

TERM 4

WEEK 2: Monday 13th October, 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thursday 16th October: JMA Excursion to Melbourne City – **Return to school at 5pm**
Friday 17th October: Whole School Sports – Children are encouraged to wear the colours of their houses
Wednesday 22nd October: 2026 Prep Transition – 9.15am
Friday 24th October: Class Reconciliation – SCC, SAS, SHG – 10.00am, School Assembly – PMK – 2.30pm
Wednesday 29th October: 2026 Prep Transition – 9.15am
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 3rd November: Melbourne Cup Eve – No School for Students
Tuesday 4th November: Melbourne Cup Day – No School for Students
Wednesday 5th November: 2026 Prep Transition – 9.15am
Thursday 6th November: Prep Excursion to Cooper Settlement Farm
Friday 7th November: Day for Daniel Activities and Assembly
Wednesday 12th November: 2026 Prep Orientation – 9.15am
Friday 14th November: School Assembly–PMF–2.30pm
Friday 21st November: Class Reconciliation – SRC, SAK, SKL – 10.00am, School Assembly – JTH – 2.30pm
Monday 24th November: Year 5 Excursion to Altona Beach – Surf Life Saving Victoria program
Wednesday 26th November: Carols Night 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Monday 1st December: Prep – 4 Swimming begins (**No swimming December 5th and 8th**).
Friday 5th December: School Closure Day – Planning for 2026
Monday 8th December: 2026 Year 1–6 Orientation - Student Reports Sent Home, School Assembly - JMA Advent III–2.30pm
Graduation Mass, 6.30pm, St Paul's Church – Grade 6 Students to wear full school uniform.
Wednesday 10th December: Year 6 Big Day Out
Friday 12th December: School Assembly - MMA – Advent IV – 2.30pm,
Monday 15th December: End of Year Mass 9.15am, St. Paul's Church, Thank You Morning Tea at St. Paul's School 10.30am
Tuesday 16th December: School Concludes for 2025 at 1.00pm – Children can wear plain clothes.

Dear Parents/Carers,

During October each year, Catholics have a devotion to the Holy Rosary, a prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This month-long devotion honors Mary for her protection of the Church and is a powerful way to meditate on the life of Jesus. The tradition stems from the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, where Pope St. Pius V attributed a Christian victory to the praying of the Rosary. The best way to observe October is to pray the Rosary, either publicly or privately, focusing on the life of Mary and Jesus. During October, members of the Legion of Mary from the St Paul's Parish visit our Year 3 and 5 students to teach them of the importance of praying the Rosary. We thank the Legion of Mary for taking the time to teach the children about the Rosary.

I look forward to seeing you at our Whole School Sports this Friday. Thanks to Mr Chris for all his work organising the sports – I know it will be a great day. Please remember that the canteen is closed all day as we are having a sausage sizzle. If your child does not want a sausage, please give them lunch on the day.

I have updated the 'Dates to Remember' for the remainder of the year. As you can see, there is a great deal on in the next ten weeks. I ask you to attend as many school functions as you can. It is a great way to build community and for you to enjoy your child's educational experiences. We look forward to your attendance at these events.

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.

There will be no school on Monday 3rd November (Cup Eve) and Tuesday 4th November (Cup Day).

I hope you have a great week

Yours sincerely,
Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

ST PAUL'S SPORTS DAY – This Friday, 17th October

On Friday, 17th October, we will be holding our annual St Paul's Athletic Sports on the wonderful D.C.G at our school. The activities commence at 9.00am with individual running races for Prep and Juniors. At approximately 10.00am we will have field events for Preps and Juniors and sprints for Middles followed by a recess break at 11.00am. At 11.40am SMA students will take part in sprints and students of other year levels will have various fun activities. Presentations will take place at 12.30pm followed by a sausage sizzle. **Please note the canteen is not open on this day so if your child does not eat sausages you will need to provide lunch for them.** Children, parents and carers are encouraged to wear the colours of their children's houses. Children should still wear their sports uniform but may include a coloured Tee Shirt, ribbons or similar.

As we will be catering for over 500 students and staff, we would be very appreciative of your help to cook and serve sausages. **If you are able to help from 10:30am until 1:30pm on this day, please leave your name and mobile number at the office.**

JMA EXCURSION TO MELBOURNE CITY – This Thursday, 16th October

JMA will be attending an excursion to the city as part of our Term 4 Inquiry unit 'Melbourne in my future eyes!' Our aim is to familiarise the students with the design of some Melbourne landmarks including the Eureka Skydeck, MCG, Shrine of Remembrance, Royal Botanic Gardens, Federation Square, and Flinders Street Station. The excursion is also a vital part of the Outdoor Education Program at St. Paul's. **This is an extended day and the students will return to school by 5.00pm.**

They are to wear sport uniform and school hat. They will need to bring their own bag or backpack clearly marked with their name that they can carry with them throughout the day. They will need to pack their snack, lunch, a drink bottle with water and snacks to last them the day. Please note that students are unable to buy food or drinks from the excursion venue and parents are unable to purchase items for their child from the venue.

ST. PAUL'S SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL – Friday, 24th October

The St. Paul's Second Hand Uniform Stall will be open on **Friday, 24th October, from 8.30am – 9.00am and 3.00pm – 3.30pm.** The cost of all items of clothing is \$5.00. Please note that all money raised is donated to charities as well as members of our community in need.

Families are encouraged to make donations of unwanted 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 i.e. not damaged or have faded logos. **In particular, we are looking for donations of summer and winter school dresses sizes 8 and above.**

Thanks to Tania Ramos and Tana Degala for their assistance co-ordinating the stall.

DAY FOR DANIEL AT ST PAUL'S – Friday, 7th November

On Friday 7th of November, St Paul's will be participating in the registered event 'Day for Daniel'. On this day, students are encouraged to wear something **RED**. This day supports our St. Paul's Child Safety Awareness Programs that are based on the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) learning materials. Students will be working on a series of lessons delivered by their classroom teachers.

NO HAT – NO PLAY

A reminder that from September 1st 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.

(Học 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)

Child's name *(Tên học sinh)* _____ **Class/this year** *(Tên Lớp/năm nay)* _____

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CODING CHALLENGE

Last Thursday, seven SMA students represented our school at a Coding Challenge day at Caulfield Grammar. Students took part in a range of activities, some offline and others using the Scratch coding platform. Our team performed exceptionally well, demonstrating great problem-solving skills and teamwork. Their behaviour and enthusiasm were outstanding, a fantastic reflection of St Paul's. Well done to Giulietta Matina (SAS), Aaron Tran (SAS), Aiden Rodriguez (SAS), Tri Huu Nguyen Bui (SAS), Paul Stamatakis (SHG), Daniel Hlawn Ceu (SAK) and Lucas Mitsis (SAK).

Mr Turner (Technology Leader)



Sunshine Heights Cricket Club – Woolworths Cricket Blast

Cricket fun is back this October at Sunshine Heights Cricket Club! We're excited to offer the Woolworths Cricket Blast program – the perfect way for children up to 10 years old to get active, make friends, and learn cricket in a safe and fun environment.

Children will enjoy:

- Playing with plastic bats and soft balls of different sizes
- Activities designed for all abilities
- Learning new skills at their own pace
- Building confidence and teamwork while having fun!

Parents are welcome to join in the activities and share the experience with their children.

Location: Sunshine Heights Cricket Club, Ainsworth Reserve, Sunshine West

Starting **Mid-October**

Register online: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/4610df>

Families can also use a Get Active Kids Voucher (worth up to \$200) to help cover program fees.

Apply here: <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers>

For more information, please contact:
sunshineheights.juniors@gmail.com

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter

13/10/2025



Your OSHC.



Dear Families

Welcome back! We've had a great Term 4 planned full of learning experiences.

Prep children will be transitioning on their own to After School Care starting Week two of Term 4. This helps your child build confidence and independence.

Please make sure your child is booked and informed if they are attending After School Care so they can arrive safely at the service.

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.

Due to an increase in numbers of children attending After School Care please book your child/ children in advance.

Big Art Competition starts 17th of October and Children's Week starting 20th of October we will be doing fun experiences.

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!

Best regards,
Service Leader
Kylie Hayes, Irije Demiri,
Sarah Tanveer



Activities coming up

- Canvas painting
- Jungle bingo
- Musical games
- Crochet

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.

