



SPAN NEWS

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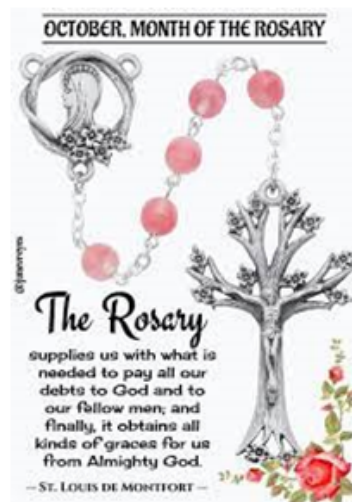
We are proud to acknowledge the Bunerong & Wurundjeri peoples as the traditional owners of the land.

St Paul Apostle North Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of every student in our care. We strive to create an environment where young people feel valued, included and are encouraged to have a voice.

Prayer

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We have been learning to pray the Rosary during our remote learning Morning Prayer time throughout the month of October.

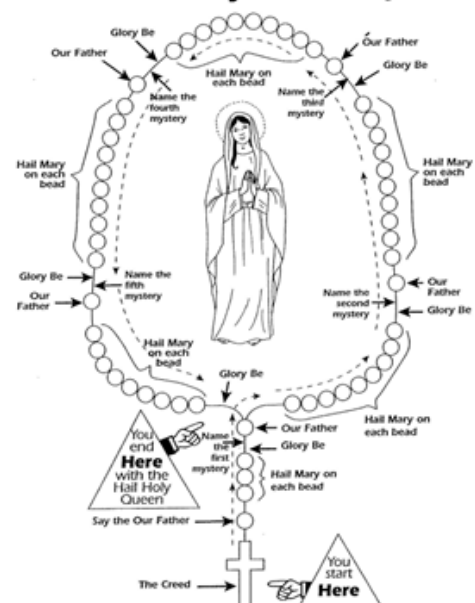
Hail Mary

Hail Mary, Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour
of our death.

Amen.



How to Say the Rosary



AboutTheRosary.com - Rosary Explained

Mary's Message

Welcome Back to SPAN

It has been so wonderful to watch the smiling faces of our children returning to school this week and to hear the happy voices in the playground once again. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back over the next two weeks and to congratulate all the children and you, the parents, on the amazing resilience you have shown, and the children's enthusiasm in coming back to on site learning.

Even when we are all back together on Wednesday, November 3rd, there will be some things that will still be carried out a little differently from the way they have been done in the past. Our Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation may need to be celebrated in smaller groups. We have been advised by Catholic Education to plan for an outdoor Graduation if we possibly can. Fortunately, we have a great venue and a great model to follow as we were able to give our 2020 Graduates a wonderful night here at school last year.

Prep Transitions may also need to be scaled down as they were last year, but again, we will do it and do it well. We have strong enrolment numbers for Prep next year, and will be running two Prep classes.

Our new website is up and running, only a few small additions to attend to. Please visit it and let us know what you think.

Unfortunately we are unable to welcome all our parents and toddlers back just yet. We also ask that, when dropping off and picking up, you wear a mask and keep physically distanced. We need to find some other ways to keep in touch as One Family. Last Wednesday we ran another SPAN Family Trivia Night which was lots of fun. Thank you to the families who participated and to Mrs. Robinson for preparing and running the session. Congratulations go to the Staddon Family who finished up first, the Moncherry family second and the Boyle family third.

What's New at SPAN

As part of our STEM program, in conjunction with our Sustainability Program, we are conducting research as part of two separate initiatives.

The Great Australian Platypus Search:

This is such an exciting and important ecological project for our children to be involved in. We will be using the ground-breaking technology of Environmental DNA (eDNA) to collect water samples from the Dandenong Creek to help scientists map platypus and other river vertebrate populations across Australia. We are part of a huge group of ordinary citizens who are doing this all across Australia. The ultimate goal of the project is to save the platypus from extinction. Watch out for updates on our website and our "St Paul Apostle North School" facebook page..

Wattle Happen to the Wattle:

Another wonderful opportunity our children are involved in is the "Wattle Happen to the Wattle" project. This is part of the One Giant Leap Australia Foundation.

The One Giant Leap Australia Foundation is a Not For Profit Organisation whose purpose is to advance STEM education and careers. They provide life changing opportunities for students and educators to develop and build their knowledge and understanding of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

In this project, Golden Wattle Seeds were sent to the Japanese Space Station last year and they spent 6 months circling the Earth. Our seeds have now arrived at SPAN and we will be planting them and nurturing them over the next few weeks. The project is researching if germination and growth has been affected by spending 6 months in Space. Updates for this project can also be found on our website and on the "St Paul Apostle North School" Facebook page.

Mary

The grade 3/4's have been researching why there is a need to collect samples of Platypus DNA. Raiden, 3/4R has written this amazing article to explain.

Why We Need to Collect Platypus DNA ***By Raiden 3/4R***

The Platypus is a brown mammal that lives in Australia.

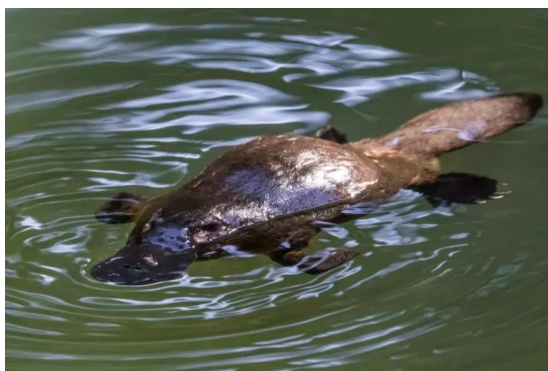
Platypuses are unique animals. They are mammals, meaning that they have fur and produce milk for their babies. Platypuses' fur is a reddish-brown colour with their underfur being a light brown/silver colour. Platypuses can be found in the east and the south of Australia and live in creeks, dams and slow long rivers. Platypuses are also unique because of their rubbery duck beak. Platypuses are considered near threatened (not too far from endangered) because of the lack of water and the rubbish people throw, as all of it just flushes away to creeks, where platypuses live. Now that you know of how platypuses are near threatened, what do you think you should do to help the amazing and unique creatures?

These Platypus habitats are being destroyed, which is the reason why they are near threatened. There are only 300,000 left which sounds like a lot but it's not that big for all of Australia. Bushfires and lack of water are some of the main reasons why their habitats are being destroyed. When a Platypuses habitat is destroyed they have nowhere to lay their eggs and also nowhere to stay wet and swim. The governments need to do something about this because we can't just let them go extinct. Their species is very unique which is why we need to do something about this.

Platypuses also have Predators which are crocodiles, goannas, carpet pythons, feral cats, eagles and big fish. Some of these predators are decreasing the number of platypuses in Australia. Other things threaten them like yabby traps which are used to trap yabbies and since they are platypuses' food they go inside the trap but can't get out which is why people are encouraging others to use a different net that lets platypuses escape but not the yabbies. Feral cats are another serious predator to the platypus as they sometimes eat them and there is even a record of these cats eating over 50 species which cause these species to become near threatened or even threatened. The things that I think we should do about these feral animals is maybe making a boundary or pouring a liquid on the ground so that they don't want to go past.

There is also another threat to platypuses that is caused by **us** which is water pollution. Water pollution is litter that washes up into platypuses habitats, some examples of the litter are hair ties, beer packs, rubber bands and face masks. Usually, when platypuses look for food they look at the bottom of the river or creek which is where the litter flows to and when this happens anything with a string can wrap around the platypuses neck which discomforts them and chokes them. One of the ways that people could stop this is to stop littering or picking up any litter into the correct bin

Now you see why these platypuses need our help and safety to protect them against litter and their predators, and something simple that you could do is to cut off the strings of any rubbish you are going to throw out or at least help clean up your local community.





Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

Monday 1st	Pupil Free Day—No School
Tuesday 2nd	Melbourne Cup Holiday—No School
Friday 5th	SPAN Spooky Day
Monday 8th	Book Fair
Tuesday 9th	Book Fair
Wednesday 10th	Book Fair
Thursday 11th	Book Fair Remembrance Day
Friday 12th	Book Fair First Holy Communion
Saturday 13th	First Holy Communion



★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!



Shayan, Anthony, Tobit



Sophie, Hina, Arron,
Srivishnu, Anne,
Harleen, Junior,
Shreya, Ashton



Isaiah, Caitlyn, Jayden,
Makaela, Ali, Maya,
Brooklyn



Nicholas, Jazmin,
Grace, Jason, April,
Shanelle, Isabella,
Jacinth, Ella, Aaron

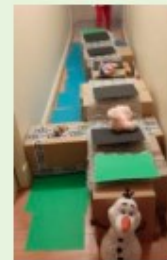


Prep News

Sometimes learning
looks a little bit
different. Prep



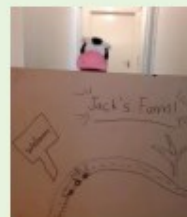
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puppets



bridges



ramps



patterns



Our
brothers
and sisters
joined in
too.



cubbies

Narrative Writing with 1/2

Grade 1/2 have been free writing using picture provocations. Children use the picture and write their stories. They can write an adventure, be dramatic or suspenseful or write with a sense of humour —anything they like, as long as it includes the picture. This type of writing builds creativity, allows ideas to be expressed, develops writing fluency as well as building critical thinking skills. Last week's provocation was 'under the sea'.



What kind of story is this? Who could the characters be?
What could be a possible problem in this story?

Author:
Kieran

Once upon a time lived a fish named Stripe. One day stripe and his best friend Silky were playing in the ocean park but when Stripe was playing hide and seek, he noticed that there was a treasure map. When Stripe told Silky that he found a treasure map, Silky wanted proof. So Stripe showed Silky the treasure map. Silky almost fainted, so their treasure hunt began!

Author:
Orlando

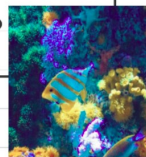
So Stripe and Silky followed the map and they avoided a school of sharks, lots of stingray bullies and a big under water volcano, but they finally find the treasure

Author:
Liana

once upon a time in the ocean Nemo and dory where going on a adventure to find hidden gems in the sea they went and got ready their stuff they were done packing there stuff they left well they were going they sword lots of starfish on the way.

They looked on the map but there was a problem they were lost in the middle of the sea dory was searching on the map Nemo found something shiny he diged with his fin and found a diamond Nemo said dory look I found a diamond dory was surprised they diged more and found lots of diamonds dory found a way back home they went past the starfish and came back home they shared all the diamonds with their friends and played hidden treasures the end of the story.

THE END.



Under the deep blue ocean lived Fishy and his fishy friends. One time Fishy and his friends were swimming around coral. Then he got lost and couldn't find his friends. His friends were mad and Fishy found them. Fishy's friends said that they were playing a trick on him and went to go and play again.

The oldest brother fish Noah went looking for food. The sister fish went with Noah

Listen

The two little fishes, one was Zachary and the other was Micah. They played hide and seek

Author:
Micah

Title
Three brothers and a sister

Noah and sister fish brought food for the two little brothers and they all ate together

After they finished they all played hide and seek.

Walk Around Australia Challenge

Well, we did it! If you took part in the *Walk Around Australia Challenge*, you should be very proud of yourselves. SPAN did really well. Starting in Hobart, we walked all the way up the East Coast of Australia & across to Broome in the WA. What an AMAZING EFFORT by all.

Thank you so much to everyone who participated. I'm so very proud of you all.

Mrs Morgan

Sports / PE



What talent could you showcase?



The Great Australian Platypus Search

SPAN is getting involved in The Great Australian Platypus Search. This will help map platypus populations across Victoria and fill a critical gap in our knowledge of this notoriously elusive species. We will be collecting samples of water from two different sites along the Dandenong Creek to test for platypus DNA.



SEEDS in SPACE

The '***What'll Happen to The Wattle??!***' (WHTW) project is the first official 'Seeds in Space' program for Australia.

Australian schools and community groups including St Paul Apostle North have been invited to grow the sweet basil for as a ground control experiment and share the data collected. We are also going to grow some Golden Wattle seeds that have been to space and compare them to the ones that stayed on Earth but are from the same seed lot.

Aims of the experiment:

- Investigate the effect of microgravity on plant growth and germination in comparison to their counterparts on Earth.
- Encourage scientific research between students, schools, universities, and space agencies across the world.
- Promote environmental and microgravity science.
- Develop interest and skills in scientific space experiments and methodology.



SEEDS in SPACE



Miss LLOYD

2021 - TERM 4**4 OCTOBER—16 DECEMBER (SCHOOL WILL FINISH AT 1:30PM)**

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 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



Prep 2022, 2023 & Beyond

We are currently accepting enrolments for Prep 2022 & 2023. Please spread the word if you know anyone who is looking for a dynamic and welcoming school. St Paul Apostle North is the place to be!



From the Parish



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

One Family

Please click on the link for the Parish [Newsletter](#).

Parish Prayer

*God, Creator and Life-giver we thank you for the gift
of one another in our Parish of St Paul Apostle.
Bless us and our families with the power of your Spirit.
Inspired and motivated by St Paul's courage and
commitment to the person of Christ,
may we continue to be open to change and challenge!
Make us passionate and courageous in our mission
of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.*



Community News

DADS NIGHT IN WITH RODNEY EADE



Dads Matter Virtual Forum

Great Kids and Great Dads.

Guest Speaker, Rodney Eade, is one of Australia's most well-known AFL players and coaches, a proud father and grandfather, and is passionate about dads. Rodney will share some practical tips about being a dad in today's world.

Rodney Eade has 6 children from his blended family and is a grandfather to 4 grandchildren. He is now a fatherhood advocate, working with The Fathering Project to support all Aussie Fathers in becoming the best Dads that they can be.

An AFL player with the Hawthorn Hawks for 15 years, Rodney participated in multiple premiership wins and coached the Sydney Swans and Western Bulldogs.



Date: Wednesday 17 November 2021
Time: 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm
Location: Online (link to Zoom will be sent via email)
Price: Free
Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BUGQX>
 or scan the QR Code to book



Two (2) virtual door prizes will be awarded and the winners for each will receive Myuna Farm family passes. (Winners will be notified via email)

Dads Matter
 (It's a family thing)

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