**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Tuesday 11th August**
- Confirmation Family Night 1 at 7 pm

**Wednesday 12th August**
- PSG Meetings

**Thursday 13th August**
- Grade 5/6O Mass 9 am
- Grade Prep E Priest Visit

**Friday 14th August**
- PFA Meeting 9 am
- Assembly Gr. 5/6N 2.30 pm

**Saturday 15th August**
- Confirmation Presentation at Mass

**Sunday 16th August**
- Confirmation Presentation at Mass

**BOOK FAIR - MLC LIBRARY**
- 17, 18, 19 August 8.45am to 4 pm
- 20 August 8.45 am to 10 am

**Monday 17th August**
- Book Fair 8.45am - 4 pm

**Tuesday 18th August**
- Story Time 5.30pm-6 pm
- Reading Hour 6pm-7pm

**Wednesday 19th August**
- Book Parade 9.15 am MLC
- District Athletics

**Thursday 20th August**
- PJ’s & Buddies
- PSG Meetings

**Friday 21st August**
- Buddy Activity

**Saturday 22nd August**
- Dinner Dance 7 pm to 12 am

**Tuesday 25th August**
- Confirmation Family Night 2 at 7pm

**Thursday 27th August**
- Grade Prep D Priest Visit

**Friday 28th August**
- PFA Meeting 9 am
- Wonderland Party 11.45am-1pm
- Assembly 1/2F 2.30pm

**Saturday 29th August**
- Confirmation Presentation at Mass
- Working Bee 1pm-3pm

**Sunday 30th August**
- Confirmation Presentation

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**PRAYER**

On Saturday, 8th August, we celebrated the Feast Day of St. Mary of the Cross.

Mary was an ordinary Victorian farm girl who devoted her life to the service of God and did great things for Australian and New Zealand families. She was declared Australia’s first Saint on the 17th of October 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI.

*Loving God, We give you thanks for the life and goodness of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. You placed within her heart the desire to promote the love of Jesus in the lives of little children through education. Her loving and compassionate heart led her to a life of service to the poor, and to the neglected men, women and children of society.*

Inspired by her example, may we follow in her footsteps with a joyful heart and live by her motto: “Never see a need without doing something about it.”

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**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

**Walking the Camino**

In September this year, in the last two weeks of this term, I will be joining a group of principals from the South Eastern Network to walk the last 100km of the Camino in Spain. The Camino means “The way.” Catholics once referred to the way as Christ’s way. The way we follow as we walk in Jesus’ footsteps in the journey of our life. In history, there are several “ways” to holy sites and places. The Camino for our group starts at Sarria and will end at Santiago, at the Cathedral de Santiago de Compostela - the alleged burial site of the Apostle St. James.

Each day we will walk between 10 – 21km. This pilgrimage will provide an opportunity for prayer and reflection. There are some holy and very special places on Earth where people have prayed or have walked to. These places are sacred and have ways of grounding us. They connect us to our past and help to illuminate our path forward. I have had the privilege of being to such places before that have helped shape my vision as a Catholic leader and principal. It was very powerful standing at the tomb of St Peter in Rome and looking at the dome of the basilica. The words, “You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church” took on a much deeper meaning. It was also incredibly special to place my hand on the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and pray; a place so special and so sacred to Muslims, Jews and Christians. When I was first appointed Principal at St Columba’s Elwood, prior to my appointment at St Paul Apostle North, I went to Iona in Scotland.

Iona is the place where St Columba had his ministry and where the hand written illuminated Bible – The Book of Kells, was supposedly written among other great writings. I was also fortunate to see the Book of Kells in Dublin Ireland.

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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.
The Jesuits see pilgrimage as a time when you travel and return to basics to get in touch with who you are and work out what you are being called to become. This rings deep in my heart as a reason for taking on the pilgrimages I have been on in the past and the Camino I am about to commence. A big part of this pilgrimage is that it is a journey with others. The Camino will be an opportunity to understand myself and build relationships. A Camino is not a solitary journey. We need each other in order to succeed. I hope, as before, this opportunity will help depth my understanding of my calling as a leader in Catholic Education. I would like to share this journey with you, the community of St Paul Apostle North. Many of you will have secret longings, special intentions, problems that you would like sorted and difficulties that you would like to see fixed. Perhaps you just want to acknowledge your own blessings. Not all of you can take time out of your life and responsibilities to pray for those things that worry you and concern you or the things you want to give thanks for. Let me do it for you.

I invite you to email me your name, mark in the subject space ‘For the Pilgrimage’ and I will take your prayers with me and pray for you as I walk. You don’t need to tell me what your special intention is or what worries you. I will carry your problem, special intention or concern along the journey and pray for you as I go. Perhaps that way I can help you in your longings and your wants and needs.

My email address is principal@spanhills.catholic.edu.au

If you want to explain something, that’s OK, but you do not need to. All the time that I am walking along the Way, you and your intentions will be held in my heart and as I meditate, listen and talk to God, I will ask for God’s blessing on you and yours.

A couple of weeks ago I attended a Professional development session with Parish Priests and principals across the Melbourne Archdiocese. We went to hear about the research findings of the Catholic Identity Project. It was pleasing to hear that, in Australia, we are in an enviable position with a very strong Catholic Identity with our students, parents and staff. It has been an area of great focus for our Archdiocese and our school. It is vital that we do not take our Catholic Identity for granted. As a school, we have been working on strengthening our programs and practices in Religious Education. We have been linking faith and life to depth thinking and provide a meaningful understanding of what it means to be Catholic. We know that Catholic Identity is a verb and we know we want to see active not passive responses to our call to walk in Jesus’ footsteps in our daily life. I look forward to continuing to work with you to enhance the Catholic Identity of our community. Together we can ensure that St Paul Apostle North is an exceptional Catholic School that provides the very BEST learning opportunities for our students.

**Camps Sports & Excursion Funds (CSEF)**

The Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camp and sporting activities. The amount is $125 per student in primary school.

If you are eligible for CSEF please complete the CSEF application form or pick one up from the school office, and return it together with a copy of your Health Care Card by 26th August, 2015. Schools have until the end of this term to lodge an application. However, please apply NOW to avoid missing out. The application form and further details can be downloaded from our school website (enrolment information)

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**LEARNING AND TEACHING**

Want to find out more about what your child is learning at school in each subject at each year level?

Need practical tips about what you can do at home to help support your child’s education?

SchoolMate is an essential App for parents of school-aged children in Victoria, Australia.

Produced by Victoria’s Department of Education and Training, SchoolMate will provide parents with a roadmap to help aid their child’s learning at home and at school.

*Elsa O’Regan – Learning and Teaching Leader*

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**CLASSROOM NEWS**

This term, Grade 3/4s went to the Endeavour Hills Library. We got to go inside their offices. Sam Frost, from the Melbourne Demons Football Club, talked to us. We read some of our book reviews and short stories which we had written in our writing books. We were introduced to their Read Like a Demon website. On that website, we can enter our book reviews and stories. In that competition, whoever wins gets their story or book review published. If you have time, please go on this website to read some of our stories or book reviews. We hope you like them!

The website link is: [http://deezone.com.au](http://deezone.com.au)  By: Hannah and Dalena

A big congratulations goes to Hannah who wrote such a great book review on Matilda by Roald Dahl and has won the July Reviewer of the Month for Dee Zone.
On Monday 27th July, the Foundation children celebrated 100 days of Prep.

Our day started off with lots of counting songs. One of our favourites was "This old man". We were very excited when Mrs White came in to read us a story called "Wilfred Gordon McDonald Patridge". Mrs White helped us make pictures of ourselves looking like 100 year olds. We had wrinkly faces, grey hair and some of us had walking sticks.

Our next activity was making glasses using the number 100. They were colourful and had stars on them. When we finished our glasses we had a surprise cake which we cut in the staffroom with Mrs Dorio, Ms Rechichi and Mrs White. The cake was so yummy we asked for seconds.

Our last activity for the day was making 100 paper chains to hang in our classroom. We are so clever at counting to 100!!! What a fun day we had!!!

Prep E & Prep D 2015

WELLBEING

Bounce Back is Back

The Bounce Back resilience program is being delivered in all classes across the school every Wednesday afternoon as our Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) component of Kidsmatter.

Bad feelings always go away again.

Other people can make you feel better if you talk to them.

Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset.

Nobody is perfect. Mistakes help you learn.

Concentrate on the good things and have a laugh.

Everybody feels sad and worried sometimes.

In the Middle and Senior school, the acronym is a little more detailed.

Bad things don’t last. Things always get better. Stay optimistic.

Other people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check.

Unhealthy thinking makes you feel more upset.

Nobody is perfect – not you, not others.

Concentrate on the positives (no matter how small) and use laughter.

Everybody experiences sadness, hurt, failure, rejection and setbacks sometimes. They are a normal part of life. Try not to personalise them.

Blame fairly. How much of what happened was because of you, how much was because of others and how much was because of bad luck or circumstances.

Accept the things you can’t change, but try to change what you can first.

Catastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don’t believe the worst possible picture.

Keep things in perspective. It’s only part of your life.

LIBRARY

Book Week 2015

We will celebrate Book Week in Week 6

17-20th August. Monday to Wednesday 8.45-4.00 and Thursday 8.45 – 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 favorite 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 appears in.

On Thursday 20th August, we will have Pyjama morning.

Children are encouraged to wear their P.J.’s and dressing gown 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.

Story Dogs Needed!

Our school would love to have this unique reading support program helping our students to become life-long readers.

The teachers love this program, the students can’t wait to read and the program works!

Do you have a dog that is well behaved, gentle and is happy around children?

Can you spare a couple of hours a week?

Call or email the Story Dogs so you can start helping children to become better readers. info@storydogs.org.au

Phone: 0411 536 355 / Web Site: www.storydogs.org.au

Karen Unwin (Librarian) and Christine Hawkins

Christine Hawkins (Literacy Co ordinator)
COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

St. Paul’s Netball Team!

Last Saturday on the 1st of August 2015, members of the St. Paul’s Netball Team participated in the Grand Final. The team we competed against was Hallam Seals and it was a very competitive game, but with the luck of our new netball dresses, we brought home the trophy by winning the game 20-15. The members from our team are Tiana, Carly, Isabelle, Tara, Jess, Kaitlyn, Annaliise, Ayangee and Lucy. We all play for the under 13’s and cooperate very well as a team. We had such a big crowd all there to support us, from our families to friends, which we are very thankful for! If you would like to join we are always looking for new players, so come along and start playing! We have an under 11s, 13’s, 15’s and 17’s team with both boys and girls. Our training days are on Tuesday’s and Wednesday’s so if you are interested, come and see for yourself if you want to join!

By Carly and Tiana

Four Oaks Ward Forum

Councillors Rafal Kaplon and Rosalie Crestani invite Four Oaks Ward residents to a community crime prevention forum.

An initiative of Council and Victoria Police, the forum will be hosted by your local Councillors and Local Area Police Commander Inspector Paul Breen to discuss topics such as crime, family violence, illicit drugs and hoon driving.

Learn how Victoria Police are responding to community safety matters and have your say on safety issues in your neighbourhood.

Date: Wednesday 26 August 2015  Time: 7pm – 9pm
Venue: Hall at Southern Cross Primary School 1-21 David Collins Drive Endeavour Hills Vic 3802
Enquiries: Cr Kaplon on 0401 814 306 and Cr Crestani on 0429 004 301

There will also be an opportunity to speak one-on-one with Councillors about other Council matters.

Four Oaks Ward Councillors represent the suburbs of Lysterfield South, Endeavour Hills, Narre Warren North, Narre Warren

Privacy – Information For Parents

Each year you provide the school with information about your child. This includes personal and sensitive information about your family and your child’s health. This is to reassure you about the type of information the school can request and that anything you do provide is treated with confidentiality.

- The Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) regulates the handling of personal information. There are 13 Australian Privacy Principles designed to protect your privacy. This legislation applies to schools and other businesses and services where you provide your details.
- Your school will only request information about your child and family relevant to providing an education for your child and to satisfy the school’s duty of care.
- Personal and sensitive information will not be disclosed to a third party without your consent, except if this is related to the school’s educational or duty-of-care responsibilities, such as an emergency, E.g. If your child is injured at school and requires medical attention.
- The school may engage a third party to provide resources to support the educational programs and/or systems used at the school, such as ICON or Google Apps.
- Each year you will be asked to update the information provided as the school has a duty to ensure the information it has is up-to-date and accurate.
- Personal and sensitive information is stored securely and access to it is restricted.

If you have any questions or concerns about how personal and sensitive information is treated at your school, you are encouraged to contact your school privacy officer or principal.
This year Project Compassion focused on ways to empower communities establish sustainable food sources and develop income streams for life.

A special note of thanks to everyone at St Paul Apostle North for helping raise $285.85 towards this amazing cause. These are some of the ways that our efforts can help:

$210 could provide poultry manure for 120 acres, so that farmers can fertilise their crops in FIJI

$100 could provide a group of 15 female farmers with vegetable seeds, so they can grow sustainable food in NEPAL

$75 could provide ingredients, so that eight mums can learn how to cook a healthy family meal in AUSTRALIA

$5 could provide a tray of seedlings, so a farmer can diversify the crops they grow on their farm in FIJI

Uniform Price Change effective 1st September 2015

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CONFIDENT PARENTS RESILIENT CHILDREN - BOOK NOW - PLACES LIMITED

Our program is now supported with the grant from Casey Council so it will be just a small contribution of $5 to cover costs that the grant can’t be used for. This program is designed to help parents deal with some of the challenges of being a parent but you do not need to be having problems to attend!! Simple strategies can help to make parenting a very fulfilling experience. The three session 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. Please contact Sister Brigid Phone 97003781 or the office on 97006068 if you are interested in participating. PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS WE NEED TO CONFIRM WITH THE FACILITATOR!! (Booking form attached)

PFA

PFA Welcomes ALL Parents Friday 9am in the Parents Room

What we have been up to:

School Banking: We have had a few queries regarding tokens missing or not returned. Tokens are there to help reward kids saving efforts. Every time a deposit is made (regardless of the amount) a Dollarmites token will be received. Once 10 tokens are collected, they can be redeemed for a reward. Should your child be missing a token it is important to note that the CBA Internet School Banking System we use to process deposits, has an active count of every child’s deposit and prompts us to hand out a Reward Claiming token and Certificate regardless of the amount of tokens in your child’s book.

Please note: It’s never too late to join School Banking. Just ask us how.

School Disco: What a great success our Hollywood School Disco was! So good to see everyone get right into it and have a great time. Thank you to Neshe’s brother and dad for that fantastic limousine and props! We are lucky to have so many gifted and generous families amongst us.

We made a Profit of $416 on the night. Thank you to all who participated and helped at this event.

Dinner Dance: We are so happy with how our Dinner Dance is coming along. This is the first time our school is running such an event and we are super pumped to make it a success. On Friday 31st July we sent home order forms and we are really hoping you book your seats superfast. Please contact Lina 0409 038 186 or Neshe 0400 378 722 if you have any queries.

Cooking Class: Our 1st Cooking class will be on 14th August at 11.00am in the Parents Room. Karen will be cooking Rendang Chicken, a fragrant coconut Malay Curry. Book yourself in by dropping us a line on spanpfa@gmail.com.

Once again, please feel free to come in anytime. We are always there on a Friday and would love for you to join us. Also, if you have any queries or suggestions and you are not able to pop in, please drop us a line on spanpfa@gmail.com. We are always happy to hear from anyone and will respond to any query.

SPAN 30TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE 22 AUGUST 2015

Join us celebrate St Paul Apostle North’s 30th Anniversary
on 22nd August 2015 from 7pm to 12 am

Venue: St Paul Apostle’s Church Hall, 9 William Hovell Drive Endeavour Hills
(follow down driveway next to church)

Time 7pm to 12 am Cost: $50 per head

Come and enjoy an International Buffet Dinner and have a dance to live music featuring Empire Ants

Dinner Dance Order Form

Name of Parents: ________________________________ Child’s Class: ____________

Number of Tickets: ____________________________ Money Enclosed: ____________________________

Contact number or name for tickets: __________________________________________________________

Payments can be made by cash or cheque. Please make cheque payable to St. Paul Apostle North Primary School

For further queries please contact Lina 0409 038 186 or Neshe 0400 378 722 or email spanpfa@gmail.com
CONFIDENT PARENTS RESILIENT CHILDREN

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years

PARENT COURSE
SEPTEMBER 2ND, 9TH AND 16TH 9.30AM-11.30AM
or
SEPTEMBER 2ND, 9TH AND 16TH 7-9PM

COST: $5 FOR 3 SESSIONS

Please register your interest by completing the form below and returning it to the school office by Friday 14/8

NAME:............................................................................................................................................

ADDRESS:........................................................................................................................................
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LANDLINE /MOBILE:..........................................................................................................................

SCHOOL:................................................................................................................................................

Ages of your children:  a.   b.   c.   d.

9.30-11.30AM   □           7-9PM   □

If you would like to discuss this course further please contact Sr Brigid at the Parish Office 97003781
Let's Celebrate

St Paul Apostle North

30th Anniversary

22 August 2015
From 7pm to 12am

International Buffet Dinner

$50 Per Adult

Dress Code: Smart After 5

BYO Alcohol & Drinks

Raffle Drawn on the Night

RSVP by 13/08/15 with payment to SPAN PFA
(Why not book a table of 12??)

For queries please contact Lina 0409 038 186
or Neshe 0400 378 722 | spanpfa@gmail.com