



St Paul's Update

2 March, 2016

Week 6, Term 1

Dates for your diary

- 4 Mar Assembly Year 4
- 7 – 11 Mar Catholic Schools Week – Events each day, please see timetables below
- 7 Mar Dance Fever – Parents are invited to attend their child's lesson, please see timetables below
- 11 Mar Catholic Schools Week Liturgy 9:10am followed immediately by Picnic Morning Tea (BYO)
- 14 Mar Kindergarten Enrolments commence
- 15 Mar Cross Country to be held at Max Ruddock Reserve
- 17 Mar St Patrick's Day – 'A touch of green' fundraiser - Green cake and green jelly day!

Garden Club



Thank you to the Daniel Family for their generous donation to the garden club, the children are very grateful

Stations of the Cross - Help Needed

The Easter liturgies are a wonderful way of sharing your faith with your children and opening your heart to the mercy and love of our Lord. It is a time when many Catholics seek the mercy of God by attending the many liturgies held in our parish. Often the church reaches its capacity and parishioners need to sit on seats outside. Keeping this in mind we need help to carry seats from the parish centre and set up the seats outside the church. We are looking for volunteers to help organise the sets after Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning. Please see Mrs Standing after the liturgy if you are available to help.

Thanking you in anticipation

Mrs Standing on behalf of the Liturgy Committee.



Parish News

Parish Devotions are celebrated in the Church on the following days -

Daily Mass	9.10am – every day except Tuesday
Rosary for World Peace	2.30pm every Wednesday
Divine Mercy Chaplet	3.30pm every Friday.

School Fees

Thank you to those parents who have already paid their school fees. Just a reminder that they are due on **Monday 7 March.**

Cyber Safety

Yesterday Constable Louise Conroy from Parramatta LAC came to speak with some of our students about cyber safety. Louise was quite surprised at the number of children who indicated that they regularly use social media sites such as Facebook, Kick, Instagram and Snap Chat or have a YouTube Account. These sites all have age restrictions and it is a criminal offence to be using them if you are under age. While this may sound harsh as we believe our children are using them innocently Louise told us of several cases where primary school aged children have been lured into conversations that are not appropriate for their age and level of maturity. Even playing games like Minecraft on line can have associated risks, as children do not always know who they are playing with or chatting to.

This excerpt from an online article I read recently summarises the risks associated with using social media and online gaming quite well. (surprisingly - I found this on Facebook!)

Children under 13 don't have the hardware upstairs to make smart decisions online. Just because kids seem tech-savvy at increasingly younger ages, doesn't necessarily mean that their brains are developing at the same rate as their digital acumen. Research shows that it takes children about 12 years to fully develop the cognitive structures that enable them to engage in ethical thinking. Before 12 it's difficult, if not impossible, for a child to fully grasp the impact of their actions upon others, online or otherwise. Yet young children are increasingly joining social networking sites, sometimes even putting themselves in harm's way by becoming victims of online harrassment, solicitation, and cyber-bullying before they are ready to respond appropriately.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/diana-graber/3-reasons-why-social-media-age-restrictions-matter_b_5935924.html 1/3/15

Before the end of the term all the children will be bringing home a new acceptable user policy and contract. We ask that you take the time to talk to your child/children about safe internet use and what is and is not appropriate. Importantly please talk to your children about letting you know if something is happening that doesn't feel right.

Jane Misek
Assistant Principal
jmisek@parra.catholic.edu.au

Catholic Schools Week Timetables

Dance Fever		Sport			Music				Art
Time	Mon	Time	Tues	Weds	Time	Tues	Weds	Thurs Sport	Thurs Art
9:00 - 9:45	Year 4	9:30 - 10:15	4J	6M	9:30 -10:15	4P	6S	3L	3D
9:45 -10:30	Year 6	10:15 – 11:00	4P	6S	10:15-11:00	4J	6M	3D	3L
10:30 -11:00	Year 2	11:30 – 12:15	2G	5ST	11:30-12:15	2F	5S		
11:30 -12:15	Year 3	12:15 – 1:00	2F	5S	12:15-1:00	2G	5ST		
12:15 -12:45	Kindy	1:45 – 2:30	KP	1L	1:45-2:30	KI	1G		
1:45 - 2.30	Year 5	2:30 – 3:15	KI	1G	2:30-3:15	KP	1L		
2:30 -3 :00	Year 1								

Please accept our apologies for the typing error on the letter sent out to Parents on Monday outlining events for Catholic Schools Week. **Sport and Music lessons are held on Tuesday and Wednesdays for all students with the exception of Year 3 who have Sport and Art on a Thursday.**

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all those students who competed in the Diocesan Swimming Carnival last Friday. You are all amazing to have made it so far, we are so proud of your achievements

The following students will now represent the Parramatta Diocese at the NSWCPs Carnival on Thursday 31 March, 2016 at SOPAC, Homebush.

Connor Culnane, Brock Prideaux, Murphy Duncombe, Theron Letherbarrow and Riley McIntosh. Good luck everyone!!

Uniform Shop

Until further notice Saturday trading will be by **Appointment only** – please email Elle by close of business on Friday to arrange a suitable time.
elle@ozfashions.com.au

Happy Birthday to those children celebrating their birthdays on 2 – 9 March

Kassandra C, Daniel G, Hayden D, Michael D, Leyla D



Found..... A Winston Hills Tigers Rugby training shirt and shorts was left in the school playground last week. Please call into the school office to collect.

EASTER RAFFLE

Our eggciting Easter raffle is here again. Each year this has been a very popular fund raising event for the students of St Paul's. To make this event successful we are asking each student to donate an Easter egg or small bag of eggs to their own class by Friday 18 March. Eggs can be brought to the school prior to the 18 March and will be collected by the class teachers. The Easter eggs donated will be made into baskets and raffled within the school. Every child who donates an egg will also receive a **free ticket** in the class raffle. Raffle books of 10 will be sent home this week, plus they can also be purchased at the school playground from Monday 21 March.

Tickets are **50c each**.

Raffles will be drawn on **Wednesday 23 March**

We will be wrapping Easter hampers on **Monday 21 March**

If you have some time to spare we would really appreciate your help. We will be meeting in the art room at **9.00am, straight after assembly**



Thank you again for supporting the school in the Easter egg raffle

GOOD LUCK!

Mirna Jasser & Danielle Haddad
Social Coordinators

ST PATRICK'S DAY

Green Cake & Green Jelly DAY



Thursday 17 March

The P&F are again holding the St Patrick's GREEN Cake & GREEN Jelly day at lunchtime on Thursday 17th March. Funds raised from this event will be going towards the purchase of a much needed medical **defibrillator for the school**.

We are selling a variety of cakes and jelly cups ranging from 50c - \$1, plus fairy floss for \$2.

We will need the help of parents from **Kindergarten & Year 5 to donate** some cupcakes, slices, lamingtons or biscuits, with a **touch of green** that we can sell at the stall. Any donations should be dropped off to the school office on the morning of the 17 March.

We will also need **parent helpers** on the day to sell, so any parents that can help from 12.30- 2.00pm for lunch we would love to see you there. Your children would love to see your smiling face at the stall. Thank you in advance.

Any enquiries can be made to Mirna Jasser 0414 896 037 or Danielle Haddad 0419 440 922

