

## TERM 4

## WEEK 9: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2025

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December:	Prep – 4 Swimming continues <b>(No swimming December 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>).</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December:	Last day of Canteen for 2025 – Limited stock may be available. School Assembly - SMA Advent II–2.40pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December:	School Closure Day – Planning for 2026
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> 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 10 <sup>th</sup> December:	Year 6 Big Day Out – <b>Return at 5pm</b>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December:	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.

Dear Parents/Carers,

This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent. As we light the second candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace, we are reminded to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. This week, let us embrace peace within ourselves, in our homes, and in our community. Please pray the following prayer together:

*"Lord Jesus, you bring peace to our hearts. Help us to be peacemakers in our homes and our world. As we wait for your birthday, fill us with your peace and hope. We ask this in His holy name. Amen."*

Our Year 5 and 6 students will be presenting an assembly on the Second Week of Advent this Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2.40pm.

Many thanks to all the staff and students for all they did to make the Carols a great success last Wednesday night. Special thanks to Ms Michele Micallef and Ms Lynette Grixti for co-ordinating the night. The children sounded beautiful as they sang about the Christmas Story and also some fun Christmas Songs. Thanks to all families and friends for once again supporting this very special night – it was wonderful to gather as a community in such large numbers.

Prep – Four swimming began today and concludes on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December **(there is no swimming on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December)**. It is very important that all students have all their clothing clearly labelled. Family members are welcome to join us at the pool. However, you will be unable to help other children change unless you have a current working with Children Check card.

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 on 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. Please note that the school year concludes on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>, December at 1.00pm.

**There will be no school for children this Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** as staff will be preparing for 2026.

I hope you have a good week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento  
PRINCIPAL

## **CANTEEN NEWS**

The last day the canteen will be open for 2025 is this Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Please note there may be limited stock in the canteen from now until December 4<sup>th</sup>. We thank Marlene Haber, Jacqui Batty and all the volunteers for their work in the canteen this year.

## **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Congratulations to all those who won a prize in our Christmas Raffle. We raised \$1,481.45 from the raffle – a great effort. Thanks for your support. The prize winners are Jayden Fastuca (Ex-student, brother of Lexie - MEM), Toby Burgess (JKL) and Amanuel Petros (SCC).

Many thanks for all of your donations for the Christmas hampers. The St Vincent De Paul Society will be very grateful to the St Paul's School Community for your wonderful donations.



## **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 next Monday, 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 next Monday, 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 – 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 commence today, December 1<sup>st</sup>, and conclude on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please note that there will be **no swimming lessons on December 5<sup>th</sup> (School Closure Day) and December 8<sup>th</sup> (Orientation Day)**. 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 weeks.**

## **NO CHILDREN ON THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENTS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL**

A reminder to ALL families that there should be **NO CHILDREN** on the adventure playgrounds or Spider playground before or after school. We ask you to ensure pre-school children are not on the equipment as they are too small for our playgrounds. I have reminded the children they are not to be on the playground either as there is no supervision after school. Recently we have had children injure themselves as they were on the playground after school.

## **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.

## Social media age restrictions

### What you need to know

**From 10 December 2025 Australian young people under 16 will not be allowed to create or hold accounts on certain social media platforms.**

Delaying account access allows more time for young people to build digital literacy and greater resilience.

### How will it work?

Under the law, the responsibility lies with the age-restricted platforms to find and deactivate existing accounts held by under-16s and to prevent under-16s from creating new accounts.

**There are no penalties for under-16s** who access an age-restricted social media platform, or for their parents or carers.

### Social media platforms

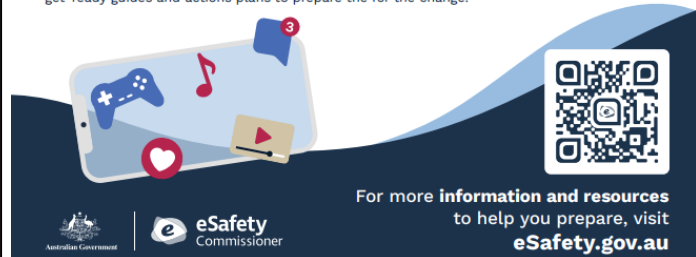
The age restrictions are likely to apply to Facebook, Instagram, Kick, Reddit, Snapchat, Threads, TikTok, X, YouTube as well as other platforms. [See the latest list.](#)

**Most standalone gaming and messaging apps**, as well as many services that support health and education, will not be affected by the new law.

### Information and resources

Visit eSafety's social media age restrictions hub to find out what's happening and how to prepare.

The hub includes practical guidance for parents and carers and young people, including get-ready guides and actions plans to prepare for the change.



For more information and resources to help you prepare, visit [eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)



## 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.

## CHRISTMAS IN THE WEST – Footscray Park (Free Event)

All the families are invited to Christmas in the West 2025, a free multicultural community celebration. Below are the event details

- Date: **Saturday, 13 December 2025**
- Time: **3:00 PM – 10:00 PM** (drop-in any time)
- Venue: **Footscray Park** (Eastern Lawn), 40 Maribyrnong Blvd, Footscray
- Cost: **Free entry**
- Highlights: Christmas carols, cultural performances, kids' activities, market & food stalls, community showcases, Santa visit, and fireworks finale.

## 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!**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM**

Phone: (03) 9338 1191  
Email: [info@teethonwheels.com.au](mailto:info@teethonwheels.com.au)

[TeethOnWheelsAustralia](https://www.facebook.com/TeethOnWheelsAustralia) [@teethonwheels](https://www.instagram.com/teethonwheels)

## CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY

**MAX AND BABY CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY**

**WHAT'S INSIDE:**  
SIGNED COPY OF MAX AND BABY  
A BUNDLE OF FUN CHRISTMAS GOODIES  
ALL WRAPPED AND READY FOR CHRISTMAS!

**HOW TO ENTER:**  
FOLLOW @VANESAJOSEVSKI.AUTHOR  
LIKE + COMMENT ▲ ON THE POST  
TAG A FRIEND (EACH TAG = 1 ENTRY)

★ BONUS ENTRY: SHARE THIS POST TO YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA AND TAG ME!

CLOSES SUNDAY 14 DEC, 8PM AEST  
WINNER ANNOUNCED  
MONDAY 15 DEC, 10AM AEST

The link to the giveaway post:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DRZJgTGGIGI/?igsh=MXE0d3B6dGRkd2c1Yg==>

For more info, please contact Vanesa Josevski (Children's Author/Book Reviewer, Author of Max and Baby (InHouse Publishing))

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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.*

