Friday 13 November
- Assembly Grades 1 & 2 at 2.30pm
- Working Bee 4-6

Saturday 14 November
- Reconciliation Presentation

Sunday 15 November
- Reconciliation Presentation

Tuesday 17 November
- Reconciliation 7:30pm

Thursday 19 November
- 5/6 Level Mass
- Gr 1/2C Priest Visit
- PSG
- Reconciliation 7:30

Friday 20 November
- PFA
- Assembly Preps at 2.30pm

Thursday 26 November
- Reconciliation Mass

Friday 27 November
- Mandarin Assembly at 2.30pm
- 3/4 BIG Day out + Sleepover

Sunday 29 November
- Prep Welcome Mass 11 am

Thursday 3 December
- Grade Prep - 2 Mass

Friday 4 December
- PFA
- Assembly gr 5/6 at 2.30pm
- Graduates Network

Wednesday 9 December
- Whole School Nativity 6pm (at South School)

Friday 11 December
- Pupil FREE Day (No School)

Monday 14 December
- Expo & thank you morning tea for parents at 10:30am

Tuesday 15 December
- Orientation Grades 1-6 from 9.30am to 11am

Wednesday 16 December
- Gr 6 Graduation at 6pm in Church and Hall for Presentations, Dinner + Disco

Thursday 17 December
- End of Year Mass at 9:30 am
- LAST DAY OF TERM 4

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

“The 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 shall remember them”

Sergeant Lewis McGee
McGee was awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions on 4 October 1917. As his platoon came under heavy machine gun fire from a German pillbox, McGee rushed alone across open ground towards the emplacement. Armed solely with a revolver, he shot the gunners and captured the garrison. He then organised a bombing party, and led the group in the seizure of a second machine gun post.

TERMS 2015
Term 1: 30th Jan - 27th Mar
Term 2: 13th Apr - 26th Jun
Term 3: 13th Jul - 18th Sep
Term 4: 5th Oct - 17th 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 at 2:30pm. 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.

CANTINE
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.
On the 11th November at the eleventh hour we gathered as a school to remember the many men and women who have served their country in times of war. We remembered with gratitude their sacrifice for the peace we all enjoy. There were many brave people like Sergeant Lewis McGee who sacrificed themselves for the freedom and safety of others. I am not sure if I could be so brave; and marvel at his courage. At our service, each class laid a wreath of poppies that they made. We listened to the famous poem by John McCrae, “In Flanders Fields where poppies grow, between the crosses row by row.” I spoke to the children that this day is a reminder for us to be peacemakers. As the poem says, “To you from failing hands we throw the torch; be yours to hold it high.” The baton is passed to each of us to stand up for what is right and to make good choices. To ensure by our words and deeds we are thoughtful, compassionate and generous to all we meet on our journey of life. In the world our children are growing up in, it is important that we encourage empathy and embrace diversity. What a stronger global village we will have if we take time to walk in another person’s shoes and are united in reaching out to one another in friendship and peace.

We had a very reverent service; and I congratulate all our students, who were solemn and thoughtful on this important occasion.

Classes for 2016

It is that time of year, when we begin the process of planning all aspects of school life for 2016. Part of this planning involves placing children into grades for next year. We aim to provide each child with the best possible opportunities, to be an active member of the class, to enable maximum learning to occur, while at the same time forming well-balanced classes that take into consideration the social, emotional, academic and physical characteristics of each child. As in previous years teachers will place children with at least one friend. A big advantage of our school is our learning communities, where children are personally known by all teachers at that level; and also have opportunities to work with friends across the level.

The staff will soon begin the process of placing children in their classes for 2016. If a parent has a concern regarding the placement of their child for next year, they are invited to put their concerns to me, Christine White, in writing by Friday 20th November. Concerns must relate to the individual needs of your child and not personal likes and dislikes. Please note; it is school policy not to consider personal requests for a teacher and it is important that you express your concerns to me rather than a classroom teacher.

The WILD, Strange and Hilarious had a BALL

There may be great costumes and make-up on Dancing with the Stars on TV, but you should have seen the amazing costumes and make up at our St Paul Apostle North Spooky Dance on the 30th October!!! We not only had sensational costumes from our children but this year several parents got right into the spirit and were totally unrecognisable in their costumes.!!!

A BIG thanks to everyone who got into the spirit and helped make this a FUN community event for all. The GYM was transformed with wall to wall decorations; there were yummy sausages to enjoy and great music. Every child enjoyed a treat or two as well. There were tricks on the dance floor and we were very impressed with the dance moves of our seniors.

Thanks to our PFA and several new parents who joined in to help. Also my thanks to staff that helped ensure the safety of all and gave up their time on a Friday night. Many were heard saying that this night was even better than last year!!!
**All Saints and All Souls Day**

Our whole school gathered for Mass with Father Tim for All Souls and All Saints Day on Wednesday 3rd November. Each child had the opportunity to place the name of special family members that are no longer with us on post it notes. We placed these names on our cross and kept our family and friends in our hearts and prayers during this special Mass.

**Grandparents Day**

On Friday 6th November we welcomed many of our wonderful grandparents and special friends for a special afternoon tea and assembly. Our Grade 3/4 children personally made lovely biscuits and our PFA did an outstanding job in helping us set up, and serve an assortment of wonderful treats. We had a lovely prayer service and then each level sang a song in Mandarin. Our preps had a very cute song to share and brought big smiles to all our faces. It was special for children to take our special visitors to their class and show them their learning communities. Many were fascinated to see how classrooms have changed since they went to school. We were delighted to have so many visitors to our school. I will be sharing photos of this day on our school app and web site.
INVITATION TO GRADE 6 STUDENTS

Congratulations to all those who were recently Confirmed and extended congratulations to all Grade Six students with your coming graduation.

The youth team at St Paul Apostle Parish would like to invite all Grade Six students to come celebrate, joining us for a movie - “Inside Out” and pizza at 7pm, after 6pm Mass which will be led by the youth and all are also welcomed to.

This will take place on Sunday 22 November 7-9pm at St Paul Apostle Parish Church.

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.

Could parents and children please take care of our Take Home Readers and Library books so they can be shared by all. Please remind children to return their library books.

Book Care Rules

1. Make sure your hands are clean when reading a book.
3. Keep crayons, markers, scissors, pencils, pens, and glue away from your books.
4. Eat your snacks at the dinner table, not while reading your books. Sticky foods and drinks can ruin the book’s pages.
5. Use a bookmark to mark where you left off instead of folding down the corner of the page.
6. If you tear a page, please bring the book to the librarian to repair it. Keep your books safe by putting them away in your backpack, away from little brothers and sisters and your pets.
7. Remember that water is a book’s worst enemy, so don’t leave your books outside in the rain or spill water on your books. Soak up the water and let your book dry by keeping it open until the water is all gone. Turn the pages daily to keep them from sticking together, and then bring it to the librarian.

Karen Unwin, Librarian

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Tree Removal

Please be advised that we are having a large tree removed from the back of the playground on Wednesday 18th November. The work will begin at 8:00am. Therefore, the back gate will not be open on that morning.

Please tell anyone you know who might be inconvenienced by this.

We will send out notes closer to the day and advise via the school app.

Thank you

Christine White
PFA Welcomes ALL Parents Friday 9am in the Parents Room

What we have been up to:

School Banking: Don’t forget to hand in your Deposit Books first up in the morning to avoid disappointment!

Please note: it’s never too late to join School Banking. Just ask us how.

SPAN Spooky Disco: What a great success our SPAN Spooky Disco was! A big thank you to all the parents and staff who helped. It was so good to see so many dressed up! The make-up was amazing!

We made a Profit of $367 on the night. Thank you to all who participated and helped at this event.

Walkathon: This was another great event! Children loved getting out there and walking around the grounds!

We raised $2171.00!

Congratulations to those who won prizes!
1st – raising $170 Sienna - 1/2C
2nd – raising $115 Chantelle - 3/4K
3rd – raising $100 Tyrhys - 1/2G

Grandparents / Special Friends afternoon: This year the PFA was asked to help out with catering for this special occasion. It was heartwarming to see so many children hold the hand of their “special person” and show them around!

It goes to show that it take a whole lot of special people to bring up a child and, as a School Community we all have an impact on our little people’s lives.

Christmas in July: School Dinner Dance 2016: Keep Saturday 23rd July 2016 free. Book in your baby sitter! SPAN parents and friends will be celebrating Christmas in July!

Once again, please feel free to come in anytime. We are always there on a Friday and would love for you to join us. Also, if you have any queries or suggestions and you are not able to pop in, please drop us a line on spanpfa@gmail.com. We are always happy to hear from anyone and will respond to any query.
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Raffle Prizes won by:
Anneliese - 5/6N
Isha - 3/4R
Luke - 1/2 G
Mark - PD

Prep Orientation - Story Telling / Art

Spooky Dance

ST PAUL APOSTLE SOUTH – CHRISTMAS FAIR
SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2015 - 11AM – 5PM
Please join us for a day of fun and games with rides, stalls, trash & treasure, car boot sale, talent show, food and much more.

Santa will be here and you can have your photo taken with him.

Wrist bands are on sale now for $20 unlimited rides. If you wish to purchase please put your name and the number of wristbands you require in an envelope with the money and give to your school office. Wristbands to be picked up at the Fair.

If purchased on the day cost $25.