From Paul’s Desk

Sacrament of Penance – On Tuesday evening, many of our Year Three’s received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. It was a most sacred and respectful ceremony. The children were very well prepared and all members of the Congregation were most reverent throughout, adding to the special feeling that was present. Thanks to Mrs Daniela, Mr Beninati, Miss Thomas and Miss Gleeson for all their work in organising the children and to the parents for their participation in all aspects of the program. Also special thanks to Fr Sean and Fr Emmanuel who conducted the ceremony.

Feast of the Assumption – Today the children attended Mass to celebrate the Feast of the assumption when Mary was taken up to heaven.

Student Leadership - We can all be proud of the leadership and care our seniors show at different times. I would like to share an incident that happened last Thursday when one of our students, Sarah Barillaro, displayed actions that really typify the responses we want from our children. A Prep mum, who has a number of little ones, lost contact with her young toddler at the end of school through no fault of anyone and obviously was very distressed. Whilst Sarah was waiting at the office, she noticed a young child was very distressed. She then put two and two together and reunited the mother and son. Mum, as you would imagine, was most appreciative. Congratulations Sarah on the maturity, leadership and care you showed. We are confident that our Senior children and all those moving towards the Senior years, are learning the values and attitudes, initially taught by you at home and supported by the staff at the school, that leads them to show these displays of responsibility.

Cyber Safety – We have been working together for many years to ensure our children are Cyber Safe. I am still hearing some worrying stories about what some of our children are doing in the social network world. Mrs Pat, in her role of Student Wellbeing Leader, has come across a very informative, and challenging, website from the UK that has an enormous amount of information and activities that you can do together with your children to ensure that they are safe. May I suggest that you investigate this website and begin discussions with your children. Below is a link to a movie called “Jigsaw” that is on the website and from there you are able to explore the entire site. As many of our children are on social networks and have many “friends” I suggest you look at this video yourself first and then share it with your child. It is aimed at children between 8 to 10 but it is relevant to children in the Seniors and Junior Secondary as well. The message is clear – who are your children letting into their lives, what information are they sharing, what are those “friends” doing with that information and do we know these “friends”? https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Primary/Conversation-Starters/Go-to-the-movies/Jigsaw/

Bookweek – Next week we celebrate Bookweek and on Thursday we have our annual Parade. Cannot wait to see the costumes. There are a number of other activities including a talk from author Felice Arena, the Italian and Drama performance and other exciting events. The Parade begins around 9.15am. If it is wet and cold, we will hold the parade in the main building corridors.

School Inservice Day Tomorrow – The staff will be completing work on Religious Education and assessment and evidence gathering. THERE ARE NO CLASSES FOR CHILDREN!

Bad feeling about the Perth game. We are not travelling well this year and a loss will jeopardise home final. Go Cats!

All the best, Paul

Term 3 Assemblies
23 Aug—Year 4
6 Sept—Prep B
20 Sept—3T
30 Sept—Senior G
13 Sept—Senior S
Feast of the Assumption

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed.'

Luke 1:46-48

LOTE NEWS

The much awaited results for the Dante Alighieri Italian Poster Competition that many of the children took part in last term have finally been announced and it is no surprise that several of our finalists received awards. Fifteen final entries were submitted from St. Paul’s. Our finalists were William Kennedy, Luka Graham, Jacob Paglia, James Dimech, Alexia Iaconis, Liana Calderone, Emily Vetere, Alyssa Plizz, Anthony Poliafico, Olivia Villella, Alyssa Melia, Alessia Deluca, Evan Stamatakos, Lara Sagdic, and Alana Moretti. Certificates of High Distinction were awarded to Lara Sagdic, Alana Moretti and Julia Anile. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Luke Solano, Nicolas Spataro, Alessia Deluca, Alessia Di Vita and Evan Stamatakos. It is with much delight that we announce our 1st prize winner in the Year 5-6 category, Isabella Solano! The standard of work presented by all children in all year levels was very high and their enthusiasm and efforts were outstanding - it was a very difficult task choosing the final few to submit. Congratulations to every child who took part in the competition especially the nine winners. I for one will definitely be looking forward to sampling your dishes in your future ristoranti!!

Ben fatto a tutti!!

Signora Adele

Craft Group

Creativity through art

Next Thursday the craft group will be exploring creativity and self expression through art. No ‘art experience’ is necessary, just a desire to have fun, play and spend some time on your inner child—something that most mums don’t get a chance to do. For more information call Loreta on 0423 202 954.
Newspaper Report:
Shrapnel from Space
Written by Sophie Gaffney-Smith (Snr. G)

Shrapnel plummeted into school car park just metres from classrooms.

At precisely 9.32 am, on Monday the 15th of July, a piece of shrapnel came into contact with St Paul’s Primary School car park. Innocent school children were just metres away in their classrooms when this incident occurred. The origin of this piece of metal is currently unknown.

Just minutes after the occurrence, Mr K Rudd, the Australian Prime Minister, sent an E-mail to principals of schools in the area of Coburg, urging them to restrict children from leaving the premises. Stunned school children eagerly awaited further information about the incident.

Detectives, as well as scientists, immediately came to collect evidence including pieces of shrapnel and debris. A school staff member, who prefers to remain anonymous, claims that while at her office desk, she heard an enormous bang, felt her whole office vibrating, smelt an unusual scent of burning and saw all the windows around her go black.

NASA has denied claims that they had anything to do with the strange occurrence. The Australian government assumes some sort of spacecraft crashed into a satellite beyond the atmosphere, causing debris to rain down over the Earth. Investigations will continue to take place in order to collect more information.

Explosion at St Paul’s car park.

Letters to Mary – Prep B.

Dear Mary,
I love Mary because she is near me. Mary is a special saint in the Church. We are lucky to have her.
I love Mary!
Rebekkah (6 years old)

Dear Mary,
I love you because you look after us. You watch us go to bed by ourselves. You help us do things. You help us do some thinking.

Elisa (6 years old)

Dear Mary,
We love you protecting us. We love you Mary for taking care of us. We love you.
Do you love me, Mary?
Philip (6 years old)

Dear Mary,
I love you because you look after me. Mary, thank you for all your help. You love me back.
Love from Liam (5 years old)

Recounts (Yr. 1)

On the weekend I went to Lucas V’s circus party. I had a drink of lemonade. We went to Lucas V’s house and we played pass the parcel.
Lucas S. (6 years old)

On Sunday it was Lucas’s birthday party. My mum dropped me off at his house. We went to Circus Latino. When we got back from the circus we had cake. My favourite part was when this girl had hula hoops on her, all spinning. I had a great day.
Mia T. (6 years old)