

TERM 4

WEEK 11: Monday 11th December, 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 12 th December:	Year 1 – 6 Orientation for 2024, Reports Sent Home Bookings for 2024 Beginning of Year Learning Conversation Open at 4pm
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
Sunday 28 th January, 2024:	Bookings for 2024 Beginning of Year Learning Conversation Close at 4pm
Tuesday 30 th January, 2024:	Learning Conversations – 8.45am – 7.00pm – No school for students

Dear Parents/Carers,

I ask you to keep in your prayers Mrs Michelle Favero as her sister, Jill, passed away last Wednesday morning. We extend our deepest sympathy to Michelle and Jill's family at this sad time. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

This Sunday we light the third Advent Candle – the pink candle. This is a sign we are getting close to celebrating Jesus' birth. I ask you to say the following Advent prayer with your family.

O God, rejoicing, we remember the promise of your Son. As we light the third candle of Advent, may the blessing of Christ come upon us, brightening our way and guiding us by his truth. May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of our world and to us, as we wait for his coming. Amen.

Thankyou to Ms Lisa Peplow and all the SMA teachers for organizing such a beautiful Graduation Mass last Thursday. Thanks to all the families for their attendance and participating reverently in the celebration. Thanks also to all the staff for their attendance at the Mass and supporting our 2023 Graduates.

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 by 10.30am this Friday, 15th December. Please see me if you have any concerns about settling your account.

Thanks to Mr. Chris for his organisation for the swimming program and to all the Year Prep - Four teachers, and the support staff, for their support of the swimming program. Thanks also to the family and friends who have assisted at the swimming pool. It was wonderful to see so many families and friends at the pool.

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. A reminder that your child's report and class for 2024 will be sent home tomorrow – each family will also receive another envelope with lots of information about St Paul's in 2024.

The 2023 school year concludes on Friday 15th 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 30th

Our beginning of the year learning conversation for Years Prep-6 will be held on Tuesday, 30th 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 using code **mvqt3**.

Bookings will open TOMORROW, Tuesday 12th December at 4.00pm and will close at 4.00pm on Sunday, 28th 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, 12th 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 13th until Friday 15th December. If you need help with the online bookings, please contact our school office on 9363 1568.

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 15th.** Thank you very much for your kind support.

YEAR 6 BIG DAY OUT – This 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.

Students are required to bring their water bottle and snack. Lunch is provided, however allergies are **not** guaranteed to be catered for. Please note that students are to wear comfortable casual clothing. No zips, buckles or jewellery – **socks must be worn.**



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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>

SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL

Special thanks to Effie Ross, Tania Parry, Loan Ho and Tana Degala for opening the Second Hand Uniform Stall last Monday. Their support is greatly appreciated. Please remember to keep any uniforms that are no longer needed and donate them to the stall in 2024. Please ensure they are washed and clean. The money raised from the stall will be used to purchase gift cards to give to families in our community. We will also be making a \$500 donation to the Gastroparesis Fundraising Agency as one of our past parents is suffering from this condition.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2024

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

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

2024 Languages Program Centre Classes

FOR STUDENTS IN FOUNDATION (PREP) - 12 (VCE)

Learn Albanian | Amharic | Arabic | Bangali | Bosnian | Bulgarian | Burmese | Chin Falim | Chin Hakha | Chinese (Cantonese) | Chinese (Mandarin) | Croatian | Dari | Dutch | Filipino (Tagalog) | French | German | Greek | Gujarati | Hebrew | Hindi | Hungarian | Indonesian | Italian | Japanese | Kannada | Karen | Khmer | Korean | Latin | Macedonian | Malayalam | Mizo | Pashto | Persian | Polish | Portuguese | Punjabi | Romanian | Russian | Serbian | Sinhala | Spanish | Tamil | Telugu | Thai | Turkish | Urdu | Vietnamese | Zomi



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Baby News



Congratulations to the Marisuseh Family (Paycia PMD) on the safe arrival of her baby sister on Tuesday, 28th November 2023. We wish the Marisuseh Family much love and happiness.

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:

11/12/2023 - 15/12/2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Card game We play some card games.</p>	<p>Design Ball activity Energetic Experience Foundation at CA.</p>	<p>Obstacle Course Outdoors To challenge Gross Motor, concentration, persistence, speed and encouragement.</p>	<p>Painting with string Placing a piece of string into different colours of paint, pulling it onto a piece of paper, pulling the string to make art.</p>	<p>Month of the Year ornament Children use their imagination to decorate their own ornaments.</p>
<p>Game Tournament Grab some friends, make a team and challenge your other to a board game tournament.</p>	<p>Christmas Paintings Christmas Paintings</p>	<p>The Dot painting Children use their creative skills to create an artwork using a dot dot.</p>	<p>Scratch Art Christmas These are great for fine motor and pattern making.</p>	<p>Christmas Wordsearch Let's see if we can find all the words in this wordsearch.</p>



Register for Your OSHC

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



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!



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 Maidstone Street Altona - Enquiries rsvp@msj.vic.edu.au or Ph 8398 2000

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.

