

## TERM 4 WEEK 10: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December:	<b>Last day of Canteen for 2023</b>
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 <b>Bookings for 2024 Beginning of Year Learning Conversation Open at 4pm</b>
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
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024:	<b>Bookings for 2024 Beginning of Year Learning Conversation Close at 4pm</b>
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024:	Learning Conversations – 8.45am – 7.00pm – No school for students

Dear Parents/Carers,

Ms Haido Angelos has resigned from her position at St Paul's to take up a Student Wellbeing position at Lumen Christi Catholic School in Point Cook. We thank Haido for her contribution to St Paul's in her time here and wish her all the best in her new role.

This Sunday we light the second Advent Candle. I ask you to say the following Advent 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 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 in such large numbers.

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 continues this week - it concludes this Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. It is very important that all students have all their clothing clearly labelled.

The Year Six Graduation Mass will be held **this 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 this 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. After School Care will operate from 1.00pm - 6.00pm.

I hope you have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento

Principal

## **ST. PAUL'S 2024 BEGINNING OF YEAR LEARNING CONVERSATION – Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

Our beginning of the year learning conversation for Years Prep-6 will be held on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 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](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) using code **mvqt3**.

**Bookings will open next Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 4.00pm and will close at 4.00pm on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024.** If you have not completed the online booking by this time, you will be allocated a time by your child's 2024 classroom teacher.

Your child's 2024 class name will be sent home together with his/her report next Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. If you need help with the online bookings, please contact our school office on 9363 1568.

## **P-4 SWIMMING PROGRAM CONTINUES THIS WEEK**

The 8-day intensive swim program for Preps, Juniors and Middles continues this week until Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please note that **there will be no school this Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** as it's a school closure day. 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.**

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 already sent home for full details. Please complete and return the permission note as soon as you can. Thank you.

## **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Congratulations to all those who won a prize in our Christmas Raffle. We raised just over \$1,376.00 from the raffle – a great effort. Thanks for your support. The prize winners are William Espiga (JEF), Victor Vanhoof-Vaotangi (JTC), Eva Wallace (PLH) and Owen Calleja (JFC).

Many thanks for all of your donations for the Christmas hampers. The St Vincent De Paul Society collected 7 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.



## **CANTEEN'S LAST DAY FOR 2023 – This Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

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.

## **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.

## **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



We extend our condolences to the Jovancevski family (Thomas MET & Emily JRC) following the recent passing of their grandfather.  
Please keep the family in your prayers.

CURRENT FAMILIES, STAFF & STUDENTS, PAST STAFF & STUDENTS AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY ARE INVITED TO

# SAVE THE DATES



**MSJ CELEBRATES**  
18 FEBRUARY 2024 • 2:00PM - 4:00PM  
MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE  
Food trucks, Memorabilia Exhibition, Live Music, Anniversary Movie Premiere, College Tours.  
Tickets now available via Trybooking

**GALA DINNER**  
18 OCTOBER 2024  
RACV CITY CLUB  
Details available soon

133 Mainstone Street Altona - Enquiries: rsvp@msj.vic.edu.au or Ph: 8398 2000




## 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 – Episode 2**  
Last Thursday, we published our second episode for the St Paul's podcast. In this episode, the hosts were Charlie Ngo and Henry Tran. They did a great job recording and helping put it all together. They interviewed our second guest, Mr Rob. Please scan the QR code or use the link (<https://www.podbean.com/ew/pb-edz2p-1510b5f>) to listen. We hope you enjoy it!



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:** 4/12/2023 - 8/12/2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Hot Potatoes</b> Get ready to enjoy a high speed game and lots of laughter!</p>	<p><b>Lego - Horses</b> To create a lego horse, to try replicate horses at the Melbourne Cup and Race.</p>	<p><b>Talk: Paper Robot</b> Create a toilet paper roll Robot using recycled items in our service</p>	<p><b>Animal Races</b> Racing with a difference, it's time to imitate various animals and see who is the fastest in a race.</p>	No active role
<p><b>Cleaning and upcycling</b> Collect rubbish from the school yard and create an object with a group.</p>	<p><b>Mini City</b> Let's build our own mini city using cardboard boxes and pieces in the service and craft decorations.</p>	<p><b>Soccer Penalties Training</b> Soccer Penalties Training helps kids to kick themselves with confidence.</p>	<p><b>Play Cafe &amp; play money</b> Children use play money or make their own play money to use and exchange for "food"</p>	No active role



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

[Register now](#)




**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](#)

To register and book visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)



## VSL

VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES

**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, 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 2024 are now being accepted. For further details please visit <http://www.vsl.vic.edu.au> or contact the Area Manager on 9689 1166.

*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.*

