

TERM 4

WEEK 2: Monday 12th October, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

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
Friday 4 th December:	School Closure Day – No School for Students
Monday 7 th December:	2027 Year 1-6 Orientation Day – Student Reports Sent Home. No Swimming for Prep - 4 School Assembly – JMA – Advent 3; 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
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,

During October each year, Catholics have a devotion to the Holy Rosary, a prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This month-long devotion honors Mary for her protection of the Church and is a powerful way to meditate on the life of Jesus. The tradition stems from the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, where Pope St. Pius V attributed a Christian victory to the praying of the Rosary. The best way to observe October is to pray the Rosary, either publicly or privately, focusing on the life of Mary and Jesus. During October, members of the Legion of Mary from the St Paul's Parish visit our Year 3 students to teach them of the importance of praying the Rosary. We thank the Legion of Mary for taking the time to teach the children about the Rosary.

If you would like to enrol your child in a Catholic Secondary School for Year 7, 2029, please refer to the important dates for 2027 on the second page of the newsletter so that you will not miss out the deadline for the application.

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.

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 – 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.

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 (RRRR) learning materials. Students will be working on a series of lessons delivered by their classroom teachers.

JMA EXCURSION TO SCIENCEWORKS – Monday, 9th November

As part of our Inquiry Unit of work, ‘What’s Beyond The Sky?’ JMA students will be attending an excursion to Scienceworks on Monday 9th November. The excursion will teach students about our Solar System and the patterns of events that occur on Earth and in the sky.

Please refer to the excursion note sent home last week for full details. Please complete the consent form and return it to school by Friday, 23rd October. Thank you very much for your kind support.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2027

The following dates are very important for **ALL** students who will be attending secondary school in 2029 – our current Year 4 students. If applications for Catholic Secondary School are not in by Friday 13th August, 2027 your child will not be enrolled in your school of choice.

13th August 2027: Applications close for 2029 Year 7 students in Catholic Secondary Colleges – our current Year 4 Students

15th October 2027: Offers posted to prospective 2029 Year 7 applicants

5th November 2027: Final date for families to accept offers made by the Secondary School

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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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.

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.

Flexischools



Flexischools changes for term 4



No more surcharge on your payments

- After 1 October, you **won't pay any surcharge** when you pay for an Order, or top-up your Flexischools wallet with any Mastercard or Visa debit or credit card, or PayPal.
- Previously, Flexischools users paid an average surcharge of 26c on a \$20 payment.



A change at check out

- You'll see a **\$10** minimum top-up amount when checking out your online Orders, or topping-up your wallet.
- A new 22c Platform Fee has been introduced, which is paid each time your account balance is topped up, regardless of the payment method used or top-up amount.



How does the minimum top-up work?

- Add your Order to the Flexischools cart as usual.
- If your wallet balance is too low at checkout, you'll be asked to top-up (minimum \$10).
- Any leftover money stays in your wallet for next time.

Example: Your total at checkout is \$5.50



Why a minimum top-up?

Small payments are comparatively more costly to process, so a minimum top-up helps us to keep service fees low for families. Any money in your Flexischools wallet is always yours to spend, and you can request a refund at any time.

Top 5 online safety tips for kids

1

Set up your device to protect your information.

2

Explore safely and tell an adult if you see anything online that makes you feel yuck.

3

Limit who can contact you when you're playing games.

4

Stop all contact with anyone online who asks you to do anything you don't want to do. Report and block them.

5

Ask for help if anything online is bothering you.



eSafetykids

[eSafety.gov.au/kids](https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids)

For more information about online safety tips, please visit <https://www.esafety.gov.au/educators/classroom-resources/posters-and-conversation-starters>

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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.

