

TERM 4

WEEK 3: Monday 20th October, 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 Child Safety Awareness Day – 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 – Students can wear something **RED**

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,

We welcome back from leave Ms Cathy Doran and Miss Lisa Peplow – we hope they had a relaxing holiday. Congratulations to Lisa who completed the Chicago Marathon on October 12th – what a great achievement.

Last week our Year 1 and 2 students participated in their outdoor education experience by visiting the Eureka Building, the Shrine, the MCG and other Melbourne landmarks. It was a long day for the children but they really enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to all the JMA teachers – Mrs Kathy Chow, Miss Melissa Dvorscak, Mrs Michelle Casamento, Miss Emma Finnegan, Mr Luke Nulty and Mrs Sarah Mercieca – for organising all aspects of the excursion as well as their attendance on the day. Thanks also to all the staff and family members who supported the children on the day. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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.

We will be celebrating the Feast of All Saints Day/St Anthony Claret with Mass at 10.00am at St Paul's Church on Friday, October 31st. Parents are invited to attend.

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

I will be on long service leave this week – if you have any concerns, please contact our Deputy Principals, Louise Collison and Cathy Doran.

I hope you have a great week

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

The following dates are very important for **ALL** students who will be attending secondary school in 2028 – our current Year 4 students. If applications for Catholic Secondary School are not in by Friday 14th August, 2026 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

14th August 2026: Applications close for 2028 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 4 Students

16th October 2026: Offers posted to prospective 2028 Year 7 applicants

6th November 2026: Final date for families to accept offers made by the Secondary School

ST. PAUL'S SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL – This 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 bringing 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.

PREPS UPCOMING EXCURSION – Thursday, 6th November

To support our Inquiry Unit 'How do living things grow and change?', the Preps will be going on an excursion to the Cooper Settlement Farm at Bundoora Park on Thursday, 6th November. They need to pack snack, lunch and a water bottle in a small back pack clearly labelled with their name. The students are to wear full sports uniform, hat, extra jacket (depending on the weather), gumboots (optional) on the excursion day. They will return to school by 3pm.

Please complete and return the permission slip as soon as possible if you have not yet done so. Thank you very much for your kind support.

CHILD SAFETY AWARENESS DAY AT ST PAUL'S – Friday, 7th November

On Friday 7th of November, St Paul's will be having a Child Safety Awareness Day – we remember the registered event 'Day for Daniel'. On this day, students are encouraged to wear something **RED**. This day will help support our 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.

HAYFEVER SUFFERERS

If your child has hay fever, please make sure the required medication is taken before they come to school. Should your child need to take any medication during school hours, please make sure you have completed the medication form and handed it in with the medication to the office. All medications are kept in the sickbay and your child will be called to the office to take the medication when required.

NO HAT – NO PLAY – SUMMER UNIFORM

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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WHOLE SCHOOL SPORTS - THANK YOU

Congratulations to the mighty Harvester House (Yellow Team) for winning the school sports last Friday. Congratulations to all the competitors for the way they participated to the best of their ability. A huge thank you to everyone in the St Paul's School Community for ensuring we had a wonderful Sports Day. It was great to have so many families and friends here to support your children and the school.

A huge thank you to Mr Chris Bye for all his work to make sure the day ran smoothly – it is no easy task to organise the activities for over 500 children and to have it run so smoothly – again – a big thank you to Chris for all he did for our sports day. Thanks to all the staff for their support on the day and for the way they encouraged the children. Thanks to Mrs Schembri for organising the sausage sizzle and to Mr Rob for his work cooking the sausages. Thanks also to the following family members for helping with the sausage sizzle – Michael Roumen and Anna Le – apologies if we have left any helpers out – please let us know if we have. We appreciate all the support given by everyone in our school community.



SUNSHINE NORTH & SURROUNDS AUSKICK TERM 4

An introductory program to Australian rules football, teaching skills through fun activities and mini games.

4-8 year olds

Dempster Park, Sunshine North
5:00pm - 6:00pm
Starts Wednesday 5th November

REGISTER HERE

For enquiries please reach out to Josh Coward on joshua.coward@afl.com.au

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: 20/10/2025 - 24/10/2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Critical Thinking 11 Friendship Signs Help us create a poster on how to be a good friend!	Communication 11 Child safety activity mat Let's create some posters to help us think about our own safety, and who we can turn to if we feel threatened.	Decision Making 11 Water & Sun Safety Poster Create a poster to understand safety skills before going to summer break.	Eco-Responsible 24 Group Reading A PLANET FULL OF PLASTIC book will get young readers excited about how they can make a difference to keep Planet Earth happy.	Building Connections 21 Road Safety Trivia Students answer fun quiz questions about road safety.
Adaptability 33 Yoga Children have the opportunity to move their bodies and stretch in a guided yoga session.	Creative Think. 11 Threads and beads Holding and stringing the beads will strengthen your child's hand muscles, finger strength, and overall fine motor skills.	Confidence 13 Writing songs Writing and singing own song or a song of their choice.	Communication 32 Skipping Snake Game Fun and energetic colour guessing game with a skipping rope.	Creative Think. 42 Sponge printed art! Let's upgrade our cleaning sponges to make interesting and vibrant artwork!

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.campaustalia.com.au

by Camp Australia

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.

