Friday 5 August
- PFA
- 1/2 Assembly

Monday 8 August
- 3/4 Excursion

Thursday 11 August
- Mass 1/2B
- 5/6 Excursion

Friday 12 August
- PFA
- Graduates
- Prep Assembly

Saturday 13 August
- Working Bee 12pm-2pm

Monday 15 August
- Book Fair 8:50am-4pm
- Whole School Mass on the Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday 16 August
- Book Fair 8:50am-4pm
- 1/2 Assembly

Wednesday 17 August
- Book Fair 8:50am-4pm

Thursday 18 August
- Book Fair 8:50am-10am
- 5/6B Mass

Friday 19 August
- PFA
- 5/6 Assembly
- Family Trivia Night - 6pm

Tuesday 23 August
- Story time night 5.30pm to 7pm Milo and Teddy Bear Biscuit

Wednesday 24 August
- Book Parade – 9.15am
- Speaker – Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Sherry Balcombe 11.30 Grades 3-6

Thursday 25 August
- Mass 3/4R
- Pyjama Morning
- Jason Boulter Grade 3-6 12pm

Friday 26 August
- PFA
- 3/4 Assembly
- Wonderland Party 11.45am-1pm

Monday 29 August
- Jane Goodwin Author
- Juniors 9.30am
- Seniors 11.30am

Thursday 1 September
- Father’s day stall
- Mass 1/2C

Friday 2 September
- Father’s Day Breakfast and activity morning stall/raffle
- 1/2 Assembly

Parent Engagement and Student Achievement
There is a powerful association between student learning and parental engagement. While there are many variables and influencing factors, contemporary research evidence shows that parental engagement makes a significant difference to learning outcomes.

- Parental engagement occurs where parents are actively involved in supporting student learning. Some key ways are as follows:
  - Parents establish a positive learning environment at home.
  - Parent-students’ communication about school programs and student progress.
  - Parent participation and volunteering in school.
  - Parent and school communication about learning activities at home.
  - Parent engagement in school decision making.

- Parent access to community resources that increase students’ learning opportunities.

At St Paul Apostle North we want to do better in this area. We sincerely believe that working in partnership is one way we can improve the learning of our students. We have tried many strategies and some have been more successful than others.

We are determined to continue to embrace ways we can support parent engagement in student learning.

Over the past two weeks we have received positive feedback for some of the following strategies to engage parents in learning:

- In senior grades we are using Class Dojo. Teachers have shared a photo and a comment about a classroom learning activity nearly every day. Parents receive these updates during the day and can use them as a springboard to generate a learning discussion with their child after school.
It provides a glimpse into the learning encountered that day. This has extended and Grade 3/4 are also using Class Dojo. It has been really affirming to have parents respond to posts and give teachers encouraging feedback.

- Teachers have made a call home to share a positive story. I hope you are finding receiving a good news call a highlight. We want to be proactive and reinforce positive learning choices and actions.
- We have shared YouTube clips of learning and student work.
- We have sent home notifications on our school app. Do you receive these?
- We use Care Monkey to share excursion news. Have you chatted to your Gr 3/4 or 5/6 students about their excursion and what they expect to learn?
- Preps have invited parents to help celebrate 100 days at school and shared their learning. We were delighted to see so many parents attend.
- Grade 1/2 have sent home positive cards with their children to prompt a chat with parents about positive learning that has happened at school.
- We have invited parents and children to attend a Multicultural Family Fun Night so we can share our story and food. A great opportunity for families to build a connection with one another and staff. A strong network and great relationships are essential for a positive partnership.
- Teachers are meeting with parents after school to share learning progress.
- We have had children participate in clinics and have shared learning and growth with parents. e.g. Peaceful Kids, clinics to develop inferential thinking.
- Communication Boards with learning goals are displayed in each room.
- Teachers have sent emails and text messages to parents highlighting something their child has done.
- Preps take turns to take home the Maths Treasure Chest. The chest contains maths games to play with your child. These games help your child practise maths skills in a fun way.
- Parents have helped with investigations and class activities.
- PFA have helped with school banking and planning the food for our Multicultural Night.
- Grandparents have helped in the canteen.
- Parents have volunteered to help make costumes for our concert.
- We have interviewed parents of children starting school in 2017.

These are some of many strategies our teachers are working on to promote partnership and parent engagement in learning. Let us know what you think. It is important that you do take the time to give the teacher/school your feedback. I am very proud of the way our staff have embraced our goal to build links and engage in these extra curricular activities to improve learning. If you have other ideas we can try we are keen to hear your thoughts. Please do engage with us, so we can make our school partnership stronger and continue to improve our learning community.

School App
Did you know we have a school app to support communication? We regularly broadcast notifications on our app.

The St Paul Apostle North - Endeavour Hills App keeps students, families and the broader school community connected and up to date with the latest information from St Paul Apostle North School.

App features include:
- News panel with a latest news feed direct from the school website
- Notifications system allowing you to subscribe to alerts and reminders from the school
- Events calendar providing a listing of upcoming events
- Documents library which contains newsletters, forms and policies
- Gallery which showcases school life through images and video
- Contact information and website link

The St Paul Apostle North School App is brought to you through the Victorian Catholic Schools Website Service (VCSWS) and powered by Fraynework.

Stay in touch with us by downloading the app to your smartphone. Here is how.

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Click to download our School App for Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.fraynework.vcsws.spanhills

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION


Jesus said to his disciples: “Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have the servants recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”
LEARNING AND TEACHING

Numeracy News
This Term the junior grades are sending Numeracy home in a box. Many children in the junior grades have been bringing the “Math’s Treasure Chest” home.

It is intended that the whole family spend time exploring and using the items in the Treasure Chest when your child brings it home. Inside the chest there are all sorts of treasures for the family to explore. While playing the games, you are able to observe the mathematics children are learning about and explaining as they play the games.

The Treasure Chests contain Task Cards and Discussion Cards that will give ideas about ways to encourage your child to use the Treasure Chest to count, locate, measure, design, play, explain and use mathematics.

Physical Education News

District Athletics: The District Athletics will be held at Knox Athletics Track on Monday, 22nd August. Team trials will continue over the next couple of weeks. Children born in 2006 or earlier are able to compete at the carnival. Please note that the District has set limited numbers of athletes that we can nominate. Children who have been selected will receive a note regarding the carnival by 17th August at the latest. A bus has been organised to transport the children to the event. Please see me if you have any queries.

Rio Olympics: Children will be discussing the Olympics in Physical Education and are encouraged to watch, research or read about this event as it unfolds from 6th August. They will also be partaking in a Mini Olympics in their PE lessons.

PMP: PMP has started up again for this Semester for Prep and Year 1/2 students. Thank you to all the parents who are able to come along and help. Kathy Morgan

CLASSROOM NEWS

Grade 1/2 News
In Grade 1/2, we have been re-introducing the THRASS charts to the students. Some of the students have been familiarising themselves with the chart through different ways. As a buddy activity, some students created a story using words from the THRASS chart while other students linked their initial letter sounds in their name to the chart.

In Investigations, students have been exploring items used in the past and in the present and making comparisons.

During Maths, students have been learning to recognise the value of each coin and their unique features. Some students have been working on activities to deepen their understanding of equivalence when using money.

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK 2016
Australia! Story Country 20-26th August 2016
Each year, across Australia, The Children’s Book Council Australia brings children and books together to celebrate Children’s Book Week. During this time, Schools, Libraries, Booksellers, Authors, Illustrators and children celebrate Australian Children’s Literature.

Please start thinking of a costume for our Book parade!!!!

As part of our book week celebrations:
On Tuesday 27 July 2016 Children’s author Nick Falk and illustrator Tony Flowers visited our children and talked about reading and writing, ninjas and Shakespeare. They were very entertaining and the children enjoyed them immensely.

15 August—24 August We are having a Book Fair in the MLC library.
Monday - Wednesday 8.50am - 4.00pm
Thursday 8.50am - 10.00am

23 August Story time Evening. Milo at 5.30pm
Story time from 6.00pm-7.00pm

24 August Book Parade at 9.15am in the MLC
Sherry Balcombe Speaker from the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry to speak to our Grades 3-6. Parents are welcome to join us in the PLC at 11.30am.

25 August Pyjama Morning
Author Jason Boulter to speak to our Grades 3-6
Grade 3/4 - 12.00pm Grade 5/6 - 12.45pm
Parents are welcome to join us in the PLC.
On Monday 29th August 2016  Author Jane Godwin will be coming to our school.

Jane Godwin is an Australian children’s book publisher, and also the highly acclaimed author of over twenty books for children. Jane’s most recent novel is Falling From Grace, and her most recent children’s picture book is Hattie Helps Out, co-written with Davina Bell and illustrated by Freya Blackwood.1 Some picture books Jane has co written are – Little Cat and the Big Red Bus, All Through the Year, Today we have no Plans,

Starting School and What Do You Wish For?

Parents are welcome to borrow at any time during the day or before / after school with their children. We have lots of new and exciting books for you to borrow. Please help your child search for any library books at home.

If you are able to help in our library even for 10 minutes or take books home to cover please come and see me.

Karen Unwin, Librarian

STAFF NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS Elsa!!!

Elsa (O’Regan) and Padraig Dudley are delighted to announce the arrival of their beautiful baby boy, Sonny Den Dudley. He was born on Wednesday 27 July at 6:30pm and weighed 7lb 12 oz. Mum and baby are both doing well.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Welcome to OSHC!

St Paul Apostle North Primary School OSHC

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If you have any questions about the program please feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in After School hand.

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To find out more about our program, view fees and to registerwww.Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.u

Laura Cook – Camp Australia Coordinator OSHC Number: 0402360219

School Working Bee

Date: Saturday 13 August 2016

Time: 12pm to 2 pm
ENROL TODAY
Every Thursday from 21st July - 22nd September
4.15 - 5pm 5 – 7 years old
Just $12 per session

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WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK
NEEDED IF YOU WORK AS A VOLUNTEER AT ST PAUL APOSTLE NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Working with Children (WWC) Check is required if you work as a volunteer at St Paul Apostle North Primary School.

The WWC Check creates a mandatory minimum checking standard across Victoria. The WWC Check helps to keep children safe, by preventing those who pose a risk to the safety of children from working with them, in either paid or volunteer work.

To apply for Working with Children Check please apply online at the following website

What you will need to fill in the online application form
To complete the form you must have:
• an email address, so we can contact you about your application
• the address of every place you have lived in the last 5 years in Australia
• the name, postal address and phone number in Australia for each organisation you will be doing paid or volunteer child-related work for

• a printer that will print a legible copy of the Application summary.

After filling in the online form, finalise your application at a participating Australia Post retail outlet, by presenting your Application summary, proof of identity documents and a passport quality photo.

If you pass the Check, you will receive a card which allows you to do child-related work for five years. The department will continue to monitor your criminal records and professional conduct. Show your card to every organisation that engages you in child-related work.

If you are a volunteer at our school and have a WWC Card, could you please bring a copy into the school office at your earliest convenience.

St. Paul Apostle North Primary School
Safeguarding Children and Young People
Code of Conduct

St Paul Apostle North Primary school is committed to Catholic Education in a welcoming, supportive and engaging learning environment.

We are committed to the personal learning journey and growth of our students.

We aspire to develop happy, active, successful life-long learners and creative, innovative thinkers who contribute positively to their community.

Purpose: This Code of Conduct has a specific focus on safeguarding children and young people at St Paul Apostle North Primary School against sexual, physical, psychological and emotional abuse or neglect. It is intended to complement child protection legislation, school policies / procedures and professional standards, codes or ethics as these apply to staff and personnel.

All staff, volunteers, contractors, clergy and board/school council members at St Paul Apostle North Primary School are expected to actively contribute to a school culture that respects the dignity of its members and affirms the Gospel values of love, care for others, compassion and justice. They are required to observe child-safe principles and expectations for appropriate behaviour towards and in the company of children.

If you work as a volunteer at St Paul Apostle North Primary School, you will need to sign the Code of Conduct which is available at the School Office.

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Family trivia night
Cambodia Fundraiser
Friday 19th August 6pm

Tickets are $5 per person
There will be a sausage sizzle and soft drink for sale from 6pm with trivia starting at 6.30pm.

A silent auction will be held to assist in raising money.

All proceeds will be used for the education and health care of vulnerable communities in Cambodia.

Miss Lucas and some of her friends will be going on a self funded trip to Cambodia in the September school holidays. Here they will be working with vulnerable women and children, providing them with nutritious food, basic hygiene and educational programs.

In Cambodia, young children are extremely vulnerable to human trafficking due to the high levels of poverty and lack of education. Miss Lucas, with her team, will be working with New Life Fellowship Cambodia to run children’s programs in remote villages and in the slums of Phnom Penh. They will also be working with Women of Hope to educate young women of their worth, run character building sessions and provide bible classes.

They are raising money to provide food and hygiene essentials for children in the villages and slums and to sponsor young women to go to high school and university. Education is a key protective factor in ensuring young women are able to work and prevent them from experiencing a life of slavery.

TRIVIA NIGHT TICKET ORDER FORM

Team Name_________________________________________________________________________
Family surname/s __________________________________________________________________ 
Number of tickets required ____________________________________________________________
Money enclosed ___________________________________________ (please provide correct change)

Return form by 5th of August to secure your table

SPAN PRODUCTION 2016  WE WANT TO BE HAPPY
Friday 9 September 2016 at 7 pm at the Drum Theatre, Dandenong

St. Paul Apostle North School whole school concert ‘WE WANT TO BE HAPPY!’ WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 9th September 2016. The students will be rehearsing during school hours on that day and the performance will take place the same evening at 7.00pm.

The production, which features a performance by our Choir and a Junior Play, followed by a Senior Play, will be professionally filmed in its entirety.

Every student from Grade Prep to 6 will be performing on stage during the evening performance. It is an expectation that all students are involved in this school concert. If, for any reasons, your child is unavailable, please do inform your child’s class teacher in writing as soon as possible.

If any parents would like to assist with make props or costume pieces and / or transporting props, please do let us know by filling in the slip below and returning it to school as soon as possible.

Name of Student ____________________________ Grade ___________ Parent’s Name___________________________ __ 
Preferred Contact Number & email address __________________________________________________________________

I would be happy to help with (please tick):  ☐ stitching costumes ☐ making costumes
☐ Making props ☐ painting props ☐ transporting props to and from Drum Theatre on 9 September 2016