

TERM 4

WEEK 5: Friday 31st October, 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

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**

Tuesday 11th November: Remembrance Day Ceremony – 11.00am

Wednesday 12th November: 2026 Prep Orientation – 9.15am

Friday 14th November: School Assembly – PMF – 2.30pm

Tuesday 18th November: Term 4 Learning Walk, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Friday 21st November: Class Reconciliation – SRC, SAK, SKL – 10.00am, School Assembly – JTH – 2.30pm

Plain Clothes Day for Donations for Christmas Hampers

Monday 24th November: Year 5 Excursion to Altona Beach – Surf Life Saving Victoria program

Wednesday 26th November: Carols Night 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Friday 28th November: Year 6 Transition for Sunshine Cluster – St Paul's, St Peter's and St Bernadette's

MMA Excursion to Sun Theatre to watch 'The Pout Pout Fish'

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 those families and friends who attended this morning's Mass to commemorate All Saints Day and the Feast of St Anthony Claret. Thank you to all those who helped and the choir for their beautiful singing.

Next Friday, November 7th, St Paul's will be having a Child Safety Awareness Day – we remember the registered event 'Day for Daniel'. This special day honours the memory of Daniel Morcombe and reinforces the vital message that keeping children safe is a responsibility we all share—parents, carers, educators, businesses...the entire community. On this day, students are encouraged to wear something **RED**. 'Day for Daniel' helps us to empower children with personal safety education. 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. Thanks to Mrs Nicole Azarnikow and Miss Lisa Peplow for all their work organising this special day, and for all they do in their roles as Student Wellbeing Leader and Child Safety Officer at St Paul's.

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.

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

There will be no school for children on Friday, December 5th as staff will be preparing for 2026.

I hope you have a good weekend. Good luck if you are in a Cup Sweep or if you have a bet on the Cup.

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

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets for our Christmas raffle will go home next Wednesday 5th November. Tickets are \$1.00 each and there will be ten tickets in each booklet. You are encouraged to sell a complete book of tickets. The raffle will be drawn at the Carols Night on November 26th. All tickets and money should be returned to school by November 25th. There will be a plain clothes day on Friday, 21st November. The children can wear plain clothes if they bring items from home to donate for the raffle. More information to follow.

LINKS TO WATCH 'SHREK'

Please note that 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)

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.

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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eSafety News - Social Media

From 10th December 2025, certain social media platforms won't be allowed to let Australian children under 16 create or keep an account.

The eSafety commissioner will be running online information sessions for parents and carers to understand the changes, their purpose and implications.

The 30-minute webinar will help parents and carers understand the upcoming changes to social media access for children under 16.

Join the information session to:

- understand the purpose of the new age restrictions and how they aim to protect young Australians
- understand which platforms will require users to be 16+ and what platforms they can still access
- get tips and resources to support your child's online safety and wellbeing through the transition.

Parents and carers will gain:

- a clear understanding of the new rules and their implications
- confidence in guiding their child through these changes
- access to trusted resources to support safe and positive online engagement.

For more information, visit the eSafety Commissioner Website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/industry-regulation/social-media-age-restrictions/webinars>

TEETH ON WHEELS' VISIT TO ST PAUL'S

Teeth on Wheels will be visiting St. Paul's Primary School, commencing **08/12/2025**. Please scan the QR code on the brochure below to complete your child's consent form by no later than **02/12/2025**.

The Teeth on Wheels team will then be in contact to confirm and schedule your child's appointment.

EXCITING NEWS

Teeth on Wheels are coming back!




At Teeth On Wheels, we provide the highest quality dental treatment and Oral Health Education while making it fun, positive and memorable for children.

And the best news is... it is happening at your child's school!

Your child might be eligible for **FREE** dental care.

If you have completed a form for your child for 2025, this does not need to be completed again!




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SWIMMING PROGRAM FOR PREPS, JUNIORS AND MIDDLES

The Prep, JMA and MMA students will attend an 8-day intensive swim program. It will commence on Monday, December 1st, and conclude on Friday, December 12th. Please note that there will be **no swimming lessons on December 5th (School Closure Day) and December 8th (Orientation Day)**. Each lesson is 40 minutes and is run by trained Staff at the Sunshine Leisure Centre.

Please complete the swimming permission note sent home today, 31st October, and return it to school by **Friday, November 21st**. Thank you very much for your kind support.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

In primary school, some students miss
on average 3 weeks of school per year.
That's half a year of school by the
end of year 6!

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with their classroom teacher as early as possible. Openly communicating with your child's teacher about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated. If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let their teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Program spotlight

St Paul's Primary School

Your OSHC.



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:

3/11/2025 - 7/11/2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No active rolls	No active rolls	 Adaptability 3.3 Yoga Children have the opportunity to move their bodies and stretch in a guided yoga session.	 Physical 3.2 Stop and Freeze Dance Stop & Freeze is a fun game where kids dance to music and instantly freeze in place when the music stops.	 Confidence 4.1 Craft Boxes See what can be created using the open-ended craft materials, simply fill a trolley or wet out some and let the kids go wild!
No active rolls	No active rolls	 Empathy 2.2 Emoji emotions drawing This activity helps children's thoughts and emotions contribute to the growth of a deep awareness of well-being.	 Eco-Responsible 2.4 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.	 Confidence 1.1 Sand Beach Painting The children can paint the beach as they like!



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.campaustrelia.com.au



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.

