St. Paul's Primary School

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TERM 4 WEEK 4: Monday 26th October, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 28th October:	**2027 Prep Transition – 9.15am**
Thursday 29th October:	**School Closure Day – No school for Students**
Friday 30th October:	**World Teacher's Day & Child Safety Awareness Day – Students to wear RED and Assembly 2.30pm**
Monday 2nd November:	**Melbourne Cup Eve – No School for Students**
Tuesday 3rd November:	**Melbourne Cup Day – No School for Students**
Wednesday 4th November:	**2027 Prep Transition – 9.15am**
Friday 6th 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 11th November:	**2027 Prep Orientation – 9.15am**
Thursday 12th November:	**Whole School Sports**
Friday 13th November:	**School Assembly - MMB**
Friday 20th November:	**Plain Clothes Day – Donations given for Christmas Raffle Hampers. Assembly - PMF**
Wednesday 25th November:	**Carols Night 5.00pm – 7.00pm, St Paul's School, Preps – Advent 1**
Friday, 27th November:	**No Assembly**
Monday 30th November:	**Prep – 4 Swimming Begins**
Thursday 3rd December:	**School Assembly – SMA – Advent 2**
Friday 4th December:	**School Closure Day – No School for Students No Swimming for Prep - 4**
Monday 7th 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 9th December:	**Year 6 Big Day Out**
Friday 11th December:	**Prep – 4 Swimming Concludes; School Assembly – MMA – Advent 4**
Monday 14th December:	**End of Year Mass 9.15am, St. Paul's Church, Thank You Morning Tea at St. Paul's School 10.30am**
Tuesday 15th December:	**School Concludes for 2026 at 12.30pm – Children can wear plain clothes**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Week 4 is shaping up to be a very busy week for us all at St Paul's! We welcome back Miss Diana Nguyen after her teaching placement at St Albans Secondary College. In some exciting staff news Mrs Teagan Desmond and her husband David, are expecting their fourth child in late March. We wish them all the best as they wait for the arrival of their newest family member.

Our school closure day on Thursday, October 29th, will allow staff to participate in Professional Practice Day at the Mary MacKillop Centre in Melbourne. This day provide a valuable opportunity for professional learning, collaboration and reflection as we continue to strengthen our teaching practices and further staffs' faith development.

This Friday, October 30th, 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. 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 Claudia Razi 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.

This Friday, we will also celebrate World Teachers' Day, recognising and thanking our wonderful teachers for their dedication, care and commitment to our students. We are incredibly grateful for the passion and hard work our staff bring to their classrooms each day, making a positive difference in the lives of our students and across our school community.

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.

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.

FIRST AID NOTICES

Dear Families,

Just letting you know the reporting of presentations to first aid is now being switched from paper reporting to digital reporting. Please bear with us as this transition occurs, we are aware there will be "teething" problems.

At anytime your child reports that they attended first aid and you have not been notified in any form, don't hesitate to contact First Aid, on 9363 1568 (Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 2.30pm). Many thanks.

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 AWARNESS 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 complete the consent form and return it to school as soon as possible if you haven't done so. 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?

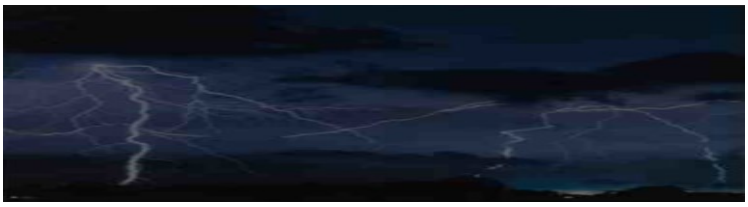
We have a waiting list for 2027 and need to know if your family is changing schools.
(Trường đang có danh sách học sinh chờ cho niên học 2027 nên cần biết gia đình quý vị có chuyển trường cho con quý vị không.)

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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HAYFEVER AND THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA

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.

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.

SPORTS NEWS

On Tuesday, 20th October, St. Paul's had several students compete in five events at the Western Metropolitan Regional Athletics Day in Keilor Park.

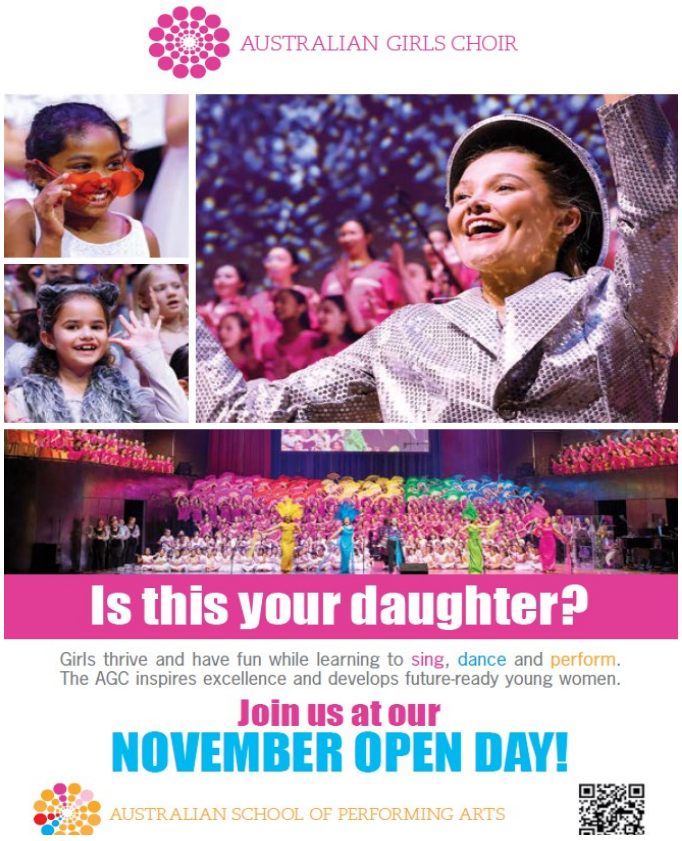
These students qualified by progressing through both the District and Divisional Athletics tournaments, which is a magnificent achievement in itself. They then went on to compete against some of the best student athletes in the state at the Regional Championships.

Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding efforts:

Rupert Szulik (MAR) – Long Jump
Oscar Brooks (SSR) – Long Jump, Triple Jump and 100m relay
Issac Uk (SAS) – 100m relay
Zion Tjenderasa (SAS) – 100m relay
Jonathan Lasuba (SCK) – 100m relay
Blessing Langa (SAS) – 100m sprint
Kayla Hoang (SED) – Long Jump

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR OPEN DAY

Congratulations to students who recently took part in the AGC assessment workshop at school. Everyone is welcome to come along to our Open Days on Saturday November 7 and Sunday November 15, which will give you the opportunity to try a free class and attend an information session. ***Ph 03 9859 6499 for more information or visit ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc/***





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.