## St. Paul's Primary School





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## TERM 3 WEEK 9: Monday 15th September, 2025

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

September 15, 16 and 17 - Dates for Production - Tickets on sale now at https://www.trybooking.com/DEABW or

Friday 19th September: Final Day to Complete MACSSIS Surveys

Friday 19th September: End of Term III - 1.00pm. Children can wear their favourite football colours

Monday 6th October: Beginning of Term IV - 8.40am

Friday 17th October: Whole School Sports – More information to follow

Friday 24th October: School Assembly – PMK – 2.30pm

Friday 31st October: National Teachers Day - Day for Daniel (Activities for Day for Daniel – Nov 7th)

Friday 31st October: Feast Of All Saints/St Anthony Claret Mass 10.00am at St Paul's Church/ School Assembly-PET-2.30pm

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Melbourne Cup Eve – No School for Students Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November: Melbourne Cup Day – No School for Students Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November: Day for Daniel Activities and Assembly

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November: Carols Night 5.00pm – 7.00pm Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Graduation Mass, 6.30pm, St Paul's Church

PLEASE NOTE: TICKETS FOR 'SHREK Jnr' CAN BE PURCHASED at <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DEABW">https://www.trybooking.com/DEABW</a> or QR CODE above School finishes at 1pm this Friday — Children can wear their favourite football colours for our annual Footy Day

#### Dear Parents/Carers.

We had a wonderful performance of 'Shrek' last Thursday night. A huge congratulations to all involved. Today, we also had a matinee performance for students from St Bernadette's, North Sunshine and St Peter's, South West Sunshine. The children were very excited to be watching 'Shrek'. Tickets are still available for performances tonight and on Tuesday and Wednesday this week - please click on <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DEABW">https://www.trybooking.com/DEABW</a> to book your tickets.

Mrs Rebeca Gernon and Mrs Samantha Karipoglou will be commencing parental leave at the end of this week. We wish them, and their husbands, James and Matt, all the very best for the safe arrival of their babies early next term. We can't wait to meet the new members of their families later in the year. In some other staff news, Ms Cathy Doran will be commencing leave this Wednesday as she is travelling overseas. Miss Lisa Peplow will be commencing leave on October 6 – she is also travelling overseas and will be competing in the Chicago Marathon – a great achievement. Lisa will be replaced in MLD on October 9 and 16. Mrs Amanda Gallus will be commencing leave on October 6 – she is also travelling overseas – she will be replaced by various teachers in her absence. Cathy and Lisa return to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October, and Amanda returns on October 27<sup>th</sup> – we wish them all the best on their travels.

Congratulations to all our students who represented St Paul's at the Maribyrnong Division Athletic Sports on Wednesday. Well done to those who will compete at the next stage of the competition on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

A reminder that the MACSSIS survey closes this Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> September. Thanks to the 17 families who have completed the survey – we ask that as many of the remaining 349 families as possible complete the survey by this Friday when it closes.

On the second page of the newsletter, there is a note to be returned to school advising us if your children will not be returning to St. Paul's in 2026. Please return it to school promptly if your children are not returning next year as we are planning for 2026.

If you have not enrolled your child in Prep for 2026, please do so immediately. Your child will be put on a waiting list if you do not apply now.

Please note the St Paul's Sports Day will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October – more information will follow next term.

There will be no school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Cup Eve) and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November (Cup Day). Term III concludes on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 1.00pm. The children can wear their favourite footy colours on this day. After School Care will operate from 1.00pm until 6.00pm on this day. Term IV commences on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 8.40am.

Thank you for all your support this term - I hope you all have a great week and a relaxing break.

Yours sincerely.

Damian Casamento

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### 2026 PREP ENROLMENTS – ONLINE APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

All 2026 Prep enrolments must be completed online – you need to go to our website - <a href="www.spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au">www.spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au</a>, click on 'Enrolment Information' and then 'Apply Now'. If you have not enrolled your child in Prep for 2026, please do so immediately. Your child will be put on a waiting list if you do not apply now.

#### **SPORTS NEWS**

Last Wednesday St Paul's students competed at the Maribyrnong Division Athletic Sports at Keilor Park Athletics Track. We had a number of relay teams compete. With great efforts two of them won their races and will progress to the Western Metropolitan Athletic Sports at the same venue on Tuesday, October 21st.

Congratulations go to our 9/10-year-old girls' team [Kayla Hoang [SAK], Sofia Ruano Castillo [MVN], Kayla Tran [SKL] and Sienna Sposato [MVN]] and our boys' 12/13-year-old team [Ethan Le [SHG], Elnathan Bongwa [SAS], Min Tuta Thura [SHG] and Louis Tran [SAS]].

Two of our students also had great individual success and will now progress to the Sports. Congratulations go to Oscar Brooks [MGR] in Long Jump and Sophia Gacad [SRC] in the 200 metres.

Well done to all our competitors!



On Monday 1st September, you should have received an email titled 'MACSSIS 2025 Family Survey' inviting you to complete the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS). Currently 17 families out of 376 have completed the survey. We urge those who haven't yet completed it to please take the time to do so as it gives us very important information which helps us improve our school.

The survey is available online and can be accessed from now until this Friday, 19th September 2025.

If you did not receive the email or require any further information, please contact the school office.

#### ST PAUL'S FOOTY DAY THIS FRIDAY

This Friday we have our annual Footy Day. The students may wear the team colours of any of their favourite teams (AFL or other codes). We start with a parade at 9.00 and then have our Superkick with children from each grade.

Parents and carers are most welcome

### ST PAUL'S BOYS AFL TEAM

Recently our St Paul's Boys AFL team competed in the Western Region AFL carnival. Although we were ultimately unsuccessful it was a great effort to advance this far. Well done to Coach Heidi and the boys on a great season!

#### NO HAT - NO PLAY

A reminder that from September 1<sup>st</sup> all children should be wearing the St. Paul's hat when they are outside. Any students not wearing the hats will be required to sit in the shaded area of the yard. No other hats are permitted to be worn. We encourage families to apply sunscreen to their children at home before they leave for school. One of the requirements of being a Sun Smart school is that children and staff wear hats from September to April when outdoors.



#### ARE YOU LEAVING ST. PAUL'S AT THE END OF 2025?

We have a waiting list for 2026 and need to know if your family is changing schools.

(Trường đang có danh sách học sinh chờ cho niên học 2026 nên cần biết gia đình quý vị có chuyển trường cho con quý vị không.)

#### PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE NOT COMING BACK IN 2026.

(Xin vui lòng nộp lại phần giấy này nếu con quý vị không học ở Trường St. Paul trong niên học 2026.)

There is no need for any Grade 6 students to respond to this notice as we know that you will be at secondary school next year. (Hoc sinh Lớp 6 không cần phải điền vào phần này vì Trường đã biết học sinh sẽ lên học trường trung học vào năm sau.)

#### Please print

My child(ren) will not be returning to St Paul's School next year (Con/các con tôi sẽ không học ở Trường St. Paul vào năm học sau) SCHOOL ATTENDING IN 2026.  (Tên Trường sẽ học vào năm 2026)			
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"We were delighted to have Luce join us at the school production, bringing joy and encouragement to our students and families."





to the following students who received awards at the Assembly on Friday.

PET Reech Biar
PMF Hudson Head
PMK Saikolo Coutts
JCL Katie Dao

JKL Alice Dao

JTH Ariomehr Babri JEF Lisa Plunkett

JRB Bereket Mekonnen

JSM Jackson Wraith

MAM Emily Parry

MEM Ivy Tyner

MLD Lucas Chen

MAR Hanna Gobena

MGR Zas Sozis

MVN Philip Nguyen

SAK Justin Magro SKL Clement Luon

SKL Clement Luong SRC Theodore Ha

SAS Meleolini Coutts

SCC Alex Briffa

SHG Paul Stamatakis

# Baby News



Congratulations to the Bibin Family
(Serah MLD & Maria JTH)
on the safe arrival of their baby sister
Mariebelle on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025.
We wish the Bibin Family much love and happiness.

### **HOW TO ENCOURAGE GOOD BEHAVIOUR: 15 TIPS**

A positive and constructive approach is often the best way to guide your child's behaviour. This means giving your child attention when he behaves well, rather than just applying consequences when he does something you don't like. For further information visit

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/encouraging\_good\_behaviour.html/context/1758

There are also translations in Vietnamese, Arabic, Hakha Chin, Persian, simplified Chinese available online.



Dear Families.

The end of term is upon us once again, we've had a great fun term with many activities enjoyed by the children, painting, craft, crochet, indoor games, bingo, uno, puzzles, outdoor games, cricket, football, soccer, skipping, down ball.

## Friday the 19th of September is early finish After School Care will operate from 1pm-6pm.

Children will be arriving to ASC from 1pm please ensure you book your child/children if attending in advance to ensure correct child /staff ratio.

# Activities coming up

- Canvas painting
- bingo
- Indoor games
- Crochet

Children must bring their lunch on early finish and will be having it at ASC, please ensure no nuts or nut base as we have children with Anaphylaxis attending on the day.

If your child /children are booked but due to changed circumstances are picked up early, please inform the educators at OSHC on 0401 362 738 by text or phone call.

If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to reach out to the OSHC team. You can contact Kylie /Irije/Sarah on 0401 362 738. Let's make this week full of fun, creativity, and community spirit!

Have a safe /fun spring break.

Best regards,

Service Leaders

Kylie Hayes, Irije Demiri, Sarah Tanveer



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.