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## KEEPING OUR CONNECTIONS

**Friday 20 October 2023**

Dear Families & Friends of St. Paul's,

With Term 4 underway and the end of the year in sight, we have much to keep in mind & much to plan for before we finish the school year, on Monday December 18.

The children have returned to Term 4 with excitement & enthusiasm, and there has been a notable number of growth spurts over the holidays, from Prep right through to Year 6!

Term 4 is always an extremely busy term as we finalise the learning & teaching of the 2023 school year and begin the planning & preparation for the 2024 school year.

Please try, as best you can, to not take on too much at this busiest time of the year – easier said than done; and, remember to keep a check on the kids and how they 'are travelling', as there is the tendency for them to over-commit, get over-tired and become unwell.

Have a great Term 4 everyone, enjoy the term's new learnings and get ready for a 'Happy, Happy Christmas'!

Denis.  
Denis J. Daly  
Principal

# SUMMER UNIFORM

All children should be in their summer uniform by now, including a broad-brimmed, navy blue school hat. Term 4 is a 'No Hat; No Play' term; if a child does not have a hat they will be directed to play undercover, in the shade.)



## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

Term 4 Curriculum Newsletters were sent home last week. The newsletters detail the learning & teaching program at St. Paul's for Term 4. Familiarising yourself with the newsletter contents will give you information about your children's learning and allow you to ask them informed questions about what they are learning in class.



## SCHOOL CLOSURES

The school will be closed on the following dates:

- ☒ Friday November 3: Staff Professional Learning
- ☒ Monday November 6: Report Writing
- ☒ Tuesday November 7: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday



## FEES

A very big "THANK YOU" to those families who have finalised their fees for 2024. We still have \$250, 000 of unpaid fees to collect; so, if you have fees outstanding could you please make every effort to finalise your account as soon as possible.



## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The final School Advisory Council for 2023 will be held on the evening of Tuesday November 28, at 7.00 pm in the staffroom.

## WORLD TEACHERS DAY – AUSTRALIA

World Teachers Day is celebrated in Australia on Friday October 27. Be sure to say a big “THANK YOU” to all our staff next Friday; they are all educators in the work they do for the children of St. Paul’s.



## CAMPS: YEAR 4 & YEAR 5

The 2024 Year 5 camp will be held from Wednesday November 15 to Friday November 17, at Cave Hill Creek Camp in Beaufort; and, the Year 4 camp will be held from Wednesday November 22 to Friday November 24, at The Portsea Camp, in Portsea.

## PREP 2024 ORIENTATION

Orientation for our 2024 Preps will take place across five dates, as follows: Monday November 13; Monday November 20; Monday November 27; Monday December 4; and, Monday December 18 ('Step Up Day' for all students)







## TERM 4: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In Term 4 the students will work to develop an appreciation of and learn from our past. Our faith community has a story which stretches back thousands of years. As Australians, we can all draw on the stories of our families and cultural foundations, which form part of our lives today. By investigating the artefacts of our past, history helps us to see the things which have changed and the things which have stayed the same. These links help us connect with and prepare for the season of Advent, as we await the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas time, to enrich our own lives and the lives of those around us.



## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Our 2024 Christmas Carols & Picnic will be held on the evening of Friday December 8, from 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm.



## TERM 4: STUDENT WELLBEING

CyberSafety: over the next few weeks all year levels will participate in an online cyber safety session with Inform and Empower who are an organisation that have been working with our school over the last few years. It is essential that we engage in cyber safety education as this provides students with the knowledge and skills they need to stay safe in online environments. Why Cyber Safety: Education allows us to acknowledge the benefits and opportunities offered by the online world, while understanding the risks and avoiding potential harms. As parents and carers it is important that you also are informed on how you can best support your child with being cyber safe. The following website provides you with some useful information on what you can do to best support your children at home and also has webinars on the following dates 24 October, 15 November & 5 December for parents. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

# TERM 4: SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## Get Ready for an Explosive Sports Day!

Unfortunately, we had to postpone Monday's event but excitement continues to build, in preparation for one of the most anticipated events of the school year – the House Colours Sports Day! As we continue to gear up for a day filled with fun, camaraderie and sportsmanship, this year's event promises to be an absolute blast, thanks to our partners at Kaboom, who will be orchestrating a tabloid sports spectacular like no other!

Once we have decided on a new date we will let the community know.

## What's in Store?

This year, we're shaking things up by mixing students into multi-age groups, all wearing their house colours with pride. It's a fantastic opportunity for students from different grades to bond, support each other and showcase their teamwork skills. The day will be filled with a wide range of thrilling activities designed to challenge and entertain everyone. Here's a sneak peek at just some of the activities that await:

- Giant 4m Dart Board
- Fruit Frisbee
- Ping Pong World
- Balance Bonanza
- Soccer Ghoulies
- Rocket Zone
- Wacky Wheel
- Mini Golf
- And SO MUCH MORE!



## Join the Fun!

This House Colours Sports Day is not just about competition; it's about celebrating our school spirit and promoting a sense of unity among students. Don't forget to bring your enthusiasm, team spirit, and your loudest cheers! Let's make this Kaboom Sports Day the most memorable one yet!

Get ready for an explosion of fun!

**The Community Partnerships Team,  
Miss Rebeka, Miss Rinaldis & Miss Taylah.**

## END OF YEAR / TERM 4

School will finish for Term 4 and the year on Monday December 18, at 2.30 pm



# What's the Buzz at St Paul's

## **What a busy start to Term 4! The Inquiry focus for this term is History 'Past and Present'.**

The Year 1 and Year 2 went on an excursion during week 1 to Como House and Gardens in South Yarra. Como House is one of Melbourne's most glamorous stately homes, built in 1847. The students were engaged in a tour of the house, hands-on activities and played old fashioned games. It was a great excursion to learn about the history of the past.

I liked looking inside the house. I liked the old kitchen and bedroom. (Elijah 1AF)

We liked playing Who Broke The Doll? clue hunt around the Como House Gardens.

(Mia in 1RK, Ryan, Alyssa G, Alessia and Oliver in Year 2)

I liked going on the tour inside Como house. (Jayden in 2LT)

I liked when we learnt how to be servants, especially when we had to wash the clothes like they did in the olden days. (Athena in 2LT)

The Year 4 students went on an excursion during week 2 to Sovereign House in Ballarat. Sovereign Hill is a living museum presenting the story of Ballarat as a gold rush boomtown. Gold was discovered here in 1851, triggering the greatest gold rush the world has ever known. The students were engaged in hands-on activities and played old fashioned games. It was a great excursion to learn about the history of the gold rush.

My favourite part of the excursion was going down the mines and a voice telling us where to go in the mine and about life as a miner. We saw a projector show of a miner digging for gold and he found a gold nugget. This gold nugget is now in a museum. (Tiana in 4AM)

My favourite part of the excursion was panning for gold. I didn't find any gold but it was a lot of fun. (Anna in 4AM)

I went to Sovereign Hill last Friday. It was fun. My favourite parts were buying 2 lollies and going in the mine. (Philip in 4LP)

I loved going into the mine because it was scary and exciting at the same time! I would not have liked working in the mine for hours and hours. (Raymond T in 4LP)

# Dates 2023

## TERM 4: MONDAY OCTOBER 2 TO WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20

- Monday October 2: Term 4 starts
- Friday October 27: Mission Mass
- Friday November 3: School Closure - Staff Professional Learning
- Monday November 6: School Closure - Report Writing
- Tuesday November 7: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- Monday November 13: Prep 2024 - Orientation Session 1
- Wednesday November 15 - Friday November 17: Year 5 Camp - Cave Hill Creek
- Monday November 20: Prep 2024 - Orientation Session 2
- Wednesday November 22 - Friday November 24: Year 4 Camp - Portsea
- Monday November 27: Prep 2024 - Orientation Session 3
- Monday December 4: Prep 2024 - Orientation Session 4
- Friday December 8: Christmas Carols 5.00 - 8.00 pm
- Thursday December 14: Year 6 Graduation
- Friday December 15: End-of-Year Mass / Year 6 students finish/ Year 6 Farwell Guard of Honour
- Monday December 18: Step Up Day / Prep to Year 5 students finish (2.30 pm) / Office closes



# DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS



## MINI THUNDER

UNDER  
**8**'s

**U8's**



## DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Aussie Hoops is Basketball Australia and Victoria's National Development Program for kids aged 5-8. Mini Thunder is aimed as an entry-level into basketball participation, it's an opportunity to learn and develop new skills. The program is aimed at beginners playing basketball for the first time.

*Mini Thunder in Term 4 is a 8-week program with 1 x 45 minute session per week.*

The refined and modified version of the game is a great tool in helping support a pathway from Mini Thunder to a higher standard of U10's Junior Domestic competitions.

U8's competition is aimed at 5, 6 & 7 year olds with some minor rule constraints to increase enjoyment, opportunity and development of skills and understanding for all kids involved.

*U8's in Summer Season train weekly and play on a Friday afternoon*

Targeted at U10, 12 & 14 athletes wanting to advance and develop skills, athletes will taught concepts and the Keilor Thunder style of play throughout the program. The Development Squad offers Rep level training sessions with Rep & Senior Coaches. Aimed at current Junior Domestic and aspiring VJBL players.

*The Development Squad in Term 4 is a 7 week program 1 x 60 minute session per week*



For More Information and Registration - Scan The QR Code

**THUNDER UP.**