This week we pray for all grandparents as we remember the Feast Day of St. Anne and Joachim, the parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus, on Sunday 26th July.

**PRAYER**

**Lord Jesus,**  
Help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents.  
May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love.  
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.  
Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care,  
Accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage.  
Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them!  
They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society.

**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

Welcome Back to Semester 2!

I hope you had a wonderful time with your children over the mid year school break. We look forward to an exciting Semester 2 of learning, growth and friendship.

This term we welcome some staff members who have joined our team. With Mr Cristian Morales deciding not to continue as our sport coach in Semester 2, we have decided to appoint two new Physical Education Teachers. We are delighted to welcome Miss Alexsandra Vasiljevic who will work each Monday taking our junior grades, Prep - 2, for PE. We have appointed Mr Mark Ogden as our Physical Education Teacher for our senior grades (Gr 3 to 6) on Tuesdays. Mr Ogden also teaches at Emerald Secondary College three days each week. As a result of our new PE team, we have changed the days some classes have specialist lessons. We now have Gr 1/2 and Preps on alternative Mondays with Miss Vasiljevic. While on alternative Tuesdays, Gr 3/4 and 5/6 have Mr Ogden. Both teachers are very impressed with our children and look forward to raising the fitness and skill development of our students.

In the last days of Term 2, I was informed that Mrs Sue Dickinson would not be returning in Semester 2. We have been delighted with Mrs Dickinson’s contribution to our school and were very sad to hear this news. We wish her every success for the future and look forward to being able to farewell her sometime soon. Over the holidays we advertised and interviewed several candidates for the Grade 1/2 teaching position. We are absolutely delighted to announce the appointment of Miss Sophie Winter to our team. Miss Winter and Miss Vasiljevic are both graduate teachers who bring bucket loads of enthusiasm and new ideas to strengthen our pedagogy. We have been blessed with the high standard of our recent graduates who have joined us and added balance and new perspectives to those of us who have been teaching awhile. We are indeed fortunate to have the wonderful mix of experience that adds depth and richness to our team. I am sure you will make them feel very welcome.

Term 3 Goals

Our school is always working on School Improvement and some of our focus areas for this term are as follows:  
* Be proudly Catholic and inclusive and depth our Catholic school identity.  
* Kidsmatter – Building resilience and strengthening relationships. We are putting a spotlight on BOUNCE BACK!
ST PAUL’S DAY 2015

Term Two ended with prayer and celebration!!!!

St Paul’s Day was definitely a highlight of our term. We remembered our Patron Saint by inviting the South School to join us for a whole school Mass in the Passionist Learning Centre. Fr Tim, Fr Tony and Sr Bridget were all able to come along to pray with us. It was wonderful to see the children from both schools mingle during planned activities and outdoor playtime.

A huge THANKYOU to our fabulous PFA and parent volunteers who organised and prepared a special lunch for everyone. The weather was very kind to Endeavour Hills on this day despite a not so pleasant forecast. We were able to enjoy the Mater Christi Band performance in our Piazza. Such precious community spirit!

Mazenod College sent us flowers for our Feast Day!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

LEARNING AND TEACHING

Information and Communication News

St. Paul Apostle North is in the process of becoming an eSmart school. An eSmart school is a school where the smart, safe and responsible use of information and communications technology is a cultural norm. Students, teachers and the wider school community are equipped to embrace the best these technologies can offer, while being savvy about the pitfalls. The framework consists of six domains which represent a holistic approach that informs the way we work with, offer, teach and think about technology at St. Paul Apostle North.

Protecting our Children Online - Changes to Government Policy

As of July 1, Australian children who experience serious cyberbullying on a social media service are now able to seek support under the Federal Government’s newly established Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner. The website www.esafety.gov.au provides up-to-date information and resources as well as a complaints system to assist children who experience serious cyberbullying online.
CLASSROOM NEWS

Grade 1 / 2 News
Term 3 is well underway with lots of exciting new Investigation areas. Some of these include Dinosaurs, Super Heroes, Farming and Science.
During Maths, we have been exploring fractions and have created our own fraction museums! During Investigations, Anton reported that you could move the tables into half.

WELLBEING

Supporting children’s social and emotional development
Babies are born communicators and are capable of experiencing and expressing a wide range of emotions. Through their many positive interactions with caregivers, they learn to feel good about themselves and to enjoy relating with others. They also learn how to manage a range of feelings and to communicate effectively to get their needs met.
As babies grow into toddlers and later preschoolers, they can manage more things by themselves but still need guidance and support from their caregivers. Toddlers want to please adults and also be themselves. They do this by imitating others and build their self confidence by ‘helping’ during everyday experiences such as cooking, cleaning, and shopping. They also adapt their behaviour according to their caregivers’ responses and are learning ways to cope with conflict and to solve problems through their relationships with significant adults in their lives.
Preschoolers develop their social and emotional skills through a wide network of social relationships including other adults and children. Supported by their increased language, thinking and planning capabilities, preschoolers are more able to wait for things they want, to negotiate solutions to everyday problems and make decisions for themselves and with others.

Prayers for the Sick

Please keep Brendan Sutton in your prayers at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS

YOU'VE BEEN AWARDED A 2015 INTERFACE GO GREENER GRANT

Dear Christine
Congratulations, your Go Greener Grant application has been chosen to receive a $1000 grant from Interface.
The judging panel:
- Kate Harris - CEO Centre for Sustainable Leadership
- Katy Dean - Manager Advocacy Green Building Council of Australia
- John Richardson - VP of Marketing Interface Australia
- Shaneel Deo - VP of Sales Interface Australia

All judges were impressed with your application and thought that it met all aspects of the judging criteria.
We are planning to visit all 20 successful schools the week commencing 27th July to present cheques and discuss your planned project. Once again congratulations and I look forward to meeting with you in the next few weeks.

Regards
Brendan Hogan
Market Development Manager - Interface Australia
LIBRARY

Book Week 2015

Children’s Book Week is the longest running children’s library event in Australia. This year it celebrates its 70th Year. Every year the Children’s Book Council of Australia focuses on books published in Australia. The celebration of Book Week is devoted to spreading the word about children’s literature and inspiring children to embrace a love of reading. Every year Australian public libraries and schools dedicate a week to celebrating books.

We will celebrate Book Week in Week 6
We are having a Scholastic Book Fair in the MLC from 17-20th August.
Book Fair Times: Monday to Wednesday 8.45am - 4.00pm and Thursday 8.45am – 10.00 am
Please come along to see what we have to “Light up your World.”
On Tuesday 18th August we will celebrate the Reading Hour in the MLC.
Milo and Teddy Bear Biscuit 5.30-6.00. Reading Hour 6-7 pm

Children are invited to wear their pyjamas and dressing gown for the Reading Hour. Parents are required to stay with their children from 5.30-7pm.

On Wednesday 19th August all students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character! We will hold a parade in the MLC at 9.15am where the students can show off their costumes. It would be great if you could bring a copy of the book your character is in.

On Thursday 20th August we will have Pyjama morning. Children are encouraged to wear their P.J.’s and dressing gowns to school and will share a buddy activity. Please bring your school uniform and shoes to change into as it may be cold and wet.

On Wednesday 2/9/2015 we will have Marc McBride to visit us.

Illustrator
Marc McBride has illustrated over fifty book covers and countless magazines, as well as producing artwork for advertising campaigns. He is best known for his illustrations in the Deltora Quest series, written by Emily Rodda.

Some of the Picture Books that have been nominated for Book Week

We hope you are thinking about Book Characters and who you can dress up as !!!
If you have any questions please come and see us.
Karen Unwin and Christine Hawkins

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Parish News—Parenting Programme
We recognise that being a parent is a great privilege but also one of the most challenging roles you will ever have. The parish is planning a course which is designed to help parents deal with some of the challenges of being a parent. Simple strategies can help to make parenting a very fulfilling experience. The three week course will take place in September (2nd, 9th and 16th 9.30am –11.30am or 7-9pm) for parents of children aged 2-12. The course will be run by Gauri Sanjanwala. It will be supported by both schools and the Parish and we will hopefully have arrangements for those parents who will need to bring children along. At present we are looking for expressions of interest. Places will be limited and there will be a small charge. Please contact the Parish Office or Sr. Brigid if you are interested in participating. There are sign up flyers in the Gathering Space and Foyer. We are also hoping that we will be able to find someone who can help parents of teenagers.
The Parents and Friends Association is always happy to welcome new members and extends this invitation to all. This is a great way to meet other parents and make some great friendships while fundraising for resources for our school. The PFA meet every Friday in the Parent Room in the MLC building at 9am. Please come and join us for a coffee.

**School Banking:** Students don’t forget to hand in your bank books every Friday. There is a new competition for Term 3, please see attached Flyer.

**Cooking Class:** The PFA are holding a cooking class on Friday 14th August and making a delicious meal. Please stay tuned for further details.

**School Disco:** Don’t forget this Friday 24th July is the Children’s Disco in the Gym starting at 5:30pm. Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy a dance. We will be cooking yummy sausages on the night. Let’s get some Hollywood Glitz on the Red Carpet!!!

**Dinner Dance:** We are excited to announce our upcoming Dinner Dance on Saturday 22nd August 2015 starting at 7:00pm. A flyer for purchasing tickets is attached. Book your babysitter!!!

**Reading Hour:** The Reading Hour is on 18th August between 6pm - 7pm. The PFA will be serving Hot Chocolate and Teddy bear biscuits from 5:30pm to 6pm.

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**Our Lost Property box is full to the brim with unnamed hats, jumpers, lunchboxes and drink bottles.**

If you feel your child has lost an item please come on in and take a look. At the end of this term the items that have not been collected will be sent to the second hand uniform shop.

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**We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program again this year. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths up to Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for educational resources for our school. We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.**

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**TERMS 2015**

**Term 2:** 13th Apr-26th Jun  
**Term 3:** 13th Jul-18th Sep  
**Term 4:** 5th Oct-18th Dec

**SCHOOL SUPERVISION TIMES**  
**8.30am-3.40pm**  
Supervision before school commences at 8.30am. Children should not arrive at school before this time. Students need to be at school by 8.45am for a 8.50am start. School finishes at 3.20pm. Teachers are on duty until 3.40pm. Students need to be collected by 3.40pm. The school has an Out of School Hours Care Program to assist parents who work or cannot make it to the school by 3.40pm.

**SCHOOL GATES**  
Please note that, for the safety of your children, the school gates will be locked between **9.00am** and **3.10pm** every day. The gates will be opened around 2.40pm on a Friday for parents wishing to attend Assembly. The gates will be locked again from 3.40pm. Please ensure that you do not park at the back of the school after this time as you will be locked in.

**CANTEEN**  
The canteen operates every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please go to the school website for the current price list and ordering procedures.

**UNIFORM SHOP**  
The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday from 8.30am-10.00am in the Specialist Block. Uniforms can also be purchased directly from our suppliers, KLAD Sports (8 Macro Court, Rowville. 9763-0266). Good quality secondhand uniforms are also available. Please enquire at the school office.
ST. PAUL APOSTLE NORTH 30TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

Let’s Celebrate
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