Friday 18 September
- Footy Day
- Assembly 1/2G 2.30pm
- END OF TERM 3

Wednesday 7 October
- Confirmation Workshop Day at the Church

Thursday 8 October
- No Mass

Friday 9 October
- PFA
- Divisional Athletics
- Assembly general
- Confirmation 7 pm

Saturday 10 October
- Confirmation 6 pm

Wednesday 14 October
- Graduation Meeting 3.30pm
- Men’s Group Meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 15 October
- Confirmation Mass
- Grade 1/2G Priest Visit
- Southern metro Athletics
- Walk a thon

Friday 16 October
- Assembly prep D

Monday 19 October
- Prep 2016 optional orientation session/story telling/Art 2pm-3pm
- Prep-2 Swimming 20 to 23 October
- Prep-2 Swimming 27 to 30 October

Wednesday 21 October
- Prep 2016 Information Night 7pm-9pm

Thursday 22 October
- Grade 3/4 Level Mass
- Gr Prep D Priest Visit
- 1:1 ipad parent meeting for Gr 2-4

Friday 23 October
- PFA
- Divisional Sport
- Assembly Prep E
- (Grandparents Assembly)

Sunday 25 October
- Grandparents Day

Tuesday 27 October
- Whole School and Graduation Photo
- Reconciliation Family Night 1 at 7pm

SPRING NEWS

SPAN NEWS
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PRAYER

Hear with favour our prayers, which we humbly offer, O Lord, for the salvation of the soul of Fr. Martin, your servant and priest, that he, who devoted a faithful ministry to your name, may rejoice in the perpetual company of your saints. May he rest in Peace.

R.I.P.
Fr. Frank Martin

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Father Frank Martin passed away on Thursday 3 September (Father Martin was 87). Father Martin was the founding Parish Priest of St Paul Apostle, Endeavour Hills. After completing his appointment as Director at the Catholic Education Office Melbourne in 1980 he had his choice of parishes. Fr. Martin chose us and moved to Endeavour Hills to establish a parish and school community.

Fr. Martin was very respected and fondly remembered for the great work he has done setting up our community in Endeavour Hills. He was involved in the building of the Church and the establishment of both schools. It was his idea that we should have the same uniform and name, ‘One Family’. As part of the new parish, he established neighbourhood communities, a little like the current family groups. In a young parish, this helped us get to know one another and social networks were formed. Fr. Martin created a vibrant and dynamic parish community and we have lots to thank him for.

As director of the Catholic Education Office, Fr. Martin achieved great things and today as a Catholic organisation, we benefit from many of the initiatives and work of this visionary leader. We pray for Fr. Martin and thank God for the gift of this wonderful priest who gave so generously and helped shape our school and parish, and in fact Catholic Education in Melbourne.

Thanks everyone for saving your Earn and Learn stickers for us. Friday 18th September is your last chance to bring in stickers for our school to earn some very special resources!!!!!! Last year we received sports equipment, Maths equipment and lego. We will be sending the stickers after school on Friday so keep bringing them in until then!!

Thank you to all parents who participated in the Insight SRC School Survey 2015. We had a raffle draw for participating parents and the winner was Mrs. Lina Tsibouris.

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 3.45pm. 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, KLAS Sports (8 Macro Court, Rowville. 9763-0266). Good quality secondhand uniforms are also available. Please enquire at the school office.
**STAFF NEWS—MISS JENKINS**
It is with great pleasure that we wish Miss Casey Jenkins a wonderful Wedding Day on Saturday September 26th. Casey will be taking leave for the first week of Term 4. We congratulate her and wish her every happiness for her wedding day and for her life ahead.

On a sadder note, we say good-bye for the year to Mrs Julie Wright on Friday as she will be spending Term 4 recovering from knee replacement surgery. We send her lots of love and wish her a speedy recovery.

**Congratulations Mrs. Bonner**
On Monday 14th September, Mrs Bonner was presented with her wood beads and scarf, the insignia of a Leader of the 1st Gilwell Park Scout Group. This means that Mrs Bonner is now a fully trained Group Leader and she has also achieved an additional qualification in Frontline Management.

**Men’s Group Meeting — Wednesday October 14th, 7:30pm.**
In order to make our Term Four Working Bee as productive as possible, we are asking our Men’s Group to meet in the Staffroom on Wednesday October 14th at 7:30pm to do some pre-planning. We have a number of larger projects planned for next term, including a garden shed, a chook shed and run, building a Gaga pit (see picture) and replacing the edges of the sand pit etc. All interested persons are invited and if you are unable to attend but have some good ideas for our school, please email me at mlucas@spanhills.catholic.edu.au.

An exciting new game about to sweep SPAN!!
Senior students, this is especially for you!!

Here are the official rules:
• All players start with one hand touching a wall of the pit.
• The game begins with a referee throwing the ball into the centre of the pit.
• When the ball enters the pit, the players scream ‘GA’ for the first two bounces, and ‘GO’ on the third bounce, after which the ball is in action.
• Once the ball is in play, any player can hit the ball with an open or closed hand.
• If a ball touches a player below the knee (even if the player hits himself or herself) he or she is out and leaves the pit. If a player is hit above the knees, the play continues.
• If a ball is caught on a fly, the player who hit the ball is out.
• Using the walls of the octagon to aid in jumping is legal as long as the player does not permanently sit on the ledge of the octagon.
• Players cannot hold the ball.
• If needed, a second ball can be thrown into the pit to expedite the end of the game. The last player standing is the winner of that round.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Congratulations to all families who have been part of the Confirmation preparation program. We pray for the Grade 6 students who will soon be ‘sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit’

May the Holy Spirit strengthen you with the **gift of wisdom** so that you may see all things as God sees them.

May the Holy Spirit develop within you the **gift of understanding** so that you may understand all that God tells you.

May the Holy Spirit give you the **gift of knowing** what God the Father wants of you so that you may live according to God’s will.

Through the **gift of courage**, may the Holy Spirit help you to stand by the beliefs of the Church and give you the strength to do what is right no matter how hard this may be.

May the Holy Spirit enable you to practise **right judgment** so that you can carry through what you know is right, especially in difficult situations.

Through the **gift of reverence**, may the Holy Spirit give you the power to love God and others as you should.

May the Holy Spirit awaken within you the **gift of wonder and awe** so that you may see the world through the eyes of a child. May you experience God’s presence in all things and marvel at all that God has given you.

Amen.
This term, on the first of September, the grade 5 & 6 students went to Scienceworks as part of our scientific learning. We visited the sports area, ‘Sportsworks’, where people tested their strengths. We also went to the ‘Alice in Wonderland’ area where we enjoyed games with our friends. We tried out some problem solving but realised that there was no problem to solve. After, we went to ‘Think Ahead’, where we saw into the future of technology. Last but not least, we went to ‘Cool Stuff’ where a man experimented with liquid nitrogen and household appliances.

Carly and Rita Grade 5/6 O

5/6M Term 3 Highlight
This term, we have all enjoyed being scientists and learning about science. Many of us have learnt that science is more than doing experiments and blowing things up. Science is all about learning how our world works. We have learnt that all scientists follow a similar process – they ask a question, do some research, form a hypothesis, test the hypothesis, analyse data and draw conclusions. We enjoyed using this process to find out what makes bread go mouldy. We also enjoyed exploring reversible and irreversible changes at Scienceworks and sharing out learning with our parents and peers at our Learning Expo this week.

2015 Graduation
Our first meeting for this year’s Graduation will be in the second week of Term 2 on Wednesday 14th October at 3:30pm in the staffroom. If you are interested in being involved with organising, planning or assisting in any way, we would love for you to come along. If you would like to be involved but are unable to be at the meeting please send Miss Jenkins an email at cjenkins@spanhills.catholic.edu.au to express your interest.

PHOTOS: If you have photos at home of the students in this class, from their Prep year to the present, you are invited to submit them for inclusion in this year’s Graduation DVD, which will be given to students on the evening. We would prefer if photos are on a USB or CD and all files are saved as JPEGS. Photos are to be of school related events and be of groups of students rather than individual students. Please send photos to school, labelled ‘Attention Grade 6 Graduation DVD’ and include your name and child’s grade on all USB’s or CD’s. Please note that USB’s and CD’s will not be returned until late Term 4.

Senior School Teachers - Casey Jenkins, Emma Luca and Jessica Atwell

Prep News
The Prep children thoroughly enjoyed their excursion to Chesterfield farm this term. Even the rain didn’t stop us from having fun on the day and discovering what a working farm was like.

We continued to learn more about farms through our morning Investigation sessions.

Prep D and Prep E have produced a book about our experiences on the farm. Currently all Preps are taking it in turns to take the book home.

FOOTY DAY 18 SEPTEMBER (last day of Term 3)

Come to school in your favourite football team colours on Friday 18th September and make this one day in September a day to remember. There will be fun ‘footy’ based activities throughout the day, concluding with a ‘Footy themed’ Assembly at 2:30pm

Children are asked to donate a gold coin which will go towards the Fight Cancer Foundation.

By wearing your colours you will be supporting Aussie Kids and Teens living with Cancer.

A raffle will be drawn during Assembly. Tickets for the raffle are 50 cents each.
WELLBEING

Friendships & Conflict

During primary school children go through many stages of making friends and along the way will experience conflict at some stage. It is very normal for children to experience conflict from time to time as this is a way of children discovering what works with friends and what doesn’t — put simply children are developing their social and emotional skills. Some children may get confused when they have a disagreement or conflict with another person and may call this bullying. There is a great difference between conflict and bullying and here is a simple way to differentiate between them:

- Misunderstanding – usually problems around communication.
- Disagreement – do not agree on something and both want their own way.
- Conflict – people usually want to solve the problem. Can be over a period of time if not sorted properly.
- Bullying – threatening, repetitive, targeted, deliberately wanting to harm, abusive, no attempt to resolve issue

If your child does experience conflict, this is a wonderful teaching moment to guide them and help them learn about how to get along with others. Sometimes children can resolve conflict themselves, particularly as they grow into the upper years of primary school, but when they are young they may need guidance and most importantly, need emotional support. The best way to give emotional support is to use ‘reflective listening’. When we practice this type of listening, we listen to the content of what your child is saying and listen for the emotion. We then reflect back on what they are saying e.g. ‘it sounds as though that really frustrated you when you did not get to play your game’. We can then try to help them problem solve the situation by giving them lots of opportunities to brain storm a solution without stepping in too early to solve it for them.

Conflict teaches kids:
• How to give and take
• How to come to an agreement
• How to compromise
• How to solve problems
• That people have different needs to their own
• How to understand others
• How to communicate needs in a respectful way
• To develop more empathy
• How to get along in a group
• How to develop successful, healthy and loving relationships as adults.

Mary Lucas (Student Wellbeing)

‘5 Secrets that build Confidence & Resilience in children’ Workshop

Would you like to teach your child how to:
• Cope with life’s ups and downs?
• Develop independence and persistence?
• Be more resilient?
• Develop essential life skills?
• Develop more confidence?
• Solve problems independently and deal with conflict?
• Approach life with a positive outlook to create success?
• Develop lifelong skills to deal with anxiety?

LIBRARY NEWS

Parents are welcome to borrow at any time during the day or before or after school with their children.

We have lots of new and exciting books for you to borrow. If you are able to help in our library, even for 10 minutes, or take books home to cover please come and see me.

The theme for Book Week this year was ‘Books Light up the World’.

The week was a huge success with the Book Fair, The Reading Hour, the Book Parade and Pyjama Day.

We are excited that our students can be part of the Casey Cardinia Library Corporation. We sent forms home for parents of Grade 1-6 students to sign and return to school. The library will process these and send them to your home. When the children then bring their library card to school they will have access to online information.

This will be helpful for our Grade 3-6 students when researching for their ERP’s. Students are also able to borrow up to 4 online books to read. The library offers 24/7 access to their virtual library. All students can borrow a book, place a hold or renew loans. They can search safely online and print material. They will also have access to the Home Work tutor, a free online service that will help answer homework queries from 4pm-10pm. There are great Maths and Literature games available online through the library.

This is a great way for our students to access and enjoy even more online services.

Karen Unwin & Christine Hawkins
COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Legend Project
A Project you might like to support

‘We are a social enterprise empowering the sports community to make a difference to people doing it tough on the streets of Melbourne.’

The Legend Project was inspired by Daniel Flynn, the founder of Thankyou Water. Jamie De Smit is a semi-professional footballer in Victoria. He wanted to find a way to use his love of sport to help make a difference.

He gathered a small team and they came up with the ‘Legend Sports Bag concept.’ Each $20 bag they sold would allow them to fill another bag with food, water and hygiene products to give to the homeless AND also donate to the long term projects of their partners at Homie. This way the project can impact people both in the short and long term.

The legend bags can be used as a boot bag, gym bag, school bag, uni bag and more!

So far the project has raised nearly $900 to kick start, sold 25 bags and has sparked the interest of the sports community with a number of clubs, celebrities and organisations contacting us to get involved!

The main message of the project is that ‘EVERYONE can do something right now.’ Join us on social media by LIKING our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/thelegendproject), Buying a bag (www.legendproject.org/buynow), or simply tell their friends, family and team mates about the project!

WALKATHON Fundraising to Re-surface the Asphalt
THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER, 2015 Commencing 11.30am
(Note Change of time & day)
Sponsor sheets will be coming home at the end of the week. Use the holidays to get sponsors. If we raise enough money we will put the extra towards purchasing new backboards. Amazing prizes to be announced

Klad Sports at 8 Macro Crt, Rowville will be closed from 18.9.15 to 28.9.15 due to school holidays. Klad Sport will also have a special one day ONLY, 10% discount on all sales, open 9am to 5pm 10.10.15, NO LAYBY. They will have two days with extended hours 24.10.15 and 21.11.15 9am to 5pm

PHOTOS FROM TERM 3 EXPO
PHOTOS FROM FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

END OF TERM 3 - FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

SCHOOL REOPENS MONDAY 5 OCTOBER

Wishing you all a Safe and Happy Holidays!!!

A big THANK YOU to the PFA, Parents and Staff who helped at the Father’s Day Breakfast.