



St Paul's Post

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Term 3, Week 10

26 September, 2019

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 3 has been such an exciting and very busy one. There have been so many opportunities for deep learning and many of the students have been engaged in learning beyond the classroom also. We've also had a number of ways in which you, as parents can be involved in the life of the school. Thank you for working in partnership with us to deliver the best learning outcomes for all students. There has been a great deal of sickness this term with flu and viruses so I'm sure the staff and students will greatly value the time to stop and rejuvenate ready for Term 4. I pray that the school holiday break is a time for your family to break out of the routines of school and have some time to relax. We look forward to the students return on Monday 14 October.

Staff Development Day Reminder

As previously advised, tomorrow September 27 **all** staff will be off-site for our Staff Development Day. The focus of this day is Religious Education and Staff Wellbeing. Thank you for making alternative arrangements for the supervision of your children on this day.

Peace and Joy!
Megan Baird
Principal

From the Assistant Principal

Colour Me Happy

Congratulations and thank you to everyone in our community who helped to make our Colour Me Happy fundraiser so successful. Altogether we have raised **\$18,818.25**. This has been a very successful community event - it was great to see so many children encouraging each other and working together to support our school.

NAPLAN

This week all students in Year 3 and Year 5 received their NAPLAN results. This assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process - it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. At St Paul's our teachers are constantly gathering data about student learning and making adjustments to teaching to meet students needs.

Summer Uniform

Students are expected to return to school in Term 4 in full summer school uniform.

Lost property

Please take the opportunity over the holidays to clean out your child/ren's bag and ensure that all of their belongings are clearly labelled. There is always a lot of lost property at the end of each term - if items are clearly labelled we can help to alleviate this problem. If your child has lost an item of clothing, please check the lost property bins on the stage. Things reappear every day!

Jane Misek
Assistant Principal

**Every Learner
Every Day
On time
Bell goes at 8:55am**



**St Paul the Apostle
Primary School is a
community of Safe,
Respectful, Learners**

Dates for your Diary

For the most up to date Parent Calendar Information, please see the 'Events' section of our Skoolbag app.

Sport Uniform Term 4, 2019

Kindy	Monday and Tuesday
Year 1	Monday and Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Thursday and Friday
Year 5	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	Thursday and Friday

Staff Development Days 2019

No students at school on the following dates:

- Thursday 19 December
- Friday 20 December

RE News

Mission Week - Dignity Day

Mufti Day Friday 18 October 2019

The Catholic Mission message for 2019 is "I know the plans I have for you to give you a future with home." With this in mind the Mini Vinnie team have organised a **Mufti Day with a donation of toiletries** to the Jesuit Refugee Service Parramatta. They need donations of shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, baby wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste and face wipes.



Auditions for Christmas Concert Acting Roles

Yes - we are already thinking about our Christmas Concert! (Tuesday December 3).

Mrs Hill and her team have begun to organise this year's Christmas Concert and have now selected a script. We are planning to hold auditions for acting roles in Week One of Term Four. Auditions are open to students from years three to six. Of course, all grades will be involved in the Christmas Concert and have a song to sing.

Primary classroom teachers have received a copy of the script and will distribute these to any students interested in taking on an acting role in the concert. Scripts have been made available before the school holidays so that students have the opportunity to practise any part they are interested in prior to auditions. Please encourage your child to request a script from their teacher if they would like an acting part.

Mrs Hill has placed an "Expression of Interest" sheet on the music room door so that students may add their names to the list, indicating which parts they are interested in auditioning for. This will allow for a streamlined approach to auditions. Auditions will be held on Tuesday and Thursday of Week One, Term Four at morning tea and lunch breaks.

Further information about the concert night will be forthcoming!

Thank you for your continued support,
The Christmas Concert Team



Work, Health and Safety Reminders

Holiday security

The holiday period often presents a higher security risk to schools. So, if you are driving by the school during the break and notice something out of the ordinary, please contact the police.

Student safety - dismissal

To ensure the safety of all students, students are not to be asked to meet parents in the carpark or on Buckley's Road. Parents who wish to pick up their child/children need to collect them from the stage area and then accompany them out of school. Students are not permitted to walk out of any school gate unless an adult or carer accompanies them. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Child Protection - If you want to volunteer, this is what you have to do!

A reminder for parents who are required to 'UPDATE' their child protection and for 'NEW' parents to the school. It is the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) requirement that parents who volunteer at school must complete the Child Protection Module ONLINE together with the Building Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers. This training is available online at: <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au> and **MUST** be completed every two years. All parents must have completed the above **prior** to helping in the classroom, on excursions, sport days, canteen or any help around the school.

Hazard Reporting

Hazard reporting at St Pauls - if you notice something that poses a Hazard to the safety and wellbeing of others, please contact the school office via phone or email so that the hazard can be rectified.

Change of School for 2020

To estimate enrolments for 2020, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving St Paul's at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6. Thank you.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Playground update

As you know, we have been working closely with CEDP personnel and architects to devise a plan to enhance our playgrounds and buildings. Tomorrow, some of the pre-work for these changes will begin with two of the trees located on the playground being removed, the tree on Gregory's Green and the one near the shade structure on the back paddock. Both have dropped considerably large branches and limbs, especially in the very windy weather, and they were deemed to pose a safety risk to our community. We will, of course, replace these trees with more suitable ones in the very near future and may choose a more suitable location for the replacements.

Grounds update

As part of our safety audit this year, the vehicle entrance (parish car park) has been identified as a safety risk to pedestrians as there is no safe access or exit available to those on foot (pedestrians). Together with Fr Raning, we are currently looking at the best possible solution to this problem and will continue to work closely with the parish and CEDP to resolve this issue, therefore it may be necessary to make some changes to the pedestrian access to our school site in the near future. We will keep you informed via the newsletter or Skoolbag.

Cyber-Safety Tips for Parents

While sharing pictures online has become a way of life, children's privacy and safety can become easily compromised. This fortnight, we have included some practical tips from Colin Anson, via the parentingideas.com.au website. We hope you find them useful.

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Congratulations

Congratulations to St Pauls Netball Club Under 11 C2 and Under 12 B2's for winning their netball grand final on Saturday 14 September.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all those celebrating in the next couple of weeks -

Emily G, Ronan F, Nathan V, Ayden C, William C, Jackson C, Heath M, Phoebe D, Klara Z, Imogen G, Thomas H, Liam H, Lucas McC, Ashleigh D, Grace K, Lucia B, Jaida P-J, Emily C, George A, Helena F, Isaac D, Chiara C, Marcus T, Joshua D, Blake P, Harry P, Joseph S, Kayla D, Nathan K, Fletcher M, Daniel J, Luka M, Milena L, Emily W, Khyah P, Gemma S, Jessica M, Keira D'S, Eloise D, Olivia B.





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Protecting your child's online privacy

by Colin Anson

From sharing pictures of a child's first day at school to key moments at high school, many adults don't consider the potential risks or breach of future privacy for kids. In fact, it is now become a ritual to announce the full name and date of birth of a child online within hours of them being born. This is just the beginning of a child's digital footprint.

Although children are now 'born digital', exposure in the online world can present just as many risks as the physical world can pose. Images and identifying details can be used for numerous activities that put your child at risk, from stalking, to cyberbullying, identity theft, and even digital kidnapping.

The Australian eSafety Commission warns that half of all images on paedophile image-sharing sites originate from social media sites and blogs. Parents are responsible for protecting kids until they are old enough to make their own decisions about their online presence.

So, what can parents do?

Start by 'thinking privacy' before posting images of children online. You'll be protecting their digital footprint and setting them up for a healthy relationship with the digital world.

Seek consent

Always ask others before sharing images of their children, even your family. Speak up about how you feel about images of your child being shared. When your child is old enough, ask them for consent, empowering them to understand they have a right to their privacy online. As they become teenagers, hopefully they will have more respect for what they post online and have confidence to speak to others about their consent guidelines.

Understand the settings

Check the settings of your social media channels to ensure your posts are not public. Speak to your friends and family about this and don't be afraid to ask for help to get it right. If your child has social media channels of their own, go through the settings with them to minimise the risk of unwanted shares.

Think about the detail

Avoid including children's identifiable details such as school badges, logos, uniforms, name tags or identifiable locations such as your home area or school. Alternatively, blur these details prior to posting.

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Be selective

Create a simple checklist to help make decisions regarding posting online easy. What do you deem appropriate? Are you happy to share images of your children in swimwear? Do you want to avoid full-frontal face shots?

If your child is old enough, explain why you are selecting certain pictures and not sharing others. If you have a teenager who is sharing their own images, talk to them about what is appropriate and potential repercussions of not setting boundaries.

Remove metadata

Metadata on digital images records the time, date and GPS coordinates of where the photo was taken and can be accessed through shared images, and your sharing service may record your IP address. You can wipe this information with appropriate software or share screenshots of your photos to avoid metadata sharing. Screenshot sharing creates a lower resolution photo, so it's less likely to be tampered with by a third party.

Think 'privacy first' to reduce many of the risks involved with image sharing. Have conversations with your children to instil this mentality; help them build empathy; and identify the steps for minimising risk whilst helping them build a healthy relationship with technology so they can become responsible digital citizens.



Colin Anson

Colin Anson is a digital entrepreneur, and the CEO and co-founder of child image protection and photo storage solution, [pixevety](https://pixevety.com). Find out more about Colin at pixevety.com.

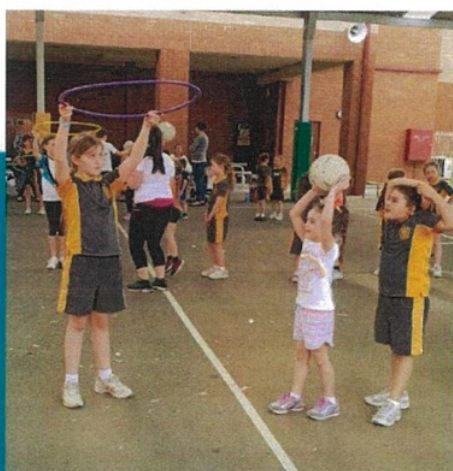


4 Friday afternoons
October 25,
November 1, 8 & 15

Gooden Reserve
Netball Courts
3:45 - 4:45pm

Kindy - Year 2
Girls & Boys

\$10 participation fee



Join us for some fun afternoons learning
netball skills with your friends!

Register your interest now!

Send an email to stpaulsnetballclub@gmail.com
with ATTN Penny to register and for more information