



# St Paul's Update

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30 March, 2016

Week 10, Term 1

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## Dates for your diary

1 April	Stage 2 Mass – Years 3 & 4. 9:10am in the Church
1 April	Assembly – Year 5. 2:30pm in the Parish Centre,
4 April	Dance Fever Showcase – 2pm. Parents invited.
8 April	Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Mass (Kindy, Year 1 & 2) 9:10am in the Church
8 April	Assembly – Year 3. 2:30pm in the Parish Centre
8 April	Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day, Penrith Touch Fields, The Kingsway, St Marys.
8 April	Last Day for Term 1
25 April	Anzac Day – Public Holiday
26 April	School resumes for Term 2

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## Return to School for Term 2

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on **Tuesday 26 April** after a very safe and happy holidays. Winter or Summer Uniform may be worn for the first two weeks depending on the weather. Full change over to Winter Uniform will be in Week 3.

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## Notes from the Assistant Principal

### Writing

Each year as a staff we set learning goals to work towards throughout the year. This year our goal in the area of literacy is to improve students writing. As part of this goal the staff have been working towards creating a school based writing continuum to help us track and monitor student progress.

As a staff we have been looking at writing samples from across the school and talking about ways we can give students genuine purpose and audience when writing. On Friday this week all students will be bringing home their writing /literacy books. Please take the time to talk positively with your child about their work. Feel free to write some words of encouragement to your child/children in the books. It is important that our students see us all working in partnership to support their learning.

We ask that all books are returned to school on Monday.

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### Cyber Safety

On Friday this week all classes will spend some time talking about cyber safety and students will be given a contract to read with their parents/carers. Please sign the contract and return to school by the end of the term. It will be a requirement each year that children will have been through this with their teacher and parents. As parents you would know that it is becoming increasingly difficult to track what our children are doing online. At school we feel it is very important that we are continually reminding children about safe practices when using technology available to them so we ask for your support in this area.

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## Mobile Phones

When considering children's safety it is important to also remind parents that while students are at school they are in our care and we take many measures to ensure their safety. We ask that if you need to contact your children regarding changes to pick up arrangements that you do so through the school office. It is a concern to staff that children are using mobile phones while waiting on the stage after school. A reminder also that mobile phones are not allowed on school excursions or at school events when students are in the care of teachers. Some of our students are using social media to post photos of themselves and other students. While this may seem innocent we have not got permission to post photos of all children across the school – this extends to students and parents as well. If you do feel it necessary that your child has a mobile phone at school it must be signed into the school office in the morning and collected at bell time in the afternoon. Mobile Phones are not permitted in the classrooms. Thank you for your support in this area. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## Dance Fever Challenge - Homebush

Last Wednesday night, over 120 of our students took part in this years' Dance Fever Challenge at Homebush. What a night!! The children behaved impeccably and danced their little hearts out. Their hard work, paid off and several of our students received ribbons for their professional Waltz's and Foxtrots. The evening ended with the school receiving the Year 4 trophy for Dance Fever Multisport Interschool Challenge Champions.

We would like to thank all the parents for your support on the night, it is so nice that our children are able to be exposed to an event like Dance Fever. We would also like to thank the teachers who gave up their evening to come along to support and supervise the children on the night, Mrs Shelton, Mrs Standing, Mrs Goldbery, Mr Debrincat, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Govender. Thank you for your gift of time, Marian and Jane.



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## Dance Fever Showcase

On Monday 4 April there will be a Dance Fever Showcase at **2:00pm** on the top playground. This performance will be an opportunity for the children to showcase what they have learnt in their Dance Fever lessons. You will also have the opportunity to see the wonderful dancing exhibited at Homebush last week.

If you are available and would like to come along for this performance, we ask that you please make your way to the undercroft on Monday afternoon and find a seat in the designated seating areas that will be available to the parents.

We look forward to seeing you there, as so many of the children are excited to have an opportunity to perform their routines for an audience.



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## Uniform Shop

School winter uniforms are now available.

The last day of normal trading for Term 1 will be **Thursday 7 April** and we will reopen on **Thursday 28 April**.

Due to the high demand for winter uniform we will open for an additional three days during the school holidays -

**Saturday 9 April      12:00pm – 3:00pm**

**Monday 18 April      11:00am – 2:00pm**

**Saturday 23 April      4:00pm – 5:30pm**

**There is no need to make an appointment during this period**

For any further enquiries please contact Elle.

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## Kindergarten Enrolments 2017

Enrolments for 2017 are now open. If you have already collected an enrolment form, we would be grateful if the completed enrolment forms could be returned to the school office before the end of term – 8 April, 2016.

Thank you for your cooperation

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## Open Day

Monday 9 May is our Open Day for 2017 Kindergarten Families. We will let you have more information about the Open Day next term.

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## School Fees

Thank you to those families that have settled their school fees for Term 1. School Fees are now overdue, we would be grateful if fees could be finalised by Friday 8 April.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty, we are here to help. Please contact Berna Robson in the school office to discuss or feel free to make an appointment to meet with Mrs Bell.

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## POSITION VACANT

The Parish of St Anthony's Toongabbie invites applications for the position of part-time administrative assistant. The person in this role is accountable to the Parish Priest and would be required to work within a small parish team one day per week (Friday) with the possibility of some occasional relief work. This is a part-time position. The initial appointment will be for one year with a probationary period of three months. A job description can be obtained from the parish office:

Telephone 9631 3316 or email: [secretary@stanthonychurch.org.au](mailto:secretary@stanthonychurch.org.au). Applications close on Friday 1 April.