**Spirit of God, Let the gift of your life continue to grow in us, drawing us from death to life, hope and love. Keep us alive in Christ Jesus. Keep us watchful in prayer and true to His teaching till Your glory is revealed in us. May the love of Christ fill every heart. May the Spirit of Christ fill all of creation.**

**PRINCIPAL'S NEWS**

**We are More!**

To the Confirmands of 2016

Congratulations!!!

Avantika, Brodie, Carla, Christina, Emily, Finian, Jericho, Jeslin, Jessica, Lachlan, Laura, Liam, Luca, Nandira, Olivia, Ryan, Sophie, Talia and Troy.

A huge vote of thanks to all involved in preparing our children: parents, teachers and the parish team, and all who have helped in any way to make this celebration special. Special thanks to Mrs Fallace, Miss Lucas, Mrs Ellis and Miss Verstoep for all their work preparing our children.

Last weekend we had two sensational and very meaningful Confirmation Masses with 21 children from our school along with children from our parish Confirmed by Rev Fr. John Salzano at St Paul Apostle Church.

Rev Fr John was a Deakin at this church when St Paul Apostle first opened its doors. At that time Rev Fr Frank Martin was our Parish Priest and the first Masses were said in a little portable church. Rev Fr John was then ordained in this Parish and said his first Mass when the current church was just two weeks old!! He is now a Dean of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. So it was wonderful to have Fr John return and Confirm our candidates this year.

Fr John shared a very simple but powerful message with our children and the congregation. He explained that we are called as Confirmed Catholics to use our gifts not for ourselves but for others. He also said that we need each other and that it is in community and in communion with one another that we are nourished and enriched spiritually to be more. As this Year of Mercy draws to a close at the end of November we can each embrace Fr John’s message to be More and use our gifts for others. How powerful this would be if we each did this! How amazing a community we would have if together we supported one another so ‘We are More!’

One person can be More and can make a difference. This week I have been touched by some of our staff members who are teaching us about the Power of One – To be More! Miss Emma Lucas has returned from Cambodia where she worked with young girls. The money raised has meant a whole group of girls can now go on to further education. This is life changing for them.
Mrs Hawkins went to Haiti earlier this year. As a response to the devastation caused by hurricane Matthew in Haiti to the school and community she visited, Mrs Hawkins called for donations for the school and raised over $1000 in 48 hours!! This will help the school to re-create a learning space for the primary children who lost the little resources they had. Yes One person can be more!! We have this strongly modelled within our school. We cannot all go to Haiti or Cambodia however we can each be More and in small ways we can use our gifts to help others.

As in the song that Mrs Noronha wrote for our school play – Be Happy, “Happiness comes when you give it away”
Let us all pray for our young people who have been confirmed. We are so very proud of each of them and we know they have abundant gifts and the capacity to go out into the world and continue to be More.

Welcome Back
Welcome back to Term 4 to all our children, families and staff. Term 4 is an action packed term with lots of exciting learning planned and also lots of celebrations and school events. Please check our school calendar so that you can join in as many activities as possible.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THIS SUNDAY’S GOSPEL READING LUKE 18: 1-8
Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, “There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, ‘Render a just decision for me against my adversary.’ For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, ‘While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.’” The Lord said, “Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

CLASSROOM NEWS

Last Wednesday, a group of Grade 3/4 students went along to Pattern Golf Course and presented our cow - Uralba. They participated in games and quizzes and represented our school both responsibly and cheerfully. Well done to Remi, Bella, Isha, Jayden, Aiden, Ethan, Kiara, Agnes, Alannah, Christina and Yohann for their efforts and participation.

Class Breakfast and Family Maths Morning!
When: Monday October 17th at 8.15am
Where: MLC
Who: All Prep D and Prep E students and their families
Why: To have a lovely breakfast with your classmates and their families and to share Maths strategies and ideas that you can use at home.

Junior School Swimming lessons commences for Prep, Grades 1 and 2 Students
1st Week: 18, 19, 20 and 21 October
2nd Week: 25, 26, 27 and 28 October

Mater Christi College Twilight Tour
7:00pm
Thursday 13 October
LEARNING & TEACHING

Kitchen Garden
Our Kitchen Garden is up and running for Term 4. Today 3/4 K made their own lunch. They had beautiful healthy pizzas and yummy zucchini bread. Here is the recipe for the zucchini bread. You might like to try it at home.

Ingredients:
3 eggs beaten until frothy, 1 ½ cups of brown sugar ½ cup of sunflower oil, 1 tsp vanilla essence, 2 medium zucchini grated to produce 2 cups, 2 cups plain flour, 1 tbsp cinnamon, 2 tsp bicarbonate of soda, ½ tsp salt, ¼ tsp baking soda

What to do:
1. Preheat oven to 180° C
2. Prepare all of the ingredients based on the instructions on the list.
3. Mix eggs, sugar, oil and vanilla essence in a large bowl, then add zucchini.
4. In another large bowl, mix all the dry ingredients together with a fork.
5. Add the zucchini mix to the dry mix and gently combine.
6. Line the muffin trays with baking paper or grease lightly
7. Pour the mixture into the muffin trays, ¾ full for each one.
8. Bake for 20 minutes.
9. Remove onto a wire cooking rack. Allow to cool then serve.

Also congratulations must go to 4 of our students who were selected to represent Casey North Division at the Regional Carnival on Thursday 13th October in the following events:
Tanisha - shot put, Sarah - hurdles, Nina -1500m and Malia - triple jump. They all should be proud of their selection into this high level of competition. Although they will not go through to State, they all performed like champions and we can be very proud of them. Sensational effort girls.

Finally thank you to Mrs Bonner for her great help throughout the day; to parents who were able to come and support their children and to Mrs Lucas for organising the athletes’ permission forms. Kathryn Morgan – PE

Divisional Athletics
On Wednesday the 5th October we sent 20 students to the Divisional Athletics Carnival at Cranbourne. All students who attended need to be commended for their excellent behaviour, sportsmanship and effort. In cold and blustery conditions the children represented the Endeavour Hills District exceptionally well in a range of track and field events. We are very proud of all of them.

Please remember October 2016 is Walk to School Month

Walking to school and home again this October is a great way to get fit and healthy, and spend more time with family and friends! Schools with the highest participation levels in each region will be eligible for some great prizes - so each time your child walks, they’ll also be increasing their school's chances! More information can be found at http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au/
COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Request for Donation of some seasonal fruit and vegetable seeds
Dear parents/guardians,

Please donate some seasonal fruit and vegetable seeds as well as pots so that we can help our garden thrive. We would also love your advice on how to improve our garden and what you think we could do to improve. Write us a letter if you want to give us some advice and hand it to one of the 5/6 teachers.

Australian Girls Choir Open Day
All school-aged girls are invited to come along to the AGC Open Day to find out more. The Open day will be held on Sunday October 23 and gives girls the opportunity to join in a free class and attend an information session. Phone 9859 6499 for more information or visit www.ausgirlschoir.com.au

Happy Family Relationships in Australia
FREE WORKSHOP
Invite family and friends to come along to the Happy Family Relationships in Australia Free Workshop. Professionals and advocates will talk about:
- How to Live a happy life in Australia
- New parenting techniques

Date: Tuesday 18 October 2016
Time: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: 34 Oak Avenue, Doveton 3177

Bookings essential, to book in phone 9791 1449
Refreshments and Morning tea will be provided.

Dear Parents and School staff
Tips for helping children (and parents) feel comfortable in after school care:
1. Come into the program with your child to meet our Camp Australia team and find out what kind of activities they can look forward to.
2. Please let the Coordinator know by calling and leaving a message if the child is registered for After School Care and they will not be attending.
3. It is a good idea to enrol your child online 48 hrs prior to attending after school care if your child has any allergies or medical condition. Alternately, you are welcome to come and speak to the Coordinator a day or two prior for any medical conditions.
4. Feedback and suggestions are welcome, so, let us known how your child felt after their first visit.
5. Encourage your child to talk to the Educators if there is something in particular your child would like to do when they are in our care.

We’re here to make after school care visits the best experience possible, for you and your child.
If you have any questions about the program please feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in After School Care first hand.
To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campaustralia.com.au
Laura Cook – Camp Australia Coordinator OSHC Number: 0402360219

Congratulations!!! to our Students who received their Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend