YOU!

Thanks to all the parents and carers for supporting our St Paul's Swimming program over the last two weeks. Many children have now improved their skills and are more confident in the water. If you would like your child to continue the progression with their swimming please see information for lessons at Sunshine Leisure Centre on the following link:

<https://bawc.brimbank.vic.gov.au/aquatics/swimming-lessons-bawc>



Aussies of the Month 2022

Congratulations to

Victor Mai (MGO)

who were recently named St. Paul's Aussies of the Month for November for their contributions to Specialist classes.

ST. PAUL'S 2023 BEGINNING OF YEAR LEARNING

CONVERSATION – Monday, January 30th

Our beginning of the year conversation for Years Prep-6 will be held on Monday, 30th of January 2023 from 8:45am to 7pm. 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 **x73uk**.

Bookings will open this Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 4.00pm and will close at 4.00pm on Wednesday 25th January 2023. If you have not completed the online booking by this time, you will be allocated a time by your child's 2023 classroom teacher.

Your child's 2023 class name will be sent home together with his/her report this Wednesday, 14th 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 on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th December. If you need help with the online bookings, please contact our school office on 9363 1568.

PLAY GROUP AT ST PAUL'S

Please note that Play Group will start on Monday, 6th February 2023. Play Group meets each Monday morning from 9:15am – 10:30am at St. Paul's School.

Pre-school children and parents are most welcome.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2023

The dates for the celebration of the Sacraments and the Family nights in 2023 are:

Sacrament of Penance Family Night (Year 3)	Thursday, February 16 th at 7.00pm – St. Paul's School
Sacrament of Penance (Year 3)	Wednesday, March 8 th at 7.00pm – St. Paul's School
Sacrament of Confirmation Family Night (Yr 5 and 6)	Tuesday, March 7 th at 7.00pm - St. Paul's School
Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 5 and 6)	Thursday 30 th March at 7.00pm – St Paul's Church
Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night (Year 3)	Thursday, May 4 th at 7.00pm - St. Paul's School
Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3)	Friday, May 19 th at 6.30pm – St. Paul's Church

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023

The following dates are very important for **ALL** students who will be attending secondary school in 2025 – our current Year 4 students. If applications for Catholic Secondary School are not in by Friday 18th August, 2023 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

18th August 2023: Applications close for 2025 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 4 Students

20th October 2023: Offers posted to prospective 2025 Year 7 applicants

10th November 2023: Final date for families to accept offers made by the Secondary School

Newsletter

Camp Australia St-Paul's Primary School December Newsletter



Dear Parents and Families,

We would like to thank all our families for your ongoing support this year. Without your support we would not have the outcome we consistently have.

We have been busy at OSHC throughout the year, providing the children with many learning experiences. There are planned experiences and also spontaneous experiences where the children explore their environment and decide what they want to do.

We will be saying goodbye to Louis, Krystabelle, Arecela and Sofia as they leave for High School. We wish them all the success and happy years ahead and thank you for the amazing conversations and interactions.

It has been a busy year as more families are returning to go back at work. If you need your child/children to attend please ensure you register with Camp Australia then book them in.

If your child/children have Asthma or Allergies they need to have Asthma/Allergy action plans filled in and signed by doctor before they can attend OSHC.

If your child/children will be attending the After school Care program please ensure they know to come as it's very important for children to arrive safely at the service. If your child/children has a booking and won't attend please inform the Coordinator on 0401 362 738.

We wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and New Year. May you all be safe. We look forward to seeing our existing families and all the new families that are joining us in the new year.

Kind regards, **Kylie, Irije, Suzette and Preet**

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

Your
OSHC.

MASC EXCURSION CANCELLED – TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to cancel the MaSC excursion to Sunshine Marketplace and Bunnings, Sunshine that was planned tomorrow. We apologise for the inconvenience. We will be providing lunch for the children at school tomorrow, December 13th.



Lions Christmas Cakes

Large (1.5kg) - **\$19.00**

Small (1kg) - **\$15.00**

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.

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Must meet all eligibility criteria:

-  Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
-  Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
-  Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
-  Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

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Learn a language on Saturday morning!

The Victorian School of Languages is a government school committed to the provision of language programs for students in years F to 12 who do not have access to the study of those languages in the mainstream schools in all education sectors. The school offers over fifty languages through both face-to-face teaching in centres across the state and through distance education.

The Victorian School of Languages Area West 1 is located at: **Footscray High School, Bayside P-12 College and Sunshine College** and offers the following languages: **Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Chin (Hakha), Croatian, Dutch, Hindi, Japanese, Macedonian, Spanish, Thai and Vietnamese.**

Classes are held between 9.00 am and 12.20 pm and in order to assist with course costs a small annual contribution is appreciated: \$80.00 in Years F to 10 and \$95.00 for VCE. Adults may be accepted in VCE classes only and the annual charge is \$220.00.

Online enrolments for new students in 2023 are now being accepted. For further details please visit <http://www.vsl.vic.edu.au> or contact the Area Manager on **9689 1166**.