



St Paul's Update

17 May, 2017

Week 4, Term 2

Dates for your diary

- 18/19 May Year 5 – Bathurst
- 20 May First Communion Group 1 2:00pm
- 21 May First Communion Group 2 Practice 2:30pm
- 24 May Sydney Writers Festival, Parramatta
- 24 May Reconciliation Parent Talk, Church 7:30pm
- 25 May Reconciliation Parent Talk, Church 10:30am
- 27 May First Communion Group 2 – 2:00pm
- 28 May Feast of Corpus Christi
- 28 May First Communion Group 3 Practice 2:30pm Parish Centre
- 29 May Primary & Infants Athletic Carnival, Gooden Reserve
- 3 Jun First Communion Group 3, 2:00pm
- 4 Jun Pentecost Sunday



*Happy Birthday to
Joshua S, Banjo D,
Harry B, Georgia B,
Zach B, Alegria F,
Zoe A, Toni J,*

Bathurst Report

On the 11 May, Year 6 students went on an overnight excursion to Bathurst so they could gain more knowledge about life on the goldfields. At 7:00am everyone met in the library so the teachers could mark the roll to make sure everyone was here. Soon the bus arrived and the students were buzzing with excitement. As everyone boarded the bus parents waved goodbye. Goodbye Sydney and hello Bathurst!

The bus ride was very exciting, and we soon arrived at Echo Point to have recess. Everyone was delighted to be outdoors. We walked over to see the Three Sisters, the view was breathtaking. Time passed and we had to get back on the bus so we could make it to the museum in time.

Finally we made it to Bathurst! We had lunch at Machattie Park and played some sport because our kind teachers bought us a rugby league ball and netball. Everyone enjoyed playing. Soon we had to walk over to the museum.

The museum was very educational. Our tour guide was Pat. He told us interesting stories about the bushrangers and other things from the 1800's. Time had gone so quickly. We had to get back on the bus to go to one of the oldest cemeteries in Bathurst. The tour of the cemetery was very informative and we learnt many interesting facts, but everyone was exhausted from walking around all day. Back on the bus we went to go see our rooms.

We stayed in our rooms for a little bit before dinner so we could unpack, but soon enough we had to go to fill our stomachs with delicious food! After dinner we gathered round a warm campfire and we heard interesting stories and songs. By now everyone was extremely tired and ready to go to bed.

The next day everyone was reluctant to get out of their warm beds. We had our breakfast which was delicious and packed up all our luggage. Our tour guide Pat showed us around the Goldfields, we saw lots of historical devices and machines. We even got a chance to pan for gold! After that we had lunch, a sausage sizzle! Next we got to listen to Miss Molly and Pat talk about life back in the goldfields, it was very intriguing. We also had the chance to participate in activities such as making mud bricks, making damper, building tents and playing old time games.

We got on the bus for the last time and headed back to Sydney. On our way back to school we stopped at McDonalds for dinner. At last we made it to school, our parents greeted us and we were ready to go back

home. This overnight excursion had been a fantastic opportunity and Year 6 are very grateful to have gone on this amazing adventure.

Claudia Nguyen, Serena Rodriguez, Lucas Engesser, Marcus Scuderi



Cyber Safety Talk

Senior Constable Christopher Liplyn will be coming to give a talk to our students about Cyber Safety and Safety issues at school. Parents are welcome to attend. Senior Constable Christopher Liplyn will be available at the end of the talk to answer any questions parents have about the issues raised in the talk.

Dates for these talks are:

Thursday **25 May Years 3 and 4** **10am**

Friday **26 May Years 5 and 6** **9am**

A note went home today for you to indicate and respond if you wish to attend any of these sessions.

St Paul's Very Own Literacy Planet Legend!

We are all very proud of one of our Year Four students, Matthew Engesser, who has won an award in the LiteracyPlanet Legends competition.

LiteracyPlanet Legends is a campaign run by online literacy education company LiteracyPlanet, to celebrate the special 'legend' moments in students' lives. It highlights the synergy between physical activity, positive emotions and academic achievement, and celebrates students' achievements, big and small, in and outside the classroom. It is not just about doing well, but also about effort, perseverance, being a positive member of the community, and having fun. Thousands of nominations were received from around the country, with many stories of remarkable students.

Mathew was nominated by Mrs Maroun and selected as the winner of the runner-up prize for the Sport category of the competition. His prize includes a \$1,000 voucher for resources for our school.

Congratulations Matthew for your outstanding attitude, efforts and achievements. Thank you to Mrs Maroun for recognising Matthew's talents and contributions and nominating him for this award.

Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Jordan P (Kindy) and Cooper S (Year 2) who completed the Premiers Reading Challenge this week.

Library Helpers Required

The library has recently purchased many new books and the children are very eager to commence borrowing them. Unfortunately before these books can go on the shelves for the children to commence borrowing they need to be covered. If you have some spare time to help cover we would be very grateful. We are happy for you to take books home and we will provide you with contact. Just come and see Mrs Taylor or see the ladies in the office.

Athletics Carnival Yr 6 Fundraiser

As you are aware the Athletics Carnival will be taking place at Gooden Reserve on Monday 29 May. Year 6 will be conducting a fundraiser at the Carnival by way of a cake stall to assist with the running costs of their graduation dinner at the end of the year.

They are looking for any assistance you could provide by way of cakes, biscuits or lolly bags that could be sold or even helping out at the stall on the day. In case of wet weather the cake stall will continue at the school.

Please bring any donations to the office on the morning of the carnival or to the carnival after drop off.

Shayne Reid

Mothers' Day

The Mothers' Day celebration held on Friday 5th May was a great success thanks to the hard work and generosity of so many people. It was a very early morning start for the dads but we know that all the beautiful ladies that came for breakfast really appreciated all their hard work. With a smile on their faces they cooked and served French toast and yogurt, served with toasted museli & coulis. A special thank you to **Craig Culnane, Patrick McCall, Dave Duncombe, Warren Power-Jones, Rodney Cartwright, Tony Jasser, Aleks Milinkovic, Matt Alley, Warren Frome, Joe Naim, John Cuschieri, Jim Wijaya, Jason Cummins, Mal Little, Ammon Cassin and Jeff Whetton**. The support and help from **Jamie Sorenson** was also greatly appreciated.



Of course the stall was also a hit last Friday. Close to \$1400 profit was made from the final takings of the stall. The children had loads of fun choosing gifts and shopping for that special someone in their life. It was wonderful to watch their excitement. It was also heartening to see so many parent helpers give up their time to help sell gifts. A special thank you to **Rachel Scuderi, Bethany Power-Jones, Anna Abdul Ahad, Martina Younis, Shayne Reid, Carmel Khalil, Maxine Arthur, Patrizia Mangione, Michelle Brownlow, Tracey Hall, Charlotte Maroun, Narelle Hart, Shirley Massoud, Odeel Skaff, Joelle Tannous, Alyssa Dwyer, Leena Dib, Linda Spina, Danielle Haddad, Kelly Fisher, Rob Hastings, Vanessa Cassin, Kylie Prideaux, Ashley Anjoul, & Nikki Cummins**.

We thank you all because we couldn't have done it without you.

From The P&F Team!



A Note from Jane

Thank you again to all the Mums who helped coordinate the Mothers' Day activities. Your support for our student and their families is much appreciated and is something that makes our community unique.

Jane Misek.

P&F Meeting – General Meeting - Tuesday 23rd May 7.30pm

Please join us next week for our P&F General Meeting to be held in the staff room.

Come and be part of the discussion as to what events we hold this year, how we fundraise and what ideas we have to grow.

The school leadership team will also be doing a presentation on [CYBER SAFETY](#)

This will be an open talk and discussion, where questions will be encouraged. It will be great to gain some insight into this ever changing area and learn from our school leadership and each other.

Join in and be part of your P&F. We would love to see you there!

Star Spot

Taylor & Jade C

Over the last couple of weeks Jade and Taylor C have played their first soccer matches with the Winston Hills Bears. They are having a great time and really enjoying playing with their new Team. In their first match, Taylor attacked and defended well in the first half and played as Goal Keeper for the second half saving several attempted goals. Jade attacked and defended well throughout the match, and did a header to save a potential goal. She was awarded Player of the Week and received a trophy and certificate for her efforts. They are both looking forward to the season ahead.



Matthew C

Matthew C is playing soccer for the Winston Hills Bears. Matthew has been playing well and scored 5 goals in his first match and 2 goals each in the next two matches. He was awarded the Player of the Week and received a Certificate for his hard work and team spirit.

Lucas E

Lucas E recently competed in the NSW Senior State Championships for Men's Artistic Gymnastics and after placing 6th overall was then selected into the NSW team to represent us in the upcoming Australian Gymnastics Championships in Melbourne. From the 24th to the 28th of May, Lucas will compete in all 6 apparatus in the Level 7 U12 division. We know everyone will be behind him as he competes in Melbourne.



Ben C

Congratulations to Ben C in Year 4. Ben entered the Write 4 Fun Competition and is going to have his story, 'A New York Adventure' published in a book called Spread the Word. Congratulations Ben we are very proud of you.

School Gate

Please ensure that if you are coming through the school gate to the office that it is closed behind you. We will also be closing the playground gate to the car park in the morning when the bell rings. Parents with prams will still be able to open it to exit the school (It will be closed but not locked until 9:15am).

Child Safety

'Until they are ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road'

Recently we have had several children walking through the car park on their own. Please remember that unless you are using 'kiss and drop' you **MUST** escort your child through the carpark. Until they are ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road. **Please be aware** – people are not always concentrating on what is going on around them. **Help us to keep your children safe.**

Car Park Reminders.....

- Park only in marked spaces – The small wall along the front of the Church is not a marked parking spot. Unfortunately, people often park here when there are still empty spots available
- Drive at 10km per hour
- Avoid double parking anywhere
- Use the disabled spaces legitimately
- Drive around until a spot becomes available
- Delay pick up in the afternoons – children are supervised until 3.40pm
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At kiss and drop in the mornings:

- Drive to the end of the area slowly
- Children alight on the passenger side only with their bags
- Parents remain in the car
- Drive off carefully

Building Child Safe Communities - New Forms for All Volunteers

There have been several changes to Child Protection requirements for volunteers. Parents/close relative volunteers are now **EXEMPT** from obtaining the Working with Children Check (WWCC), **however it is most important that you still complete the volunteers training on the Parramatta CEDP website. This is a requirement.**

'Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that all volunteers complete an online 'Undertaking Form' that confirms expectations in relation to

behaviour whilst volunteering at schools, Catholic out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

Volunteers – please click on '**Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers**' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.

A new form is required for each location that you are a volunteer or contractor or if any of the details you have provided on the form change.

We thank all volunteers and contractors for their continued support of Catholic Education.

Medical Alerts

The health and wellbeing of our students is of paramount importance to us and keeping this in mind there are a few things that we need to ask you to do.

Anaphylaxis

We ask that parents of children who are at risk of **Anaphylaxis** provide the school with an updated **Anaphylaxis Action Plan**, signed by a doctor, together with an **Epipen or Anapen** and any other medication required. **If you have not done this, please do so immediately.**

Asthma

Many of our children are Asthma sufferers – we ask that parents provide us with an up to date Asthma plan for their child together with their own Asthma medication. Please be reassured if your child forgets to bring their medication to school there is always Ventolin in the school office.

Food Allergies

Several children at our school suffer from food allergies – **some very severe**. We wish to remind you that in line with our policy we ask that you do not send gift items such as lollies, birthday cakes etc for your child to give to other children. At times, teachers do give food treats to the children but they always check the suitability of these treats with the parents of children with allergies.

Your cooperation with the above will help us to keep your children safe and well while they are in our care.