Friday 11 November
- Remembrance day
- PFA
- 5/6 Assembly
- Working Bee 5pm-7pm

Monday 14 November
- Twilight Sports 3pm-6pm at St. John’s College Dandaring
- Grades 5/6 Breakfast

Tuesday 15 November
- Junior Basketball
- Seasons 9
- Grades 4/5 Mass & Reconciliation Celebration

Thursday 17 November
- Seasons 9
- Grand Reunion Mass & Reconciliation Celebration
- Senior Basketball

Friday 18 November
- PFA
- 3/4 level Assembly

Monday 21 November
- Grades 5/6 Breakfast

Tuesday 22 November
- Junior Basketball

Wednesday 23 November
- Whole School & Graduation Photo 11.30am

Thursday 24 November
- Grades 1/2 Mass
- Senior Basketball
- Parent – Child Sexuality evening for Grades 5&6 Parents and Children 7pm in the PLC

Friday 25 November
- PFA
- 1/2 level Assembly

Sunday 27 November
- Adven Family Mass and welcome to new Preps

Tuesday 29 November
- Junior Basketball
- Parent – Child Sexuality evening for Grades 3&4 Parents and Children 7pm in the PLC

Thursday 1 December
- Senior Basketball

Friday 2 December
- PFA
- Farewell Celebration for Mrs. Matheson
  ◦ 2pm Whole School Mass in the PLC
  ◦ 3.20 School Dismissal
  ◦ 4pm Gather in the Piazza with the School Choir
  ◦ 4.15pm Afternoon Tea
  ◦ 5pm Speeches and Farewell Presentation

Tuesday 6 December
- NSAB Meeting 5
- Junior Basketball

Wednesday 7 December
- Grades 1/2 and 3/4 Christmas Play – Middle Block

**PRAYER**

**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

At 11am on 11 November 1918, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. November 11 is the anniversary of that Armistice. It is a day for Australians to stop at the 11th hour of the 11th month to remember those who fought and died for our country in World War I and all wars and armed conflict.

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them*

**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

Feeling Very Proud of our School

We have received back our Insight SRC surveys for 2016 and we are ‘Over the MOON!!!’

Our staff and student data and feedback are incredibly positive!!!

Here are some of the diamonds that we are celebrating from our staff climate data:

- Our teacher individual morale is in the top 25% of schools in Australia!!
- Our school morale is in the top 25% of schools in Australia!!
- Teamwork is in the top 25% of schools in Australia!!
- Student motivation is in the top 25% of schools in Australia!!
- Teacher confidence is in the top 25% of schools in Australia!!
- Engaging practices is in the top 25% of schools in Australia!!
- Quality teaching is in the top 25% of schools in Australia!!
- School improvement is in the top 10% of schools in Australia!!

Here are some of the diamonds that we are celebrating from our student climate data:

- Student morale data is in the top 25% of schools in Australia!!
- Stimulating learning is in the top 25% of schools in Australia!!
- Learning confidence is in the top 25% of schools in Australia!!
- Student motivation is in the top 25% of schools in Australia!!

Across all areas surveyed in our staff and student data there has been a positive improvement.

**TERMS 2016**

**Term 1:** 29th Jan-24th Mar
**Term 2:** 11th Apr-24th June
**Term 3:** 11th Jul-16th Sep
**Term 4:** 3rd Oct-16th 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 2.20pm 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.
We are delighted by all the results except our parent data. This data is fine but it has stayed the same between 2015 and 2016. So we are puzzled as to why our parent data is not reflecting the same huge growth as our staff and student data. We have so many improvements at our school and we wonder why this is not being picked up by our parent data! I was at a Catholic Education Professional Learning day with Mrs Lucas, Miss Lucas and Mrs Robinson today and we presented our initiatives on moving from Parent Involvement to Parent Engagement. We had lots of very Positive feedback from all the other participants. A Catholic Education Melbourne Representative said, “You are an inspirational school!” We have had three very successful class breakfast programs this term with over 30 parents at each one. We have been working on sharing mathematics strategies with parents so that we can build a strong and active partnership and a positive and supportive relationship. We need your feedback on what you think about these initiatives and what else we can do to build this partnership.

Windows into Learning

What view do you have into the learning at St Paul Apostle North?

Are you aware of the various ways we are trying to open the window wider and invite you into a learning dialogue?

What is working? What else would you like us to do?

Communication and partnership however works two ways. We want to open wide the windows into learning but we also need parents to open wide the possibilities to interact with us. You need to view our posts and come and chat with us, drop us an email, give us your feedback. Together we can make a difference.

I invite you to a coffee and chat morning on Monday 14/11 or Thursday 17/11; alternatively on Tuesday 15/11 at 2:45pm or Friday 18/11 at 2pm next week in the parent room in the junior MacKillop Learning Centre (MLC). Come and share your ideas. If you cannot be there drop me an email with your thoughts.

You are such an important part of taking this school from a great school, to an exceptional place of learning for your child. Come and throw open the windows and let’s chat.
Why internet safety matters

Connected to the internet, your computer, mobile phone, tablet, TV and other devices bring the whole world into your family life – the best and the worst of what’s out there.

When you take some practical internet safety precautions, you protect your child from risky or inappropriate content and activities. And your child gets to make the most of her online experience, with its potential for learning, exploring, being creative and connecting with others.

You can help your children use the internet safely by monitoring, protecting and teaching them, and by learning about the internet yourself, if you’re not familiar or comfortable with it.

Learning to use the internet safely is like learning to cross the street. Your child needs time, practice and careful guidance from you and other trusted people, like teachers.

Monitoring your child online

You can monitor and supervise your child’s use of the internet in several ways:

• Talk with all family members about internet access. Monitoring works best if you can have calm and frank discussions with your child about his internet activities.

• Keep your desktop computer in a family area, or make sure your child uses tablets, phones and hand-held devices where you can see her. If possible, avoid online activity in a study or bedroom. This helps you keep an eye on how long your child is online as well as what websites she’s visiting.

• Turn off all internet-accessing devices at night, including mobile phones, and keep portable devices in a common family space.

• Together with your child, set up some simple and fair rules about internet use. For example, set a reasonable limit on your child’s screen time. Discuss how these rules apply outside your home – for example, at the local library. When your child follows the rules, give him lots of positive feedback.

• Let your child know that social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram don’t allow children aged under 13 years to set up accounts. You can direct your child to more age-appropriate sites such as Moshi Monsters or Club Penguin instead.

• Check the websites your child has been visiting by using the History tab in your browser.

You could discuss and agree on a written internet use contract with your child. This can include things like how long your child can be online each day and where your child is allowed to use her device. It can also include rules about you knowing your child’s passcode and checking her browsing history. You could note consequences for breaking the agreement too.

Religious Education

This Sunday’s Gospel reading Luke 21:5-19

The Word of God

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, “All that you see here– the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.”

Then they asked him, “Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?” He answered, “See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and ‘The time has come.’ Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end.”

Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.

“Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”

Parent - Child Sexuality evenings to be held at 7pm in the Passionist Learning Centre

These sessions aim to provide an opportunity for parents and children to discuss together human growth and sexuality:

• Thursday 24th November for All Grade 5&6 Parents and Children

• Tuesday 29th November for All Grade 3&4 Parents and Children
LET’S MAKE GREAT CHOICES

As part of the Reconciliation Workshop Day, children discussed the meaning of the Ten Commandments in our lives today (taken from ‘Preparing Children for the Rite of Reconciliation – First Penance – Lesson Four).

Every grade will be talking about these to reinforce what we believe in and live by as Catholics. Please spend some time with your family doing the same. You may even like to put a copy up in your home for the whole family to follow.

Greetings to all the Grade 3 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. A special note of thanks to parents and class teachers for their support throughout the program.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Grade 1/2 News

The Grade 1/2’s have loved exploring our THRASS charts. During Reading Groups, we have been creating silly sentences to help us practise the location and positions of words.

During Maths, we are learning about Division. This week, some of us have been exploring the repeated subtraction strategy. This is another way children can represent division problems.

In Religion, we are learning to celebrate our Faith and have chosen to create posters on a Saint or express our knowledge and deeper understanding of the Seven Sacraments.
COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Join us for an afternoon of celebration to Farewell Mrs. Matheson

Date: Friday 2nd December
Where: St Paul Apostle North Primary School
2pm Whole School Mass in the PLC
3pm Children return to classes
3.20pm School Dismissal
4pm Gather in the Piazza with the School Choir
4.15pm Afternoon Tea
5.00pm Speeches and Farewell Presentation

Please bring a plate of food to share for afternoon tea

St Paul Apostle North Primary School
OSHC

Welcome to OSHC!

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

WHOLE SCHOOL & GRADUATION PHOTO
WEDNESDAY
23 NOVEMBER 2016
AT 11.30 AM

Please note change in Date
REMINDER
LAST WORKING BEE FOR 2016 TODAY
FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2016
5PM TO 7PM

ANNUAL TWILIGHT SPORTS CARNIVAL MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Twilight Sports
Monday 14 November
3pm to 6pm at
St John’s Regional College

The children have been practising for our Twilight Sports to be next Monday, 14th November, at St. John’s from 3-6 pm. Information has been placed on Care Monkey and we ask if parents could reply as soon as possible.

Children are asked to wear their house colour shirt to school and only bring a small bag to school that day containing water bottle, their normal lunch and an extra snack for the afternoon.

We will bus children to St Johns and we ask parents to provide transport home. At the completion of the carnival, parents may pick up their children from their class teacher who will make their name on the roll. If another parent is taking your child home, a note will be required.

We hope the children enjoy the Sports Carnival including events such as sprints, relays, long fun run, ball games and obstacle course/ tug of war. The carnival will conclude with a year 6 challenge & the Span Gift (fastest runners from each age group race). The children will earn house points for every event they do & we will announce the house winner at the conclusion of the Twilight Sports.

Looking forward to seeing you there. Thank you Mrs. Morgan

We have quite a few items in the lost property.

In order for us to return lost items to your child, could you please ensure you have your child’s name on their uniform/lunchboxes etc.

If the lost property is not claimed by the end of the year, it will go to the second hand uniform shop.

Thanks for your support.