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TERM 4 **WEEK 5: Friday 30th October, 2026**

DATES TO REMEMBER

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
Monday 9th November:	**JMA Excursion to Scienceworks**
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:	**MMA Excursion to the Sun Theatre. 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,

Our whole school sports day is fast approaching and will take place on Thursday, November 12th, on the D.C.G. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours with their sports uniform. Parents are more than welcome to attend to support their children and their house. A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided for students and as such, the canteen will be closed all day. If your child does not eat sausages, please provide them with lunch.

On Wednesday, 11th November, we will celebrate Remembrance Day. On this day in 1918, the First World War Ended. On the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour we pause to remember the loved ones we have lost in war. We remember with sorrow those that have died. We remember with gratitude their courage and great sacrifice. We remember those left behind who endured the loss of loved ones. We pray to God for peace throughout the world.

Thank you to those families who have settled their accounts for 2026. 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.

I hope you have all put November 25th in your diary as this is the day that we will be holding our Christmas Carols. They will commence at approximately 5.00pm. More information will be sent home shortly.

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).
There will be no school for children on Friday, December 4th as staff will be preparing for 2027.

I hope you have a good weekend. Good luck if you are in a Cup Sweep or if you have a bet on the Cup.



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 NOTICE

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.

ST PAUL'S SPORTS DAY – Thursday, 12th November

On Thursday, 12th November, we will be holding our annual St Paul's Athletic Sports on the wonderful D.C.G at our school. The activities commence at 9.00am with individual running races for Prep and Juniors. At approximately 10.00am we will have field events for Preps and Juniors and sprints for Middles followed by a recess break at 11.00am. At 11.40am SMA students will take part in sprints and students of other year levels will have various fun activities. Presentations will take place at 12.30pm followed by a sausage sizzle. **Please note the canteen is not open on this day so if your child does not eat sausages you will need to provide lunch for them**. Children, parents and carers are encouraged to wear the colours of their children's houses. Children should still wear their sports uniform but may include a coloured Tee Shirt, ribbons or similar.

As we will be catering for over 500 students and staff, we would be very appreciative of your help to cook and serve sausages. **If you are able to help from 10:30am until 1:30pm on this day, please leave your name and mobile number at the office.**

NFORMA CONNECT – Free App Available for Downloading Now

On Wednesday we sent home a note about nForma Connect app to be used in 2027. Please search "nForma Connect" in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store to download it to your phone and log in using the email that is linked with the school. If you are unsure of which email address is linked to the school, please contact the front office on 9363 1568.

MMA UPCOMING EXCURSION – Friday, 27th November

MMA will be attending an excursion to the Sun Theatre, Yarraville, to watch the Disney animated movie 'Hexed." Disney's Hexed, an animated adventure featuring magic, friendship, family and self-discovery.

Please refer to the excursion note sent home on Monday for the full details. Please complete and return the permission slip to school by Friday, 13th November. 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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CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS – PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD!

We are incredibly proud to congratulate **Allena Nguyen (SCL) and Rodas Mulatu (SCL)** on winning the **People's Choice Award at St. Fidelis Primary School!**

This wonderful achievement recognises the students' creativity, teamwork, dedication and hard work. Their enthusiasm and commitment to their project were evident throughout, and it is fantastic to see their efforts recognised and celebrated by others.

They are now preparing to represent Melbourne at the STEM MAD National competition which will be held in Sydney.



SUNSMART & SUNSCREEN

All children are encouraged to apply sunscreen before going outside at recess and lunch time or for sport lessons. Sunscreen is available for children in each classroom to support this (50+ Broad spectrum). You are also able to provide your own. If you don't wish your child to use the school provided sunscreen, please advise the class teacher.

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. Please ensure hats are clearly marked with the students name and class assist with their return should they be misplaced.

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.

MISSION MINI FETE – Next Friday, 6th November

Get ready for some fun and excitement at our Mission Mini Fete on Friday, November 6th! Our senior students have been busy designing and creating their very own games, ready for everyone to enjoy. **Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am in St. Paul's Church and the Fete will begin at 11.30am**. Please support our Senior Students as they raise money for the St Vincent de Paul Society and St Mary's House of Welcome.

SUNSHINE UNITED CRICKET CLUB UNDER 10S SUMMER SMASH SERIES – GIRLS ONLY

The Summer Smash Series is designed to give young girls the opportunity to experience cricket in a fun, welcoming and supportive environment. Whether they are completely new to cricket or have played before, we want to encourage more girls to get involved, build confidence, develop their skills and enjoy being part of a team.

Program highlights include:

- **Age group**: Under 10s girls
- **When**: Monday nights
- **Start date**: 16th November 2026
- **Duration**: 10 weeks — five weeks before Christmas and five weeks after Christmas
- **Teams**: Six girls per team
- **Format**: T12, with every player having the opportunity to bat and bowl

All experience levels welcome!

The program will recommence on 8 February following the Christmas break.

If any families are interested or would like further information, please contact Terry Nicholls directly on 0418 392 180.



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.