Dear Parents,

This week is Catholic Education Week. The theme is ‘Moved by the love of Christ’. There will be a very special Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral this Friday. Our School Captains and House Captains will be travelling with Mr. Patrick Pantalone and Miss Nadia Juzva to this very special occasion.

I ask the community of St. Paul’s to pray for the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation tonight at St. Paul’s School at 7.00pm. The children have been very well prepared by Mr Patrick, Ms Timea, Miss Kara, Miss Cook, Miss Melissa, Mrs. Gaultieri and Miss Samantha. We know that God will continue to guide all the students in their lives, no matter what they do.

A reminder that our Prep students will attend their first Wednesday TOMORROW, March 15th. Please remember that you need to collect your Prep child at 3.00pm from the main yard. Please do not enter the corridor to collect your children after school. A reminder that no children/families should be entering the corridors before school until the music plays. I thank all Prep parents/carers who have taken the time to bring their Prep child to school over the past five Wednesdays. Your support has been greatly appreciated.

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 19th April this year. Children will need to be in their full summer school uniform. More information will follow later in the term.

Term 1 concludes on Friday, 31st March at 1.00pm. The children may wear plain clothes on this day. Term 2 commences at 8.40am on Tuesday 18th April.

I hope you have a great week.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Casamento
PRINCIPAL
RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EASTER – DONATIONS FOR OUR PRIZES OF HAMPERS
Raffle tickets were sent home recently. The tickets are $1 each. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 31st March. Please make donations of Easter Eggs, chocolates, lollies and gifts to the school for our prize hampers by March 27th. Thank you for your ongoing support.

PREPS DISMISSAL FROM THE YARD – NO FAMILIES IN CORRIDORS BEFORE SCHOOL
As of Monday 27th of February, the Prep children will line up and be dismissed from the yard at the end of the day. To ensure that we get the children outside safely, we ask that no parents or carers enter the corridors at the end of the day. Please wait for us outside. Do not take your children prior to the bell ringing and remember to see your child’s teacher before you leave. Thank you for your support.
A reminder that NO FAMILIES OR CHILDREN should be in the corridors until the music begins to play – 8.40am. Too many families are ignoring the requests of the staff – there is not teacher supervision in the classrooms until 8.40am.

PREP ENROLMENTS - 2018
Enrolments for Prep 2018 are now open. I encourage any parents/carers who have not enrolled their child for Prep in 2018 to do so. Contact the school office for an enrolment form. There will be five information sessions for 2018 Prep Parents/Carers. The first will be held on Monday 20th March at 9.15am. Please let any interested people know of this date. Please contact the office to advise if you will be attending the session.

DCG MORNING WALKS ARE BACK!!!
After last year’s Walk to School month, which continued with laps around the DCG, some very keen SRC students have formed a committee to bring back the DCG morning walks this year. Students choosing to participate in the morning walks will receive stamps for completing laps. We invite parents and carers to join us for a walk and a chat around the DCG.

DONATIONS FOR SECOND HAND UNIFORM STORE
Please remember to drop off any clean second hand uniforms in plastic bags to the school office. Our second hand uniform shop will be on Wednesday, 22nd March from 8.45am – 9.15am.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Due to the Preps attending school every day from this Wednesday 15th of March, if your child will be attending Before School Care or After School Care on Wednesdays from this week on a permanent basis please book with Camp Australia online parent portal.

FEES/LEVIES
Your child’s levies are now due. Please pay all levies promptly. The first instalment of school fees are now due. Please remember that you can pay your school fees and levies by direct debit from a nominated bank account or from your Centrelink payments. If you would like this to happen, please come to the office to collect a form. You can also pay using your credit card.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND
Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund is the new Government Funding to assist families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities. Centrelink health care card holders and Pensioner Concession card holders may be eligible for a payment of $125. If you feel you may qualify for this payment please complete the CSEF Application Form sent home recently and return it to the Office together with a copy of your Centrelink Card.

NO HAT – NO PLAY
All children should be wearing the St. Paul’s hat during Term I. Any students not wearing the hats will be required to sit in the shade. No other hats are permitted to be worn. We encourage families to apply sunscreen to their children at home before they leave for school.

FREE FAMILY DANCE PERFORMANCE – Thursday March 30th, 6:15pm – 8:30pm at St. Paul’s Parish Hall
The Footsteps FREE Family Dance Performance is going to be a fabulous night of fun and entertainment. Come and watch your children perform!
Please ensure you bring water for all members of your family as none will be supplied at the venue.
If you haven’t returned the RSVP slip to the Office to indicate the number of people attending the ‘Footsteps Family Dance’ please do it by Monday 27th March 2017.
This is a great family celebration – we look forward to seeing you there.
Congratulations to Ulrich Aguilnado for his art work being selected for the Visual Arts Exhibition 2017 through Catholic Education Melbourne! You are invited to view Ulrich’s piece titled ‘Bubbles Up Close’ along with other selected works from Catholic primary and secondary schools from around Victoria. The details of the impressive display are below.

**Dates and times:**
- Tuesday 14th March till Friday 17th March - 9:00 am till 4:00pm
- Saturday 18th March – 2:00pm till 5:00pm

**Venue:**
Catholic Leadership Centre

**Location**
576 Victoria Parade
East Melbourne

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS**
A recent audit of our Working With Children Check Register has revealed a number of people whose checks have expired. Please remember that you are not permitted to help in classrooms, go on excursions etc without a current card. If you have recently received a new card and have not notified the Office please do so immediately or if you are unsure if your card is registered with the school please ask at the Office.

Congratulations to the Letran Family
(Jericho SRC and Deegan MPT)
on the safe arrival of
EVA
on Wednesday, 1st March,
We wish the family much love and happiness.

Many thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to the success of our First Reconciliation Family Night last week.