PRAYER

God, Creator and Life-giver we thank you for the gift of one another in our Parish of St Paul Apostle. Bless us and our families with the power of Your Spirit.

Inspired and motivated by St. Paul’s courage, and commitment to the person of Christ may we continue to be open to change and challenge!

Make us passionate, and courageous in our mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Amen

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

We Want To Be Happy!!

We certainly are at St Paul Apostle North Primary School. I am certainly bursting with pride at the end of this term at the many things we have to be delighted about at our school. Last Friday night’s concert was certainly an event that showcased the many delightful personalities and talents of our children!!

Our children worked incredibly hard to learn lines, perfect songs and act out roles to give us such an entertaining night. For some it was stepping out of their comfort zone and others had to overcome their fears of performing to an audience of 500. Performing at the Drum Theatre is an incredible experience and packed with many life skills that will be a platform for future learning and work. Skills that often cannot be accurately assessed by a test such as NAPLAN but important twenty-first century skills such as communication, collaboration, confidence and creativity. I congratulate every child and I am so delighted with what they achieved.
Of course none of this could happen without both parent and staff support. What a great team we are!! I cannot thank our staff enough for the way they have contributed to the concert and displayed great team work. It was all achieved with such great spirit and a delight to be part of the amazing creative energy and passion. We had our young teachers step forward to design head dresses and work side by side with our experienced staff to design costumes, work behind the scenes on stage and in the dressing rooms. We had leadership on display in bucket loads!! A huge thanks to all staff for their support.

How lucky are we to have Mrs Marilyn Noronha as our Performing Art teacher!! It is a big undertaking to put on one play but Marilyn was eager to direct two plays so not just Gr 3-6 but also Prep-Gr 2 children could also perform! Marilyn not only wrote the play but also the music and the lyrics. She achieved all of this despite a fall in Term 2, when she fractured bones in her right hand and before she had written the music - Just sensational determination, perseverance and passion to overcome all obstacles. Many thanks also to Natasha Noronha who helped get the music recorded. Congratulations Marilyn on a sensational concert. We cannot wait to watch the DVD!!

The concert was a great community event and it was wonderful to have our families come along and support the children. Thank you for affirming all our children who gave their best. Your positive encouragement enables our young children to excel. A big thanks to our Wonderful Estiban Morales who along with John Margelis transported our props and brought then safely back to school after the concert. Thanks for the great community support that saw parents but also grandparents make costumes and props for us. I cannot thank you enough for your support!

As we approach the end of Term 3, I would like to thank our children, our families and our staff for the achievements of this term. I am very proud of the way we continue to grow and develop as a learning community. I hope you all have a lovely holiday and I look forward to working in partnership with you in Term 4 and achieve great outcomes for our students and school.
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**THIS SUNDAY’S GOSPEL READING LUKE 16: 10-13**

Jesus said to his disciples: “The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.”

**CONFIRMATION 2016**

Our Grade 6 candidates and their families have almost completed their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We wish you the very best as you take this memorable step on your faith journey.

**Dates to remember:**

- Confirmation Workshop Day at the Church – 5th October 8.50am – 3.00pm
- Sacrament of Confirmation
  - 7th October at 7.00pm
  - 8th October at 6.00pm

Candidates are asked to arrive earlier for photographs. Candidates and sponsors will have reserved allocated seating. Families need to arrive early to choose their seats.

Warmest wishes from the St Paul Apostle North School Community

Monique Fallace, Religious Education Coordinator

**LEARNING AND TEACHING**

After weeks of intense learning about the Dairy Industry and the importance of dairy in a healthy diet, the children from Grades 3 and 4 are proud to present Uralba. Uralba is telling the story of the Dairy Industry in the past (on the unseen side) and the present (this side). As part of their history unit, the children have been discovering that Endeavour Hills was, in the past, a large dairy farming area. As you know, we have been holding a competition to name our SPAN cow. The winners were the Simunic family who came up with the name Uralba. There is a very special meaning behind this name. Can you discover what it is?

**FOOTY DAY TOMORROW 16 SEPTEMBER**

Footy Day Special Lunch. There will be **NO canteen** tomorrow. Come to school in your favourite football team’s colours and make this one day in September a day to remember.

**UNIFORM SALE**

Last Sale for 2016
1 Day only 1/10/16
10am—4pm at Klad Sport, 8 Macro Crt Rowville 10% of all stock
COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

SPAN is going Ga Ga!!!
Our next exciting adventure at SPAN is the erection of an amazing new game area called a gaga pit. Gaga is a Middle Eastern form of dodge ball. It is a fast paced and energetic game loved by all ages. The Senior Students are very much looking forward to being able to play gaga next term. Please support our Term Four Walkathon on Wednesday October 12th as the money raised will enable us build our pit.

MY VISIT TO HAITI
In January this year, I went to Haiti to visit some Catholic schools there. On my second visit to Haiti in August this year, I went to visit a mission school. Haiti is a Caribbean country that shares the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic to its east. It is still recovering from the earthquake that devastated the country in 2010. The people that live in Haiti speak French, Haitian Creole and some people speak English and Spanish.

The school that I went to is called Nouvelle Esperance, which means ‘New Hope’. The school is near Limonade which is a town in a remote area in the country side. It is in the north of Haiti. There is no electricity and they use a water pump for water. They don’t have smart boards or ipads and have very limited school supplies.

On the day that I arrived, I was told that the children had walked for kilometres to greet me. They were all beautifully dressed and waiting for me.

The children loved the school supplies that the teachers from SPAN had donated to the school. They sang 2 songs in French and the Pastor said a prayer and gave a blessing.

When I was in Haiti, the students from our Social Justice Team interviewed me via Skype which was fantastic. It was a great opportunity to share what it looks like to go to school in another country.

I have started a project to help this school and I am hoping to raise money and more school supplies that we can send over. I will definitely be going back to Haiti to visit the children again. If you have any ideas or would like to help in any way, please contact me at school or via email. I know that the school would appreciate any help that we can give.

One person can make a difference and I believe that I can make a difference for the children at this school in Haiti.

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Learning Expo
Grades 3-6 had their Learning Expo in which students were able to share their learning about history with their parents and each other. We had a lot of parents come to share the learning and joined in for morning tea with the students. The Grade 3/4 students cooked some of the morning tea as part of the Kitchen Garden Program.

We also had a special visit from Ms. Jenkins and her baby Audrey.
At Concert Rehearsals