

TERM 4 WEEK 8: Monday 20th November, 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 22 nd November:	Year 6's Transition Day at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College
Friday 24 th November:	Plain Clothes Day – Donations for Christmas Raffle Hampers – No Assembly
Monday 27 th Nov – Thurs 7 th Dec:	Prep – 4 Swimming (No swimming November 29th)
Wednesday 29 th November:	Carols Night 5.00pm-7.00pm (including Prep Level presenting Week 1 of Advent)
Monday 4 th December:	Second Hand Uniform Stall – 8.45am – 9.15am
Wednesday 6 th December:	Last day of Canteen for 2023
Thursday 7 th December:	School Assembly - MMA – Advent II – 2.30pm Year Six Graduation Mass 7.00pm St. Paul's Church Students to wear full school uniform
Friday 8 th December:	School Closure Day – Planning for 2024
Tuesday 12 th December:	Year 1 – 6 Orientation for 2024, Reports Sent Home
Wednesday 13 th December:	Year 6 Big Day Out School Assembly - Juniors – Advent III – 2.30pm
Thursday 14 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
Friday 15 th December:	School Concludes for 2023 at 1.00pm – Children can wear plain clothes
Tuesday 30 th January, 2024:	Learning Conversations – 8.45am – 7.00pm – No school for students

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to those families who have settled their accounts for 2023. 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.

Prep – Four swimming begins next Monday 27th November. 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.

Our Christmas Carols will be held next Wednesday 29th November commencing at approximately 5.00pm. We hope you can join us as we celebrate Christmas as a school community. Please note if we are on the DCG the gate on Links Street will be open to enter the school – otherwise the pedestrian gate on Glengala Road will be open.

The Year Six Graduation Mass will be held on Thursday 7th December 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 Thursday, 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.

There will be no school for children on Friday, December 8th as staff will be preparing for 2024.

The 2023 school year concludes on Friday 15th 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

ST PAUL'S PRODUCTION – 'JOSEPH'

Please find below the link to view our production of 'Joseph'. Please note that the video can be viewed as often as you like, however it cannot be recorded due to copyright restrictions. It is a celebration of the wonderful skills your children have in the performing arts. <https://vimeo.com/878544851/7c43986bc4?share=copy>

YEAR 6 TRANSITION PROGRAM – This Wednesday, November 22nd

As a part of our Year 6 Transition Program, the St Paul's Year 6 students will be involved in a cluster Transition Program with two other primary schools in our region, St Peter's and St Bernadette's Year 6 children. We aim to provide the students with vital connections to their new secondary school by building social relationships and developing strategies to cope with transition and change. The transition program will be held at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College. Please refer to the note already sent home for full details.

P-4 SWIMMING PROGRAM COMMENCES NEXT MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

The Prep, JMA and MMA students will attend an 8-day intensive swim program. It will commence on Monday, November 27th, and conclude on Thursday, December 7th. Each lesson is 40 minutes and is run by trained Swimming School Staff. Please note that there will be no swimming lessons on November 29th (Carols) and December 8th (School Closure Day). **Please complete and return the permission note to school this week if you haven't done so.**

In order for the P-4 Swimming Program to go smoothly, kindly be reminded that:

- *Students will need to wear bathers underneath their uniform to school and bring clean underwear, singlet, thongs and a fresh dry towel in a plastic bag – DAILY.*
- *Parents and carers are welcome to meet **at the pool** and help with changing.*
- *Please note photos or videos **cannot** be taken at the Pool without permission.*
- *Only sandwiches or rolls will be available from the school canteen during Swimming.*
- *Children are **not** to eat at the Pool or on the bus. If you wish to give your child food it must be taken back to school and eaten there.*

Thank you very much for your kind support.

YEAR 6 BIG DAY OUT – Wednesday, December 13th

The Year 6 students will be attending an excursion to 'BOUNCE Inc' as part of our graduation celebration 'Big Day Out!' Bounce is an indoor playcentre where students are able to participate in a range of physical activities such as trampolining, slides, interactive games and using multi-level gym equipment. As with any indoor play equipment, there are associated risks. To minimise these risks, students will be given a 15 minute safety briefing prior to commencing any activities. Please refer to the note sent home last week for full details. Please complete and return the permission note as soon as you can. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets for our Christmas raffle were recently sent home. Tickets are \$1.00 each and there will be ten tickets in each booklet. You are encouraged to sell a complete book of tickets.

This Friday, 24th November, is a plain clothes day. The children can wear plain clothes if they bring items from home to donate for the raffle. These donations will then be put into hampers. Some items that could be brought to school in return for wearing plain clothes could be: new toys, gifts, non-perishable foods, napkins, bon bons, wrapping paper, mince pies, Christmas cakes, coloured popcorn or anything else that would be suitable for hampers for our Christmas Raffle. Each classroom will have a box to collect the donations. If every family donated one item we would have a great collection. This year we will be donating approximately 10 - 15 of the hampers to the St Vincent De Paul Society. Your donations will give great joy to families who will be struggling this Christmas.

Please support us by donating goods to the raffle and buying tickets. The raffle will be drawn at the Carols Night on November 29th. All tickets and money should be returned to school by November 27th.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2024

The following dates are very important for **ALL** students who will be attending secondary school in 2026 – our current Year 4 students. If applications for Catholic Secondary School are not in by Friday 16th August, 2024 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

16th August 2024: Applications close for 2026 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 4 Students

18th October 2024: Offers posted to prospective 2026 Year 7 applicants

8th November 2024: Final date for families to accept offers made by the Secondary School

ALBION FC - AFLW U12 GIRLS
PRE SEASON SKILL SESSIONS

ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

ELIGIBILITY: BORN IN 2012 AND 2013

9AM - 10AM

WHERE: SELWYN PARK, ALBION

WHEN: SUN 19TH NOV
 SUN 26TH NOV
 SUN 3RD DEC

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
 INCLUSIVE AND FUN ENVIRONMENT

FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE: 0304 646 499

YOUR LOCAL JUNIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB!

UNDER 12 GIRLS AND GIRLS ONLY AFBICK RECOMMENDING IN 2024



ZOO SHOWCASE

Last Friday, 9 MMA students represented our school at Melbourne Zoo's annual 'Fighting Extinction School's Showcase', along with students from 20 other schools. Congratulations to Valentina, Ethan, Olivia, Satine, Ruth, Zoe, Zara, Gabriella and Emma for presenting their projects at the event and representing St Paul's so well!



Lions Christmas Cakes

Large (1.5kg) - \$20.00
 Small (1kg) - \$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.






Program spotlight

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: 20/11/2023 - 24/11/2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>How to say Thank You You are going to create a display with how to say Thank You in different languages from around the world.</p>	<p>Paper Dress Up Doll Create your own doll and dress them up!</p>	<p>Build a LEGO tower! How building a LEGO tower shows an endless possibilities – you can be a DASH cart, a skyscraper, or stack blocks.</p>	<p>Friendship Mural What is 'friendship'? We are going to make a mural out of all the things that make a good friend. Like kindness and respect.</p>	<p>Stained Bracelets Children make beaded bracelets. They use colours of string to make a repetitive pattern.</p>
<p>HANDY LEGO TIC-TAC-TOE Big Lungs Lego blocks children make their own TIC-TAC-TOE game that they can play time together with friends.</p>	<p>Obstacle Course Outdoors To challenge Gross Motor, concentration, persistence, speed and encouragement.</p>	<p>Hopscotch game Let's play hopscotch! This game has been played for over 50 years how to play the REAL way!</p>	<p>LEGO Marble Maze Using LEGO can you build a maze for a marble to roll around in.</p>	<p>Basketball Shots Children shoot baskets to see who can get the most in the time given.</p>

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

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.

Register now | Visit our blog

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

ST PAUL'S PODCAST

We are excited to announce that St Paul's now has a podcast! Earlier in the year, a group of Year 3-6 students applied to attend an excursion in the city to learn about podcasting. After this wonderful day of learning, we purchased some new podcasting gear. The students will host and run the new podcast and our first two hosts were Zoe Dinami and Aliza Saliba. We think they did a great job! The link to our first episode is <https://www.podbean.com/ew/pb-tbars-14f1ef7>. We hope you enjoy it as much as we did!



Baby News

Congratulations to the Turchi Family (Alessandro MKO, Rachele JEF, Elia JTC & Maria PRB) on the safe arrival of their baby sister Sofia on Wednesday, 15th November 2023. We wish the Turchi Family much love and happiness.



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.

