

## TERM 4 WEEK 9: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Prep – 4 Swimming (No swimming November 29 <sup>th</sup> )
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November:	Carols Night 5.00pm-7.00pm (including Prep Level presenting Week 1 of Advent)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December:	Second Hand Uniform Stall – 8.45am – 9.15am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December:	Last day of Canteen for 2023
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December:	School Closure Day – Planning for 2024
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December:	Year 1 – 6 Orientation for 2024, Reports Sent Home
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December:	Year 6 Big Day Out School Assembly - Juniors – Advent III – 2.30pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December:	School Concludes for 2023 at 1.00pm – Children can wear plain clothes
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024:	Learning Conversations – 8.45am – 7.00pm – No school for students

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. On Sunday, the first Advent Candle on the Advent wreath will be lit. Advent is a time when we prepare for the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. It is a time to think about the true meaning of Christmas. Are we ready for Christmas? I encourage all families to participate in the Advent liturgies at St. Paul's Church over the coming weekends. In this way we will be ready for the coming of Jesus Christ. Our Prep students will be leading our Week 1 of Advent assembly during our Carols on Wednesday night.

Our Christmas Carols will be held **this Wednesday** 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.

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 began today and concludes on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December (**there is no swimming this Wednesday**). 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.

The Year Six Graduation Mass will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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, 14<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> as staff will be preparing for 2024.

The 2023 school year concludes on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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>

## SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2024

The dates for the celebration of the Sacraments and the Family nights in 2024 are:

<b>Sacrament of Penance Family Night (Year 3)</b>	Tuesday, February 20 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm – St. Paul's School
<b>Sacrament of Penance (Year 3)</b>	Wednesday, March 6 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm – St. Paul's Church
<b>Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night (Year 3)</b>	Tuesday, April 30 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm - St. Paul's School
<b>Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3)</b>	Friday, May 17 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm – St. Paul's Church

Please note that St Paul's School will not be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024.

## P-4 SWIMMING PROGRAM – THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

The 8-day intensive swim program for Preps, Juniors and Middles commenced today and will continue until Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please note that **there are no swimming lessons this Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**. Another reminder is 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**.

Parents are welcome to attend the sessions. You may help change your own child and, if you have a current Working with Children Check Card, you may help other children. If you are able to assist other children, please bring your WWCC to show the teacher.

## YEAR 6 BIG DAY OUT – Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

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

Thank you to those families who have returned their raffle tickets already. Thanks also for the wonderful donations for our hampers for the raffle and for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thanks to Effie Ross, Stephanie Martinez and Stacy Kelly for giving of their time and organising the hampers last week. They look fantastic.

The raffle will be drawn at the Carols Night this Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November. **All tickets and money must be returned to school tomorrow.**



## CANTEEN NEWS

A kind reminder that **the last day the canteen will be open for 2023 is next Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**. We thank Marlene Haber, Jacqui Batty and all the volunteers for their work in the canteen this year.

## ST. PAUL'S SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL – Next Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

Please note that the next date for the selling from the St. Paul's Second Hand Uniform Stall is **next Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 8.45am to 9.15am**. The cost of all items of clothing is \$5.00. The 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.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

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

**18<sup>th</sup> October 2024:** Offers posted to prospective 2026 Year 7 applicants

**8<sup>th</sup> November 2024:** Final date for families to accept offers made by the Secondary School

# FOOTSCRAY WATER POLO

Calling all junior players, 10-14 years old

Junior training commencing, in preparation for competitions held in February, March, April 2024.

### THE DETAILS:

When: Saturdays | Time: 5.30pm-4.30pm  
Where: Westbourne Grammar, Truganina  
Cost: FREE

We are a welcoming, family focused and successful water polo club, committed to providing an exceptional supporting and social environment for all.

We seek to create a positive family, friendship, health, learning and lifestyle.

We strive to ensure all forms inclusive and supportive to everybody in our community and want members of all abilities, backgrounds and abilities to feel safe in our club.



FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT US

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## 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.

### 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!



Program spotlight

# St Paul's Primary School

Your OSHC.



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:

27/11/2023 - 1/12/2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Obstacle Course Outdoors</b> To challenge Gross Motor, concentration, persistence, speed and encouragement.</p>	<p><b>Planting seedlings</b> Let's build a garden!</p>	<p><b>Play Dough Making</b> Children work together to make play dough.</p>	<p><b>Lego Copycat Challenge</b> Put your cooperation and communication skills to the test in the Lego Copycat Challenge!</p>	<p><b>Basketball Drills</b> Running basketball drills on the basketball court. 1. Shooting drills. Have the children line up and take turns trying to do.</p>
<p><b>Handball drills - AFL</b> Children use hand eye coordination and ball control skills.</p>	<p><b>Lego Mandalas</b> Let's develop fine motor skills and mindfulness regulation by creating Lego mandalas while discussing the culture and tradition.</p>	<p><b>Nature playdough</b> Provide natural materials for children to add to uncoloured playdough. Children can collect materials before hand.</p>	<p><b>Rob the basket</b> Come and enjoy a game of rob the basket.</p>	<p><b>Soccer Penalties Training</b> Soccer Penalties Training helps kids to lose themselves with confidence.</p>



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.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.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



## MMA's Christmas MARKET

Carols Night - Wednesday, 29th Nov 5-7pm

Christmas coasters.....	\$3
Wreaths.....	\$5
Mugs.....	\$4
Show Globes.....	\$2
Baubles.....	\$1.50
Ornaments.....	\$2.50
Gift Bags.....	\$2-\$3
Wrapping paper.....	\$1.50
Cards.....	\$2
Frames.....	\$2.50

All proceeds will go to Saint Vincent de Paul Charity.

Thanks for you support!

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.

