

TERM 4 WEEK 4: Monday 27th October, 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 29th October: 2026 Prep Transition – 9.15am
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,

Thank you to Ms Cathy Doran and Mrs Louise Collison for leading our school community in my absence last week. It is great to be back at school. We welcome back from leave Mrs Amanda Gallus and Mrs Michelle Casamento – we hope they had a relaxing holiday. I ask you to keep in your prayers Ibu Santi Sherry as her brother passed away suddenly in Jakarta recently. We keep Santi and her family in her prayers at this sad time.

We have had some exciting staff news in the past week. Miss Lisa Peplow became engaged to Sam Osman last weekend – we wish Lisa and Sam all the best for the future. Mrs Nicole Azarnikow and her husband Andrew, are expecting their third child in early March. We wish them all the best as they wait for the arrival of their newest family member. Congratulation to Mrs Samantha Karipoglou and her husband Matt on the safe arrival of Alexei on October 22nd – a brother for Sofia and Emilia. We can't wait to meet him.

This Saturday we celebrate All Saints' Day. All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. A Saint is a person who is 'formally recognised' as a Saint by the Church. We might say that it is God who makes Saints, not the Church. The Church recognises the saintly qualities of particular people to provide inspiration and example to others. We often think Saints are perfect, but in fact many made mistakes like us – St Paul is a perfect example of a saint who made mistakes. Their greatest witness is how they reflected the love of God and coped with the difficulties of everyday life. On October 24th, we celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony Claret. St. Anthony Claret began his missionary many years ago in Spain. He started the Claretian order of Priests who continue their work today in many countries, including the Parish of St Paul's. We will be celebrating the Feasts of All Saints Day/St Anthony Claret at a Mass at 10.00am at St Paul's Church this Friday, October 31st. Family and friends are invited to attend.

I am excited to provide you with the links to 'Shrek'. It is a celebration of the wonderful skills your children have in the performing arts. You can view the recording as often as you like – you will be unable to record the shows due to copyright restrictions. <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/1126770716/8f5ec4bffb> (Year 5 Performance)
<https://vimeo.com/1126782946/39a16ea6bb?share=copy> (Year 6 Performance)

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

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

Thanks to Tania Ramos and Tana Degala for opening the St. Paul's Second Hand Uniform Stall last Friday, and throughout the year. The money raised this year at the stall will be donated to charities as well as members of our community in need.

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY – FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

This Friday we celebrate World Teacher's Day. St. Paul's has wonderful teachers who care for your children. They are very committed and always have the children in their care at the centre of everything they do. Our teachers have shown great resilience during the challenging times of recent years – their focus has always been to give your children the best future possible. I thank them for all they do for your children and for our school.

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.

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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SPORTS NEWS

Last week St Paul's students competed in the Western Region Athletic Sports at Keilor Park. The Western Region is a huge area encompassing over 200 schools. Oscar Brooks [MGR] won a silver medal in the Long Jump and will now head to the State Athletics Championships in November.

Our 12/13 Boys Relay team won a bronze medal. They were Louis Tran [SAS], Ethan Le [SHG], Min Tuta Thura [SHG] and Elnathan Bongwa [SAS]. They narrowly missed second placing and a position in the state championships. Our other competitor at this high level was Sophia Gacad [SRC] who ran a great race in the 200 metres finishing just behind the placegetters.

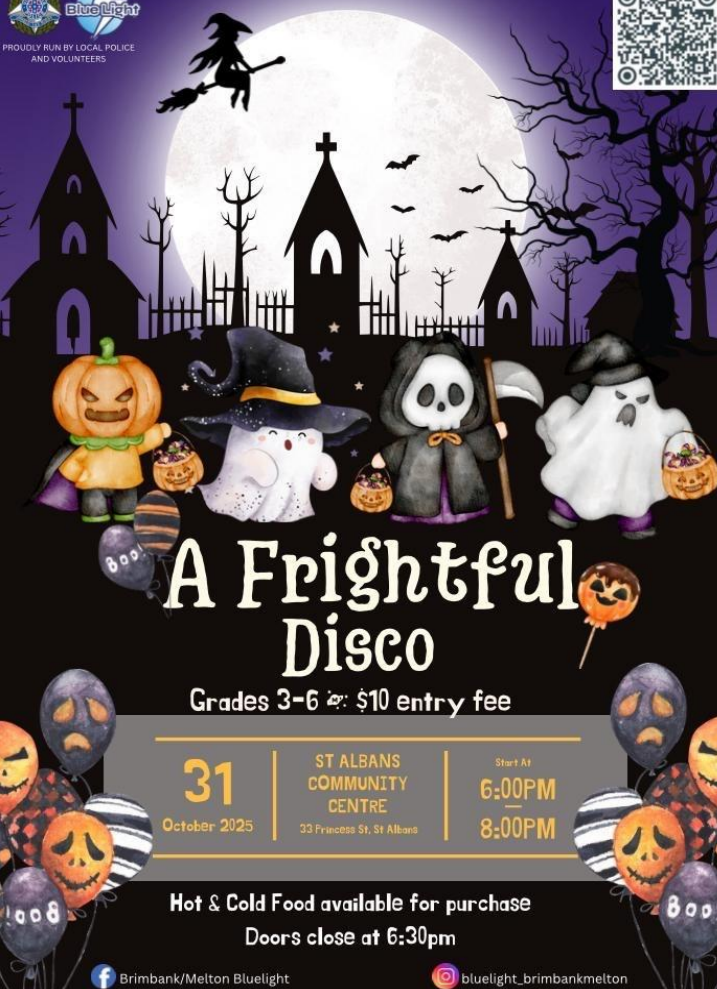
Well done team and good luck to Oscar next month!





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October 2025

ST ALBANS
COMMUNITY
CENTRE
33 Princess St. St Albans

Start At
6:00PM
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8:00PM

Hot & Cold Food available for purchase
Doors close at 6:30pm

 Brimbank/Melton BlueLight

 bluelight_brimbankmelton

Outside School Hours Care Newsletter

27/10/2025



Camp Australia
Building Children's Growth

Your OSHC.

ROCKETEERS

Dear Families

We have been busy with many fun and engaging activities, skipping, cricket, soccer, side walk chalk drawing, painting and many more.

The prep children have been transitioning to the OSHC service when the school bell has gone.

It's great to see them becoming confident and independent.

The service will be closed on Monday the 3rd and Tuesday the 4th of November for the Melbourne Cup. 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.

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

- painting
- soccer
- Musical games
- Cricket



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.

