IMPORTANT DATES

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

Monday 22 August
Concert tickets go on sale

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

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

Thursday 25 August
- Priest Visit 5/6M
- Pyjama Morning
- Jason Boulter Grade 3-6 12pm
- Seasons Program 2

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

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

Tuesday 30 August
- Confirmation Family Night 2 at 7pm

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

Sunday 4 September
- Father’s Day

Tuesday 6 September
- NSAB meeting 5pm

Thursday 8 September
- Mass 5/6M
- Prep Assembly
- Seasons Program 4

Friday 9 September
- School Concert Drum Theatre 7pm

Tuesday 13 September
- Confirmation Family Night 3 at 7pm

Thursday 15 September
- Mass 3/4S
- Priest Visit 5/6O

Friday 16 September
- PFA
- Footy Day
- Maths Assembly

END OF TERM 3

PRAYER

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

On Monday 15th August we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of Mary with a whole school Mass. It is regarded as one of the most significant feast days in the Church Year. At this time we also remember the contribution that our mothers make in our lives each and every day.

We remembered that Mary was taken up to heaven, body and soul, to be with God. Mary was very special, she was chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. During her life, Mary did a lot of good work lovingly and helped many people.

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with Thee, Blessed art Thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Some of our Extra-Curricular Activities at SPAN

St Paul Apostle NORTH provides a number of extra-curricular activities where our students also participate in local community activities. The start of Term 3 has provided a number of wonderful experiences to broaden children’s learning and provide opportunities for not only academic growth, but also spiritual, physical, emotional and social wellbeing and development.

School Choir

The choir is open to students in Grades 3-6. Our St Paul Apostle North School Choir is getting ready to perform at our school concert at the DRUM Theatre.
**Variety Concert:** This term we look forward to the 2016 school concert which is to be held at the Drum Theatre, Dandenong, on 5th September. This extra-curricular activity gives children an opportunity to perform on stage in a very professional setting. The concert is a biennial event in which every class participates combining singing, acting, dancing and performance techniques. I hope you are ready to purchase your tickets for this BIG night. Tickets are $25 each and available from the Drum Theatre.

**Book Week:** Mrs Unwin has organised a variety of activities to celebrate reading and books. We have already had guest authors visit us and are enjoying our Book Fair this week. We are participating in the ‘Read like a Demon’ program. Each August, we enjoy a variety of activities that promote the joy of reading. Next week is Book Week and this year’s theme is Australia- Our Story. Teachers will share a favourite book over the loud speaker while children eat their lunch. The Reading Hour is on Tuesday, starting at 5:30pm. Come and enjoy a story and a warm cup of Milo. Our annual Book Parade will be held on Wednesday and Pyjama Morning is on Thursday. I wonder what Mrs Unwin and Miss Winter will dress up as this year??

**District Sport:** Our Grade 6 classes participate in a variety of sports against our neighbouring primary schools in Endeavour Hills each Friday during Terms 2 and 3. Sometimes the sports are played at our school and at other times we travel by bus to other schools.

**Seasons:** Children experiencing loss or grief through death or separation are supported through participation in the Seasons program. This term, Sister Bridget will be running the Seasons program at our school. There will be a senior and a junior Seasons group held over ten sessions.

Please contact Mrs Fallace if you would like more details about this program.

**St Paul’s Day Mass and Celebrations:** Children gathered for Mass in the Church at the end of last term to celebrate the Feast of St Peter and Paul with the South school. This was followed by a wonderful performance by a magician, that had us all captivated!

**Disco:** A Disco is held in the school gym each October. The Halloween Disco is a FUN event as we get dressed up and enjoy a great night together.

**Buddy Day:** We had a great Buddy Day in Term 2. Our school’s participation in the Better Buddies Program aims to improve relationships and help provide children with the strategies to stand up and not be a bystander while making a difference and stamping out bullying.

**Mother’s Day:** Our annual Mother’s Day Breakfast and activity morning has become a great tradition and is very popular. We serve over 100 breakfasts!!

**Learning Expo:** At the end of each term, our seniors share their learning at a Learning Expo. All classes are invited and it is always great when parents visit and engage in learning conversations.

**Investigations:** We set up learning centres to captivate students’ interests and to present provocations that engage students in Literacy and Numeracy.

**Wonderland Party:** We will be having our Wonderland Party next week on Friday 26th August to celebrate the enrolment of our 2017 Preps.
School camp: Year 5 and 6 students are involved in an annual 3 day camp each year. Our students attend a camp at Mt Evelyn and Sovereign Hill, Ballarat in alternative years. This year the children went to Mt Evelyn at the start of Term 2. Our camp outcomes relate to student and teacher bonding, developing relationships, friendships, teamwork and outdoor adventure activities. It is always exciting going on a night walk and flying as high as possible on the giant swing!

Cultural Fiesta: Our Cultural Fiesta is held every second year. Last year we celebrated the school’s 30th Anniversary at our Cultural Fiesta. We have a rich Multi – Cultural community that we are very proud of at St Paul Apostle North. We are preparing for our 2017 Cultural Fiesta to be held on 25th March 2017!! Please keep the date free to join in the celebrations that will include performances, food, open school, rides and MORE!! We will be looking out for members of our community to share a cultural dance or song on our stage to help make this a colourful and vibrant day. Please let us know if you can help.

In Term 4 the school year will conclude with some of the following activities:
- Class Breakfasts
- Sacraments
- Excursions
- 3/4 Big Day Out
- Parent Information Nights

Swimming: Swimming tuition is provided as a part of the Prep—6 curriculum and is compulsory for all students. The children in Grades 3-6 participated in classes in Term 1 while our children in Grades Prep to 2 will participate in classes in Term 4. Swimming lessons are conducted by qualified swimming instructors at the Oasis Swimming Centre in Dandenong, with children receiving eight lessons over a concentrated period.

School Sports: It is always fun getting into our team colours and participating in a variety of races and novelty events.

Christmas Hamper and Carols: We have a great tradition of joining forces to make up hampers for needy families in our local community. It is always great to finish the year with a Christmas celebration. Last year we had a whole school concert. I thank our teachers for all the extras they do to make learning FUN and stimulating for our children. We could not make a difference without the important partnership and support of parents. Together we are a great team that ensures the BEST for our children!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday’s Gospel | LUKE 13:22-30
Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him,

“Lord, will only a few people be saved?” He answered them, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, ‘Lord, open the door for us.’ He will say to you in reply, ‘I do not know where you are from.

And you will say, ‘We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.’ Then he will say to you, ‘I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!’ And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”
CONFIRMATION 2016

Many of the Grade 6 children and their families have begun preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have had our first Family formation evening and they are starting to think about spirit-filled people and saints in preparation for choosing a Confirmation name and sponsor to guide them on their faith journey. Please keep this group in your prayers.

The Seasons Program will be led by Sister Brigid in the school Boardroom.

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Junior Program: 12.30 – 1.30pm  
Senior Program: 2.20 – 3.20pm

MULTICULTURAL FAMILY STORY NIGHT

'You are light for the world’. Matthew 5:14

We are a light on a hill. We each have a special story that brings light to our community and families. At our Multicultural Family Story Night, we listened with reverence to the special stories of our families.

It was wonderful to share and learn about the special things, artifacts that represent our unique families. We have so much in common and our faith story connects us in an extra special way.

Our families created small banners that say something special about them. These will be used to make a St Paul Apostle North Family Bunting. We look forward to sharing this activity with these families who were unable to attend the evening.

It wasn’t all work....... We shared special food and chatted! Our very generous PFA organised dinner and each family brought along a little favourite something for supper.

We all fit We’re together all peas like a in a puzzle pod.

WELLBEING

Helping kids to think positively

Helping children to develop healthy thinking habits is vital and is the foundation of emotional resilience. At times we all think in unhelpful ways that we know makes us feel pessimistic, down or afraid. However if we think this way all the time, we develop thinking habits that impact on our ability to deal with life’s ups and downs. We can help our children become healthy thinkers by modelling positive thoughts and actions. We can point out gently to our children when they are thinking in a negative way (but not giving too much attention) and give loads of praise when we see our children facing difficulties with a positive attitude. Children also look carefully at parents to see how they are viewing difficult situations and in turn develop strategies and beliefs around what they see and hear.
CLASSROOM NEWS

3/4R: Our Trip to Melbourne Museum

On Monday the grade 3/4s went to the museum to learn more about Aboriginal history. We also went into the forest exhibit.

When we arrived at the museum the people who worked there took all the bags off us. First we went to the Bunjilalha part of the museum to learn about what happened approximately sixty thousand years ago. At the start of the tour we got to press buttons that told us how to say ‘welcome’ in various Aboriginal languages. We watched the Creation story and went to an area where it displayed all the types of boats and what the Aboriginal people wore. A fact that I learnt was that a certain type of clothing can only be worn by one family or clan.

After that we went to the forest exhibit. We got to see a frog and find a fish. I didn’t get to see the fish because it was in a very good hiding spot. All of us got a chance to see what it was like underwater. We learnt how Aboriginal people described seasons. Also, we learnt what the weather was like in each month. The first month of the Aboriginal year was March.

After that we saw an old house. The cutlery was bent and the toilet was outside. It had a hole in something that looked like a table. Underneath was something that looked like a pan. I was feeling like I actually lived in that house.

The trip to the museum was fun because we got to learn lots of things.

Maia

5/6 Excursion to Treasury Place and the Immigration Museum

On Thursday 11th August, the 5/6’s went on an excursion to Treasury Place and the Immigration Museum. This was to further our knowledge for our unit on Australian History.

It was very interesting to find out Gold was soft and not hard - Alessia

It was amazing how much Gold was worth in the past - Eddy

The Immigration Museum was fun when we got to do the suitcase activity. We had to guess who the person was that the suitcase belonged to - Tia

We found out the man who started Myer was an immigrant from Russia - Emman

I learnt Deakin introduced the Miner’s License for Gold - Ryan

We saw a ram when we walked through the park - Tamara

There was a room at Treasury Place that had a photo of what it used to look like around Bourke Street 100 years ago and what it looks like now - Jayme

The students gained lots of insight into what life was like in Australia in the past, and had a fantastic day in the city!

Art News: The students have started this term off with a bang creating a wonderful Olympic art display to celebrate our athletes competing in Rio. The Preps have made hand printed Olympic Rings, the 1/2’s have made Giacometti inspired sculptures of athletes, the 3/4’s have explored printmaking techniques and made printed images of athletes in action and the 5/6’s have completed the mural with bright Keith Haring inspired figures in athletic poses. This artwork is currently on display outside the staff room so please stop by and have a look.

We have also been working on special artworks to give all the wonderful Dads on Father’s Day.
Staff News:

Congratulations to Ms. Jenkins on the birth of her beautiful baby girl Audrey Grace Maher.

Both mum and baby are doing well.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2016 - WEEK THREE
St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

“YOUR TALENT IS GOD’S GIFT TO YOU. WHAT YOU DO WITH YOUR TALENT IS YOUR GIFT BACK TO GOD.”

God has given each of us abilities and gifts to do certain things well. Our responsibility is to nurture and use them as God would want by sharing them in the service of others.

By focussing on the needs of others, as Jesus did, we grow as individuals and so does OUR PARISH COMMUNITY.

Our Stewardship Program invites you to join and participate in our parish groups and ministries. Be involved. Stay involved.

By doing so you will ensure that OUR PARISH COMMUNITY continues to value engagement in parish life.

PARISH INFORMATION MEETING

When: Wednesday, 24 August 2016 at 7:30 PM
Where: In the Church
- Discuss our achievements
- Hear about our plans
- Discuss what it means to be part of Our Parish Community
Who: EVERYONE IS INVITED!
RSVP: At Mass this weekend or email to Tony.biviano@cam.org.au

“Help one another –this is what Jesus teaches us and this is what I am doing, and doing with all my heart, because it is my duty. But it is a duty which comes from the heart: I love it.

I love this and I love to do it because that is what the Lord has taught me to do.

But you too, help one another; help one another always. One another. In this way, by helping one another, we will do some good.”

Pope Francis -28 March 2013
Our school concert “WE WANT TO BE HAPPY!” will be held at the Drum Theatre, on Friday, September 9th 2016 at 7.00pm. The address of the Drum Theatre is at 226 Lonsdale Street (Cnr Lonsdale and Walker Streets) Dandenong.

Tickets for the concert will be on sale from the Drum Theatre website http://www.drumtheatre.com.au/ or PH (03) 8571 1666 from Monday, 22nd August, 2016. They are priced at $25.00 per ticket. Due to a change in the ticketing policy of the Drum Theatre, the school no longer has any control over the sale of tickets. It is important to book your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

“We Want To Be Happy!” will be professionally filmed and edited by ‘Video Essentials’, as no other filming or flash photography will be permitted in the theatre. A DVD order form will soon be available.

In the weeks leading up to the concert, students will be rehearsing regularly. An audio recording of students’ performances for the concert will be held on Tuesday, 23rd August 2016, during school hours. Dress Rehearsals and whole school rehearsals will begin from Thursday, 1st September, 2016.

All children from Prep to Year 6 are involved and are getting ready for this exciting performance and opportunity to perform at the Drum Theatre. If, for any reason, your child is unavailable for the performance, please inform your child’s class teacher in writing, as soon as possible.

We will be sending you further information in the coming weeks regarding bringing costumes for the Dress Rehearsals and other requirements related to the concert rehearsal and performance at the Drum Theatre.

**BOOK TICKETS EARLY**

**TICKETS are on sale from Monday 22nd August 2016**

**THE DRUM**

Drum Theatre Box Office is open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm and 1 hour prior to Drum Theatre ticketed events. During these times bookings can be made in person at the Box Office or via the phone. The Box Office phone number is (03) 8571 1666.

Drum Theatre also offers Internet booking, which is available 24 hours a day for most performances at Drum Theatre. You can book tickets online here.

From 1st April 2015 a booking fee of $1.10 per ticket will apply for all tickets purchased online and over the phone.

The Box Office is located within the foyer area of Drum Theatre at 226 Lonsdale Street (Cnr Lonsdale and Walker Streets) Dandenong.

There is a 5 minute parking zone located in Walker Street alongside Drum Theatre for short visits to the Box Office.

_We look forward to a great 2016 concert ‘We Want To Be Happy.’_

*Christine White - Principal  & Marilyn Noronha - Preforming Arts Teacher*_

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**Endeavour Hills Cricket Club**

The Endeavour Hills Cricket Club catering for juniors in the age groups of under 17, under 15, under 13 and under 11 as at 1 September 2016 as well as the Milo in2CRICKET program for 5 to 9 year olds is preparing for the 2016/2017 season and will shortly be holding its annual Junior Registration Day. The details of which are as follows:

- **Endeavour Hills Cricket Club, Junior Registration Day Saturday 27 August 2016 10am to 1pm**
  - Sydney Pargeter Reserve, Power Road, Endeavour Hills Melway 91B1
  - Enquiries: David Anning Telephone 9708 1232
Our cow needs a creative name. Something that reflects our school community.

Please put your suggestions in the box in the foyer; or email them to mllucas@spanhills.catholic.edu.au; or krobinson@spanhills.catholic.edu.au

Don’t forget to put your name on it.