

TERM 4

WEEK 1: Monday 5th October, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 9 th October:	Class Reconciliation – SCK, SRH, SED, No Assembly
Wednesday 21 st October:	2027 Prep Transition – 9.15am
Friday 23 rd October:	Feast of All Saints/St Anthony Claret Mass 10.00am at St Paul's Church
Wednesday 28 th October:	2027 Prep Transition – 9.15am
Thursday 29 th October:	School Closure Day – No school for Students
Friday 30 th October:	World Teacher's Day & Child Safety Awareness Day – Students to wear RED and Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 2 nd November:	Melbourne Cup Eve – No School for Students
Tuesday 3 rd November:	Melbourne Cup Day – No School for Students
Wednesday 4 th November:	2027 Prep Transition – 9.15am
Friday 6 th November:	Mission Day Mass - St. Paul's Church – 10.00am and Fete – 11.30am. Assembly – PMK Second Hand Uniform Stall, 8.30am – 9am and 3pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 11 th November:	2027 Prep Orientation – 9.15am
Thursday 12 th November:	Whole School Sports
Friday 13 th November:	School Assembly - MMB
Friday 20 th November:	Plain Clothes Day – Donations given for Christmas Raffle Hampers. Assembly - PMF
Wednesday 25 th November:	Carols Night 5.00pm – 7.00pm, St Paul's School, Preps – Advent 1
Friday, 27 th November:	No Assembly
Monday 30 th November:	Prep – 4 Swimming Begins
Thursday 3 rd December:	School Assembly – SMA – Advent 2 – 2.30pm
Friday 4 th December:	School Closure Day – No School for Students
Monday 7 th December:	School Assembly–JMA – Advent 3–2.30pm; Year 6 Graduation Mass 6.30pm, St Paul's Church
Wednesday 9 th December:	Year 6 Big Day Out
Friday 11 th December:	Prep – 4 Swimming Concludes; School Assembly – MMA – Advent 4 – 2.30pm
Monday 14 th December:	End of Year Mass 9.15am, St. Paul's Church, Thank You Morning Tea at St. Paul's School 10.30am
Tuesday 15 th December:	School Concludes for 2026 at 1.00pm – Children can wear plain clothes

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you had a wonderful and relaxing holiday break and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting new term of learning. It's hard to believe we're already in Term 4! We welcome back from leave Ms Michele Micallef who was travelling throughout Australia last term – we also welcome back Mrs Michelle Casamento, Mrs Stephanie Garcia and Ms Monica McIntyre who were also on leave in the last week of term 3. We hope they all enjoyed their travels.

We have lots of learning, fun activities and special moments ahead of us in the following months. I have updated the 'Dates to Remember' for the remainder of the year. As you can see, there is a great deal on in the next ten weeks. I ask you to attend as many school functions as you can. It is a great way to build community and for you to enjoy your child's educational experiences. We look forward to your attendance at these events.

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 2027. Please return it to school promptly if your children are not returning next year as we are planning for 2027.

If you have not enrolled your child in Prep for 2027, please do so immediately.

Please note the St Paul's Sports Day will be held on Thursday 12th November – more information will follow.

Please note there is no school for students on Thursday 29th October as staff will be attending the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre to learn more about Australia's first saint. There will be no school on Monday 2nd November (Cup Eve) and Tuesday 3rd November (Cup Day).

I hope you have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Collison

ACTING PRINCIPAL

2027 PREP ENROLMENTS – ONLINE APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Enrolments for Prep 2027 are now open. All enrolments must be completed online – you need to go to our website - www.spsunshinewest.catholic.edu.au, click on ‘Enrolment Information’ and then ‘Apply Now’. If you have not already applied, your child may not receive a 2027 Prep placement and may be put on a waiting list – please enrol your child immediately if you have not done so.

FEES/LEVIES

Your child’s school fees and levies are now overdue. Please pay them promptly. You can pay your school fees and levies with a credit card or by direct debit from a nominated bank account or from your Centrelink payments. If you would like this to happen, please come to the office to complete a form. Please contact the office if you need to arrange a payment plan.

HAYFEVER SEASON

Term 4 is often a time when hayfever symptoms appear for many.

If you are aware what your child suffers from hayfever, you may consider giving them an anti-histamine medication in the morning before school to keep them comfortable during their school day.

First aid staff can only administer an anti-histamine to a child if it is supplied by the child’s family with a completed and signed medication consent form (available from the office).

Please do not hesitate to contact our school nurse, Ms Lea, on 9363 1568 (Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 2.30pm) if you have any enquiries. Thank you very much for your kind support.

NO HAT – NO PLAY

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.

CHILD SAFETY AWARENESS DAY – Friday, 30th October

On Friday 30th of October, St Paul’s will be participating in the Child Safety Awareness Day. On this day, students are encouraged to wear something **RED**. This day supports our St. Paul’s Child Safety Awareness Programs that are based on the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (R4R) learning materials. Students will be working on a series of lessons delivered by their classroom teachers.

ST. PAUL’S SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL

Thanks to Tania Ramos, Tana Degala and Anna Le for their assistance co-ordinating the stall last term.

Families are encouraged to make donations of unwanted school uniforms to the second hand uniform stall. Please wash any donations before taking them to the school office. Please make sure they are in good condition i.e. not damaged or have faded logos. Please note that all money raised is donated to charities as well as members of our community in need.

This term the stall will be open on **Friday, 6th November, 8.30am – 9am and 3pm – 3.30pm**. Thanks for your support.

SAFETY AND PARKING AROUND ST PAUL’S

A reminder to drive safely around St Paul’s. There are some drivers not following the road rules when dropping off/picking up students. The disabled parking bay at the front of the school in Links Street is for drivers who have the appropriate permit allowing them to use this car park. We ask anyone who sees drivers not parking appropriately to report any issues to the Brimbank Council on 9249 4000 or via email - info@brimbank.vic.gov.au. We have also contacted the Council and asked for enforcement officers to monitor all drivers.

ARE YOU LEAVING ST. PAUL’S AT THE END OF 2026?

We have a waiting list for 2027 and need to know if your family is changing schools.

(Trường đang có danh sách học sinh chờ cho niên học 2027 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 2027.

(Xin vui lòng nộp lại phần giấy này nếu con quý vị không học ở Trường St. Paul trong niên học 2027.)

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 2027.....

(Tên Trường sẽ học vào năm 2027)

Child’s name *(Tên học sinh)* _____ **Class/this year** *(Tên Lớp/năm nay)* _____

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Our next weekend is coming up...

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

November 6 - 8th 2026

St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

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 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.

YEAR 5 UPCOMING EXCURSION DAY – This Friday, 9th October

Our Year 5 students in SAS, SCL, SSR will be attending an excursion to Altona Beach as part of our Outdoor Education Program. The aim of this excursion is to familiarise the students with important water safety skills and knowledge to help them stay safe in and around water.

Students will need to bring a bag or backpack clearly marked with their name that they can carry with them throughout the day. They will need to pack appropriate swimwear (to be worn under school uniform), underwear, rashies, a hat, sunscreen, a drink bottle with water and wear closed toe shoes for the duration of the program.



IMAGINE
ART, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION

Tuesday 13 October 2026 | 4.30pm – 8.30pm
Caroline Chisholm Catholic College
204 Churchill Avenue, Braybrook

We warmly invite you to join us for our IMAGINE Exhibition 2026.

Throughout the year, students across our Visual Arts and Technologies learning areas have been busy creating an incredible collection of work, and we are excited to showcase their talents with our College community.

We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating the talents and achievements of our students!

Please note that RSVP is not required, just pop in and enjoy what IMAGINE has to offer.




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BACKYARD CRICKET MEMORIES START HERE!

REGISTER NOW!
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

PROGRAM INFORMATION

- REGISTRATION FEE: \$99**
- STARTS: 14 NOVEMBER 2026**
- 10 WEEK PROGRAM**
- LOCATION: SELWYN PARK, ALBION**
- AGES: KIDS AGED 6-9 YEARS OLD**

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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.

