

## TERM 4

## WEEK 10: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December:	Student Reports Sent Home, <b>Bookings for 2026 Beginning of Year Learning Conversation Open at 4pm</b> Graduation Mass, 6.30pm, St Paul's Church – Grade 6 Students to wear full school uniform.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December:	Prep – 4 Swimming continues.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December:	Year 6 Big Day Out – <b>Return at 5pm</b>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December:	Prep – 4 Swimming Concludes School Assembly - MMA – Advent IV – 2.30pm,
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December:	End of Year Mass 9.15am, St. Paul's Church, Thank You Morning Tea at St. Paul's School 10.30am
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December:	School Concludes for 2025 at 1.00pm – Children can wear plain clothes.
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026:	<b>Bookings for 2026 Beginning of Year Learning Conversation Close at 4pm</b>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026:	Learning Conversations – 8.45am – 6.30pm – No school for students

Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to Mrs Linda Della-Vedova and her husband Deano on the safe arrival of their son Leo last week. We look forward to meeting Leo next year.

This Sunday we light the third Advent Candle - the pink candle, which is the candle of Love. This is a sign we are getting close to celebrating Jesus' birth. I ask you to say the following Advent prayer with your family.

*O God, rejoicing, we remember the promise of your Son. As we light the third candle of Advent, may the blessing of Christ come upon us, brightening our way and guiding us by his truth. May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of our world and to us, as we wait for his coming. Amen.*

Prep – Four swimming continues this week - it concludes this Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> December. It is very important that all students have all their clothing clearly labelled.

Thank you to those families who have settled their accounts for 2025. If you have not done so, could you please ensure that all accounts are paid as soon as possible. Please see me if you have any concerns about settling your account.

The Year Six Graduation Mass will be held **tonight, Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> December**, at St. Paul's Church commencing at 6.30pm. This is a celebration of all that our Year Six students have achieved in their time at St. Paul's. Please join us in our celebration. **All Year Six students are to be wearing their full summer school uniform.**

We will be celebrating our End of Year Mass on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am at St. Paul's Church. Family and friends are very welcome to attend. After Mass there will be a morning tea to thank all those who have volunteered at St. Paul's this year.

A reminder that your child's semester two report and class for 2026 have been sent home today – each family has also received another envelope with lots of information about St Paul's in 2026. Please remember that **bookings for Learning Conversations open this afternoon at 4.00pm – please book the interview time using the class that is on the slip with your child's report.**

I hope you have a good week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento  
PRINCIPAL

### **NO CANTEEN – THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK**

A reminder that Canteen is now closed for the remainder of the year. Please make sure your child(ren) bring along their brainfood, snacks and lunch this week and next week.

### **CHOIR CANCELLATION THIS WEEK**

Please be advised that there will be **NO Choir rehearsal this Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December (Week 10)**, as Year 6 students will have their Big Day Out. Please make sure your child(ren), who are a choir member, will be picked up promptly at 3pm on this day. Thank you for your kind support.

### **ST. PAUL'S 2026 BEGINNING OF YEAR LEARNING CONVERSATION - Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

Our beginning of the year learning conversation for Years Prep-6 will be held on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 from 8:45am to 6.30pm. **These interviews will be held in person in your child's classroom.** Please refer to the booking instructions previously sent home via your eldest child. All bookings must be completed online via [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) using the code **dveyh**.

**Bookings will open TODAY, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 4.00pm and will close at 4.00pm on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026.** If you have not completed the online booking by this time, you will be allocated a time by your child's 2026 classroom teacher.

Your child's 2026 class name will be sent home together with his/her report today, 8<sup>th</sup> December. **Please use this class name when you complete your bookings.** Please note that Staff will be available to assist with booking your interview times from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. If you need help with the online bookings, please contact our school office on 9363 1568.

### **YEAR 6 BIG DAY OUT – This Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

The Year 6 students will be attending an excursion to 'Adventure Park' in Geelong as part of our graduation celebration 'Big Day Out!'. The students need to bring along snack, lunch and a bottle with water for the day. They are to wear appropriate casual clothing and closed-toe shoes, along with swimwear and rashies underneath. They should also bring a bag or backpack clearly labeled with their name, along with a hat and sunscreen. After the water activities, students will need a change of clothes, including underwear and socks. **Please note this is an extended day and they will return to school at 5pm.**

Students are not permitted to bring jewellery, phones, cameras, or any other electronic devices. They should also not bring any money. Please note that students will not be able to purchase food or drinks at the excursion venue.

### **SWIMMING PROGRAM FOR PREPS, JUNIORS AND MIDDLES – THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK**

The Prep, JMA and MMA students will attend an 8-day intensive swim program. It will continue TOMORROW, December 9<sup>th</sup>, and conclude on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Each lesson is 40 minutes and is run by trained Staff at the Sunshine Leisure Centre. Please refer to the permission note for the full details and the swimming timetable.

A kind reminder that **students need to wear their bathers underneath their school uniform and bring clean underwear, a singlet, thongs and a fresh dry towel in a plastic bag DAILY during swimming program.**

### **NO HAT – NO PLAY – SUMMER UNIFORM**

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.

### **SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2026**

The dates for the celebration of the Sacraments and the Family nights in 2026 are:

<b>Sacrament of Penance Family Night (Year 3)</b>	Tuesday, February 10 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm – St. Paul's School
<b>Sacrament of Penance (Year 3)</b>	Tuesday, February 24 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm – St. Paul's Church
<b>Sacrament of Eucharist Family Night (Year 3)</b>	Tuesday, April 28 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm – St. Paul's School
<b>Sacrament of Eucharist (Year 3)</b>	Friday, May 15 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm – St. Paul's Church

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2026 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

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

**16<sup>th</sup> October 2026:** Offers posted to prospective 2028 Year 7 applicants

**6<sup>th</sup> November 2026:** Final date for families to accept offers made by the Secondary School



## CHILDREN'S ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

There are various ways that you can contact the school to advise that your child is absent from school.

- 1. Contact the office:** Call 9363 1568, select 1 and then advise that your child is absent on this day. Please include your name, the child's name, the class, the date and the reason for the absence.
- 2. Via Audiri App:** Use the 'Absentee Form' in this app. This form can be found under the section 'Forms'.
- 3. Email:** Send an email to [office@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au) or your child's class teacher on their school email address.
- 4. Written Note:** A written note may be sent in advance if you know your child will be absent. If he/she is going on an extended holiday, a written note must be provided.

## LIBRARY NEWS

A kind reminder that all the overdue library books must be returned or you will receive an invoice for any lost books. Please check around your home to find any library books and return them to the library by Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

Thank you very much for your continued support.



## Lions Christmas Cakes

**Large (1.5kg) - \$20.00**

**Small (1kg) - \$16.00**

**Pudding - \$16.00**

**Mini Cake - \$2.00**

**Assisting projects of the  
Lions Club of Sunshine**



*Please come to the School Office to place your orders  
with your cash payment.*

We once again acknowledge and thank the Lions Club of Sunshine for their contribution to our graduation ceremony.

Each year the Club makes a generous donation to be used for presentations to our outgoing Year 6 students.

**FREE ENTRY**

Bongosathi & Pradeep Tiwari Jointly Present

# Christmas IN WEST

**REGISTER NOW**  
Scan the QR

**SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DEC, 2025**  
3 PM TO 10 PM

**Venue:** Footscray Park's Eastern Lawn,  
40 Maribyrnong Boulevard Footscray, VIC 3011

### CULTURAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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| • Dance Performance by Prerona Institute of Dance - Jingle Bell dance & Fusion dance | 3:00 PM-3:15 PM  |
| • Fashion show by Sayantani and Team   | 3:15 PM-3:30 PM  |
| • Performance by El Jay & Smooth Groove Band   | 3:30 PM-4:30 PM  |
| • Performance by Short Tempered Sister Band  | 4:30 PM- 6:00PM  |
| • Dance Performance by That Dance Place  | 6:00 PM -6:30 PM |
| • 3 Songs & 3 dance by Australian Vietnamese Arts & Culture                          | 6:30 PM-7:00 PM  |
| • Duet Song by Indrani & Tanishi   | 7:00 PM- 7:10 PM |
| • Dance Performance by Jayasree, Ayush, Prerona from Tarang                          | 7:10 PM- 7:30 PM |
| • Dance Performance by Bluefire Bellydancers   | 7:30 PM-8:00PM   |
| • Carols by Footscray Varraville City Band   | 8:00 PM -8:30 PM |
| • Performance by Sam Manzanza's Afrobeat Band  | 8:30 PM-10:00 PM |

**Fireworks : 9:30PM**

Organised by **BONGOSATHI** Dessert Partner **WISHTOYS** Supported by **WISHTOYS** Stalls Management Partner **ROSE** Equipment Partner **KENNARDS HIRE**

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**Outside School Hours Care Newsletter**

8/12/2025

**Camp Australia**  
Guiding Children's Growth

**Your OSHC. ROCKETEERS**

Dear Families

We are approaching the End of Term 4, all children having busy participating in Christmas craft and many other engaging activities indoor/outdoor art and craft, bliss ball, pancakes, football and cricket game, yoga card games, Lego, twister, guess who, connect 4, 5 second rules, monopoly, bingo, snake and ladder, chess, Uno, puzzles, etc.

The last day of this term is Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, ASC will be operating from 1pm to 6pm.

Please book your child/children in advance for correct child/ educator ratio.

It's great to see the prep children becoming confident, independent and walking to the OSHC room.

Please ensure 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 0401362738 by text or phone call. Camp Australia Big Art competition is continuing.

We would like to thank all the families for supporting the OSHC Program this year!

We wish you all a safe Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2026.

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

- Indoor games
- Drawing
- Soccer
- Dolls house

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*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.*

