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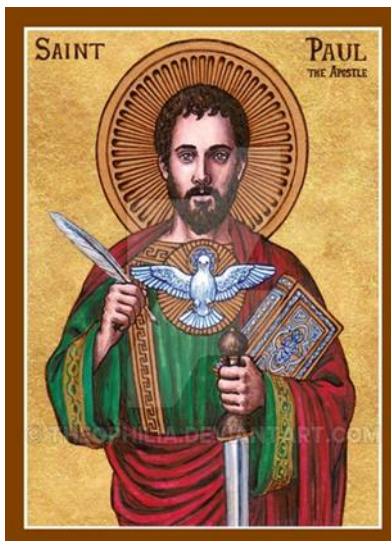
Dear Community,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of Week 4 of Term1. Your children have settled in so very well to life at school, for the first time for our Preps and in a new grade level for our Year 1 – Year 6 students. They have been engaging enthusiastically in new learning experiences, with their new teachers and developing new friendships with their new classmates..

As we go about the business of learning & teaching, it is important for us to keep in mind that we do so in a Catholic school, under the patronage of St. Paul.

WHO WAS ST. PAUL?

Saint Paul is one of the most important and influential of all the saints. Many of his writings are contained in the second part of the bible, the New Testament and have influenced the growth and development of the Church since the first century.



St. Paul was originally known as Saul; he was a Roman citizen and a Pharisee. He took part in the persecutions of the early Christians. However, Saul experienced a powerful vision that caused him to convert to Christianity while on the road to Damascus. He was duly baptized and took the name Paul.

Paul traveled the world, first to Arabia then back to Damascus. He also visited Jerusalem to see St. Peter, the first pope and pay homage to him. During these travels, he preached ceaselessly, often drawing criticism and anger from those who rejected his message. Jews, in particular, hated his preaching, as they saw him convert people to Christianity from Judaism.

After establishing his churches, Paul remained in communication with the faithful, often writing letters to answer questions and resolve disputes. The letters that have survived have become part of the Bible.

Paul's writings are important because they provide good advice for how Christians should live.

Paul traveled throughout much of Europe, particularly in Macedonia, Greece, and Italy. While preparing for a missionary trip to Spain, he was imprisoned in Caesarea by the Jews for two years. He traveled again, was shipwrecked in Malta and was imprisoned for another two years for preaching in Rome. Despite these imprisonments, Paul continued to preach.

Paul eventually made his way to Spain, then returned to the East, and finally returned to Rome once again. In 67 AD, Paul was arrested in Rome for a second time and this time he was beheaded under the insane Emperor Nero.

Paul is among the most famous, intelligent and influential of the apostles. Paul is the patron saint of missionaries, evangelists, writers, journalists, authors, public workers, rope & saddle makers and tent makers. His feast day is on June 29 when he is honored with Saint Peter.

Our patron was and continues to be an influential teacher & great role model. It was his mission to bring Jesus's message to the world, by the way he lived, the words he spoke and the letters he wrote. It was his strongly held belief that, "I (we) can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (us)" (St. Paul's Letter to The Phillipians). The writings & letters he left us, continue to advise, direct & inspire us, 2000 years later.

So as we go about our lives, learning, working & socializing together, let us try to keep in mind that "Christ lives in me (us)" (St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians), making us therefore, Christ still present in our world.

Have a happy week of learning together everyone.



Denis J. Daly

Principal

SCHOOL CLOSURES: FRIDAY MARCH 8 & FRIDAY APRIL 5

On Friday March 8, the school will be closed for staff professional learning, with a focus on 'Workplace Wellbeing'. On Friday April 5 (last day of Term 1), the school will be closed, for staff to work on our 2019-2022 School Strategic Plan.

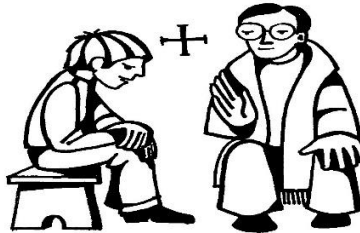
School
CLOSURE

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

This year's Labour Day public holiday, will take place on Monday March 11

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Year 3 Catholic students will celebrate their First Reconciliation, on Thursday March 28, at 7.00 pm in St. Paul's Church. In preparation for the sacrament, the children and their families, will take part in 'First Reconciliation Family Night', on Thursday February 28, at 7.00 pm in the school hall.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Year 6 students & their families, will take part in a 'Confirmation Family Night', on Thursday March 21, at 7.00 pm in the school hall. They will be confirmed by Bishop Mark Edwards, on Friday May 10, at 7.00 pm in St. Mary MacKillop Church, Keilor Downs.



2019 SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken this year, on Thursday March 7. Photo Order details will be sent home some time next week.



PARENTS GROUP EVENTS: TERM 1

The following are a list of events & activities to be organized by the Parents Group & supported by school staff, in Term 1:

- Special Food Day – Pizzas: Thursday March 14
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser: Saturday March 23
- Family Entertainment Books Fundraiser: commencing Monday April 1
- Easter Bonnet Parade & Easter Raffle Draw: Thursday April 4

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

Cultural Diversity Week takes place this year from Monday March 18 to Friday March 22. The school will celebrate & acknowledge the many cultural / ethnic groups represented in our St. Paul's 'family', on Monday March 18, with a 'Cultural Diversity Day'. More details will come home soon.



eNEWS, EMAIL ADDRESSES & SKOOLBAG APP

eNEWS is now being emailed to all families, as well as continuing to be sent out on the SkoolBag App and placed on the school website. If you have not provided the office with a current email address, please do so immediately. If your email address has changed recently, would you please provide the office with the updated address? We encourage families to download the St. Paul's 'SkoolBag App' as well.



2019 CALENDAR

TERM 1

FEBRUARY

- MON 11 – YEAR 4 EXCURSION POINT COOK COASTAL PARK
- WED 13 - NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS (PREP)
- TUES 19 - PARENTS GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (7.00PM – 9PM)
- WED 20 - NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS (PREP)
- WED 20-22 - GRADE 6 CAMP
- WED 27 – NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS (PREP)
- THUR 28 – 1ST RECONCILIATION FAMILY NIGHT MARCH
 - WED 6 – ASH WEDNESDAY
 - WED 7 – NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS (PREP)
 - THUR 7 – SCHOOL PHOTOS
 - FRI 8 - SCHOOL CLOSURE
 - MON 11 – SCHOOL CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY
 - WED 13 – FOUNDATION (PREP) STUDENTS COMMENCE FULL TIME
 - THUR 21 – EXCURSION GRADES 5 & 6 – IMAX
 - THUR 21 – CONFIRMATION FAMILY NIGHT 7.00PM
 - THUR 28 – SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION 7.00PM

APRIL

- THUR 4 – END OF TERM 1 – SCHOOL FINISHES 1.50PM
- FRI 5 – SCHOOL CLOSURE
- THUR 18 – HOLY THURSDAY
- FRI 19 – GOOD FRIDAY
- SAT 20 – HOLY SATURDAY
- SUN 21 – EASTER SUNDAY
- MON 22 – EASTER MONDAY
- TUES 23 – TERM 2 COMMENCES



Father in Heaven

We thank you for the amazing, beautiful world you created. Help us to care for it.

We thank you for the wonderful, unique people you have made us to be. Help us to care for one another.

We thank you for the incredible, tasty foods you have invented. Help us remember and care for those who are hungry.

We thank you for the inspiring stories and teaching in the bible. Help us to share this good news with people everywhere. Amen



MASS TIMES

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

SUNSHINE AVENUE

KEALBA

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.30 am
Thursday	9.30 am
Friday	No Mass
Saturday	5.00 pm (Latin) 6.30 pm
Sunday	8.00 am (Maltese) 10.00 am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 6.00 pm

ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH

ODESSA AVENUE

KEILOR DOWNS

Monday	9.30 am
Tuesday	9.30 am
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	9.30 am
Saturday	5.00 pm
Sunday	9.00 am 11.00am 5.30pm

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4.30 pm



LUNCH ORDERS WITH FLEXISCHOOLS

A large number of families have now logged on to www.flexischools.com.au, created an account and are ordering lunches online. Cinzia Brancatisano, Canteen Manager, is happy to answer your questions regarding the account setup procedure and the new online ordering process. Snack items and drinks for the recess break (2nd break), need to be ordered online at the same time as the lunch order, as there are no counter / window sales during winter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

I am asking for any parents, grandparents or guardians who have any free time to come and help and be part of a great volunteer team to provide lunch for our precious children. We desperately need volunteers on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY each week. If you are interested, please complete the section below and return it to the school, as soon as possible.

Please note that you must have a current 'Working With Children Check' registration to be able to assist in the canteen.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER:

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Eldest Child..... Grade.....Teacher.....

am available to work on the following day(s).....

Contact No.....



Paws 4 kids support for children and young people in care to learn

For some children, school isn't always an easy place to be, this is especially true for many children living in residential or foster care. They often find it hard because beyond the school gate they're dealing with some tough issues: family violence, neglect, living out of home or social and/or emotional behaviours, which mainstream schools can find difficult to manage.

MacKillop Family Services' specialist school in Maidstone and educational outreach programs, support hundreds of children living in Melbourne's west to get the best education they can. One of the innovative programs they have introduced is PawPals, a canine-assisted learning program to make school and learning a fun, positive experience for kids who have struggled to engage with mainstream education.

Over the last year, Millie, PawPals' first education therapy dog, has worked her magic with kids living in residential or foster care. Kids like 16-year-old Laura*, who says,

"I never really liked school because of the bullying. My emotional state was so bad I couldn't focus. I did try and push through, but it got really difficult.

"Working with Millie made me feel much safer and more confident. I used to be so quiet and, in a shell that I didn't want to come out of. But knowing that Millie can come with me and that I'll have that support has made me feel like I can do anything.

"When I'm with Millie, I forget about everything bad. Every bit of stress that I'm latching onto just goes."

PawPals has been so successful, that demand has already exceeded capacity. To expand the program, MacKillop is holding a matched giving day, **Paws 4 Kids**, on **Wednesday 6 March**. Paws 4 Kids is a one-day campaign where key supporters will multiply all donations by 4 to help reach the fundraising goal of \$200,000.

The funds raised by the campaign will allow MacKillop to recruit and train two staff members, and up to four dogs, to deliver canine-assisted learning support for up to 500 children.

Principal of MacKillop Specialist School, Anne Henderson, sees how children who find it difficult to engage with learning have benefited from their interactions with Millie,

"The change has been remarkable. We've seen children who wouldn't previously open their bedroom doors to interact with our education outreach workers, now get so excited about Millie's visits, that they plan in advance what books they want to read to her. One of our teenagers who hadn't been to school for months, has developed an interest in photography and is designing a calendar featuring the pictures she has taken of Millie.

Help expand the Paw Pals program by donating on or before **Wednesday 6 March 2019** to have your donation multiplied by 4. If you give \$25, MacKillop will receive \$100. Have four times the impact and give four times the hope at www.paws4kids.org.au



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