



# ST PAUL'S POST

## Weekly Newsletter

22 April, 2015

Term 2 Week 1

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### Our School Prayer

Heavenly Father  
At St Paul's we pray that  
you watch over us in all  
we do and say. Help us  
to live our values of  
empathy, leadership,  
commitment, integrity  
and faithfulness. Guide  
us to be victors through  
faith. We ask this  
through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of St Paul's,



**Welcome back** to a very soggy start to Term 2! I hope you were able to enjoy some down time over the break and feel ready and renewed for an exciting term. I pray that the Risen Christ brings peace to your families and to our world families in troubled countries. *'From the risen Lord we ask today the grace not to succumb to the pride which fuels violence and war, but to have the humble courage of pardon and peace.'* (from His Holiness Pope Francis Easter 2015 Central loggia of the Vatican Basilica Sunday, 5 April 2015)

It is with great delight that I tell you that our Catholic out of School Hours Centre (**COSHC**) has opened here at St Paul's. There are many children who have already attended the centre and they have had a lovely time getting to know the staff and exploring the new equipment available. If you would like some more information about the centre, please look further into the newsletter for contact details.

Now that we have the COSHC operating, **supervision of students** on the playground begins at **8.25am**. Please do not send your child to school before this time. If you need to send your children early, COSHC is available for supervision. Yesterday morning, there were children sitting in the cold and rain before the supervision began. Sometimes there are special circumstances when parents need to be at work or an appointment earlier than normal and I accept that, but toward the end of term 1 there were too many students here far too early. Please contact me if you need further clarification.

I ask that you remain vigilant when using the **parish/school car park**. It is vital that we observe the speed limit and parking restrictions for the safety of all parents and students. In the wet weather, you may need to allow more time to collect your children. We will open the gates at 2.55 and have the children ready for collection at 3pm. We ask that you go directly to your child's learning space to collect them and take them home. In the afternoon over the last 2 days, the car park has been very smooth. I thank you for your patience and careful driving.

It is timely to remind you also of the **kiss 'n drop** procedures. We ask that you approach the area slowly, stay in the car and allow the children to alight from the passenger side with their bags. We have created this process for your convenience

## Contact us

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Liturgical Events

Unless otherwise stated Mass  
will commence at 9:10am

Week 1 – Anzac Liturgy  
9:10am in Parish Centre  
Week 2 - No Mass  
Week 3 - Stage 3 Mass Yr 5 & 6  
Week 4 - No Mass  
Week 5 - Early Stage One Mass  
Kindergarten  
Week 6 - Stage 2 Mass Yr 3 & 4  
Week 7 - Stage 1 Parish Mass  
Yr 1 & 2 Sunday 31 May  
Week 8 - Whole School Mass  
Week 9 - No Mass  
Week 10 - Whole School Mass  
12:00pm

## General Events

24 April, Anzac Day Liturgy  
27 April, Open Day – Kindy 2016  
1 May, First Round Debate  
4 May, Year 2 Excursion -  
Aquarium

but if you get out of the cars to assist children with bags etc, you are delaying the cars backed up behind you. I ask for your assistance with this process please.

I am looking forward to another exciting term of learning.  
Have a great week everyone.

*Marian Bell*

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Principal  
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## RE News



**"The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses" Acts 3:15**

My journey over the last twelve days has been a life changing experience. I have had the amazing opportunity to join forty-one other members from the Parramatta Diocese and travel to the place where our faith was born. Currently I am in Rome and was witness to Pope Francis's message based on today's biblical readings: Acts 3:15 and Luke 24:48. Pope Francis' address explained to the gathered crowd how part of the mission of the church (us) is to be witnesses of our faith. He stated "We all are called to give witness that Jesus is alive! We can ask ourselves; who is witness? The witness is one who has seen, who remembers and who recounts. To see, to remember and to tell are three verbs that describes the identity and mission". The full transcript can be found <http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/regina-coeli-on-being-witnesses-to-the-risen-christ>

As I stood in St Peter's Square I looked around and was entranced by the number of witnesses who too had come to see the leader of our church. As I sit here tonight and reflect on what it means to me to be a witness it is hard to move beyond the verbs mentioned by Pope Francis: to see, remember and to tell. This pilgrimage has allowed me the opportunity to see what Jesus saw, walk where Jesus walked during his time on earth.

During Father Chris D'Souza's homilies we have been lead into reflections and questions that have allowed me to remember Christ died so that we might live life to the fullest. By letting go of all the things that hold us back from truly living the message of Jesus is the only way we can live life to the full. This can only be achieved if we let go of our sins, give them up to the Lord and allow him to save us. The only way this can be achieved is to show we are believers and face our sins with the Lord so we can live.



5 May, Diocesan Cross Country,  
Eastern Creek

6 May, Year 5 & 6 Excursion to  
OLMC Dress Rehearsal of their  
Variety Night.

7 May – 4th First Communion  
Group Meeting

8 May – Mothers' Day Stall

10 May – Mothers' Day

## SPORT DAYS TERM 2

KINDY Tuesday/Thursday

YEAR 1 Wednesday/Thursday

YEAR 2 Tuesday/Wednesday

YEAR 3 Wednesday/Friday

YEAR 4 Tuesday/Wednesday

YEAR 5 Thursday/Friday

YEAR 6 Wednesday/Thursday

## Assembly Term 2, 2015

Assembly – Fridays 2:30pm

Week 1 – No Assembly

Week 2 – Assembly – Year 2

Week 3 – No Assembly

Week 4 – No Assembly

Week 5 – Assembly – Year 4

Week 6 – Assembly – Year 1

Week 7 – No Assembly

Week 8 – Assembly - Kindy

Week 9 – No Assembly

Week 10 – No Assembly

At times our lives can often be overtaken by distractions that hinder us from telling the Good News to all we meet. These distractions can come in many forms: pride, insecurities, commercialism or avoidance of taking on the mission of the church. We can only fulfil these actions once we find Christ in the here and now and allow Him to guide us and live life in its completeness.

If you would like to see snippets of my pilgrimage short reflections and photos can be found at <http://www.yearfive2015stpaultheapostle.blogspot.com>

God Bless,

*Leanda Standing*

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## Curriculum Corner

On May 12, 13 and 14 May 2015, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Naplan is designed to assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian Schools.

All Year 3 and 5 students are expected to participate in the tests. Please make an appointment with Mrs Bell if you would like to discuss your child's participation in the NAPLAN. A letter containing further information will be going home today.

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## Sport Days - Term 2

Please note that there are several changes to Sport Days for Term 2.

KINDY	Tuesday & Thursday
YEAR 1	Wednesday & Thursday
YEAR 2	Tuesday & Wednesday
YEAR 3	Wednesday & Friday
YEAR 4	Tuesday & Wednesday
YEAR 5	Thursday & Friday
YEAR 6	Wednesday & Thursday

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## St Paul's Netball Club Update

Round 3

Congratulations to **Team 17 (9's)** who won 6-0 against Tangara 12, **and also to Team 13 (12D1)** who won 26-6 against Glenwood 35. Well done girls.

## Uniform Shop Trading Hours

Thursday 2:30 – 4:00pm  
No Saturday Trading until further notice

For all uniform enquiries please contact Elle on

0421 216 414 or  
elle@ozfashions.com.au

## Library Borrowing Term 2

Kindy – Tuesday  
Year 1 – Tuesday  
Year 2G – Tuesday  
Year 2N – Thursday  
Year 3 – Thursday  
Year 4P – Tuesday  
Year 4J – Thursday  
Year 5 – Friday  
Year 6 – Thursday

Please ensure your child brings their library bag on their Class Library day.

## Bell Times

Block 1: 8:55 – 11:00  
Recess: 11:00 – 11:30  
Block 2: 11:30 – 1:00  
Lunch: 1:00 – 1:45  
Block 3: 1:45 – 3:15

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## Library News

As previously informed the Sydney Writers Festival will take place at the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta on Monday 18 May.

This event applies only to children in years 3-6 and a note will be sent home with your child on Thursday of this week. As in previous years, it will be on a first come first served basis. We are only able to take 60 children and preference will be given to children who have not previously attended.

Also, please note that there has been a small change to the library timetable for Year Four. 4P will borrow on a Tuesday and 4J on a Thursday.

Petrina Taylor  
Librarian

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## Anzac Liturgy

On Friday 24 April, we will commemorate the 100th anniversary of ANZAC. The ceremony will take place in the Parish Centre at 9:10am. We warmly welcome you to join us.

Following the Liturgy, Kindy - Year 2 will return to class and the primary classes will have the opportunity to hear from a Guest Speaker who will reflect on the meaning of ANZAC.

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## Proposed Industrial Action Tuesday 28 April

As you may be aware, the IEU (Independent Education Union) will be taking a one day stop work in NSW and ACT Catholic Diocesan Schools on Tuesday 28 April 2015, as part of a campaign to defend quality teaching and learning in the classrooms your children attend. At this stage, I am unable to confirm the interruption to teaching here on Tuesday. I will provide a communication update regarding our school arrangements for 28 April by Friday 24 April.

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## Catholic out of School Hours Care - COSHC

Catholic Out of School Hours Care has now commenced at St Paul's. The new OSHC operates within the school grounds and provides an indoor program in two adjoining classrooms located beside the music room.

Child and Parent enrolment forms are available on the COSHC website. For further information, please visit [www.coshc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.coshc.catholic.edu.au) then select "FIND A COSHC" and click on "Winston Hills – St Paul the Apostle" to download and print the required forms.

Please direct all COSHC inquiries related to the COSHC service at St Paul the Apostle to 0429 017 382 or [coshcstpaulwinstonhills@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:coshcstpaulwinstonhills@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Please remember some of our children have food allergies, we are a NUT FREE school. Help us keep our children safe



### Happy Birthday

To those children celebrating their birthdays between 20 April and 29 April

*Theron Letherbarrow, Liam O'Brien, Emily Fuda, Patrick Reid, Lucas Vranken, Tristen Nguyen, Emily Jimenez, Kayla Scoulou, Owen Wallace, Marcus Prideaux, Sienna Allen, Sanjou Christy*

### Our Vision Statement

*Reach new heights through a community celebrating faith, life and learning*

## Star Spot

### A dance star in the making - Tristen Nguyen



Over the last 6 months, Tristen has, with the support of our school, been focussing on her dream. That dream is to be a full-time ballerina. To do this, she has entered into a Transition program with the Vocational Ballet College - which essentially means she misses school for one day a week and studies all about ballet. In order to keep check of her progress, Tristen enters into competitions to see how she is performing amongst her peers, in Australia, and across the Asia Pacific region. Just before our Easter break, Tristen competed in the Joan and Monica Halliday Awards (a prestigious NSW ballet competition), making it through 3 rounds and into the Finals, which was a great result and has set her new Personal Best for the NSW dance community.

Over Easter, Tristen travelled to New Zealand to compete in a large Asia Pacific competition, called the Alana Haines Australasia Awards. This competition brings out the best of the best ballet dancers aged 11 - 19 in the Asia Pacific region. Being one of the youngest competitors, Tristen made it through 2 rounds and again set her Personal Best for this competition. The experience was marvellous, with Tristen being able to compete with some of her idols! The next 5 months sees Tristen focussing on the Australian Ballet Eisteddfod season, with a goal of improving on her results from 2014.



Congratulations on your success Tristen, we look forward to following your career.

### Little Athletics Star

On Saturday 19 April, Winston Hills Little Athletics held their Presentation Day for 2014-2015 Season.

Marcus Prideaux in KP received the Age Champion award for the Under 6's, he worked hard all season to achieve his very best. We offer Marcus our congratulations and wish him well for the next season. Keep up the good work Marcus!!



### Baby News

Congratulations to the Cesar family, Lochlan 3L on the safe arrival of their new baby boy Lucas.

We would also like to announce the safe arrival of Mrs Kathryn Reid's daughter, Pippa. I am sure Mrs Reid will make a visit to the school soon with her bouncing baby girl.

*Congratulations to all*

P & F News

*Mother's Day Stall*

**FRIDAY 8 MAY**



Mother's Day is less than three weeks away and each year the stall has been a very popular event for the students of St Paul's. It will be held during school time on **Friday 8 May** with a variety of gifts available to buy for Mum and Grandma at very reasonable prices. Keep an eye out for a detailed note of items with prices, which will be sent home late next week.

We will need help on the day to sell the presents to the children, so if you have some time to spare from 10am, please contact **Mirna Jasser 0414 896 037** or **Danielle Haddad 0419 440 922**

Thank you for supporting the school in the Mother's Day stall.

**Bingo Night Fundraiser**

The Bingo Night is being held this year on **Friday, 22 May**. This is a fun, enjoyable family night out, in which we, as a school community, can get together, enjoy each other's company and raise money for St Paul's.

A note will be going out with students today with requests for prize donations.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to another great night.

Victoria Smith and Marie Oxby



**Fundraising - Just a reminder...**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We are seeking goods and services as donations to be used for prizes this year for our three major raffles.

If any families, own, operate or have connections to source these goods, e.g. electronics, vouchers etc. we would be grateful if you would please contact us on the numbers below or by email.

Thank you in anticipation of your help

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**Lauren Alley**  
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## Whole School Working Bee

There will be a Whole School Working Bee on **Saturday 16 May** between 8:00am and Middy.

Please see separate note which will be sent home tomorrow.

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## Interested in becoming an altar server at St Paul's?

### How to apply

- Application forms will be available on the foyer table in the church with close off Monday 11 May.

### Criteria for becoming an Altar Server

- Must have already received the sacrament of First Holy Communion by June 2015; and
- Regularly attend mass; and
- Attendance to a Catholic School is not relevant as we encourage and invite interested children from all schools.

### Training

- Over four consecutive Wednesdays May 20 to June 10
- Starting from 3:30pm and going for about 30 - 40 minutes each session
- A further session could be held if required on Wednesday 17 June
- Children attending schools other than St Paul's may find this timing inconvenient and alternatives can be happily arranged.

### Installation ceremony

- Sunday 21 June at the 9:30am mass. Morning tea will follow mass. This mass will also be used to present existing long term servers with the Guild of St Stephen medal.

### Allocation of robes

- The Parish will provide robes so there is nothing that is required to be obtained or purchased.

### Roster and allocation of masses

- Children completing the training will be added to the rosters which commence from the first weekend in July 2015.
  - Depending on how many we recruit will impact on how often children will be rostered to serve; eg anywhere from once every three to five weeks.
  - Here is a link to where to find the rosters on the web: [www.stpaultheapostleparish.org/rosters.aspx](http://www.stpaultheapostleparish.org/rosters.aspx)
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# TERM 2 2015 PARENT CALENDAR



WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>April 1</b>	20 Students Return  Winter Uniform	21	22	23	24 Anzac Liturgy Parish Centre 9:10am	25 Anzac Day	26
<b>Apr / May 2</b>	27 Open Day Kindergarten 2016	28	29	30	1 Debating – Round 1  Assembly Year 3	2 4 <sup>th</sup> First Communion Group Meeting 4:30pm  Walk Through the Mass 6pm	3 4 <sup>th</sup> First Communion Group Meeting 10:30 Walk Through the Mass 9:30am
<b>May 3</b>	4 Year 2 Excursion to Sydney Aquarium	5 Diocesan Cross Country – <i>Eastern Creek</i> TBC	6 Years 5&6 to OLMC 9:45am	7 4 <sup>th</sup> First Communion Group Meeting <b>TBA</b>	8 <b>Mothers' Day Stall</b>  <b>Mothers' Day Breakfast</b>	9 Practice for First Communion Group 1 2:00pm	10 Mothers' Day
<b>May 4</b>	11	12	13	14 Ascension Thursday  Yr 6 Canberra	15 Make Up Day NAPLAN  Yr 6 Canberra	16 Whole School Working Bee 8am-12pm First Communion Group One 2:00pm	17 Ascension of the Lord  Practice for First Communion Group 2 3pm
<b>NAPLAN - TESTING FOR Yrs 3 &amp; 5</b>							
<b>May 5</b>	18 Sydney Writers Festival Riverside Theatre Yrs 3-6	19 ICAS Digital Technologies  P&F Exec Meeting 7:30pm	20 Stage 3 BOYS Soccer Gala Day – Rooty Hill Parent Enquiry Night First Reconciliation 7:30pm	21	22 MacKillop Touch Trials – Parramatta TBC Assembly Year 4  <b>Bingo Night</b>	23 First Communion Group 2 2pm	24 Pentecost Sunday
<b>May 6</b>	25 Our Lady Help of Christians  <b>Term 2 Fees Due</b>	26 National Sorry Day	27 Stage 3 BOYS Soccer Gala Day – Rooty Hill GOLD TBC	28	29 Kindergarten Excursion to the Zoo  Assembly Year 1  Debating	30	31 Trinity Sunday
<b>June 7</b>	1 Musica Viva Music performance	2 P&F Meeting 7:30pm	3 Year 5 Camp Bathurst  ICAS Science Comp	4 Year 5 Camp Bathurst	5 Year 5 Camp Bathurst  Debating	6 Year 3 Excursion to Featherdale	7 Corpus Christi
<b>June 8</b>	8 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	9	10	11 Band Performance 6:30pm	12 Sacred Heart of Jesus Assembly - Kindy  School Disco	13	14
<b>June 9</b>	15	16 ICAS Spelling Comp	17 ICAS Writing Comp	18	19 Primary Athletics Carnival	20 Knights of the Southern Cross Trivia Night	21
<b>June 10</b>	22 Year 5 Personal Development Night <b>TBC</b>	23 Stage 2 BOYS Soccer Gala Day – Rooty Hill TBC	24 Stage 2 GIRLS Soccer Gala Day – Rooty Hill TBC	25 Back-Up Day Primary Athletics	26 Sausage Sizzle St Peter & Paul  <b>Term 2 Ends</b>	27	28
<b>Jun / July</b>	29 Feast of Sts Peter & Paul	30	1	2	3	4	5
<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>	6	7	8	9	10	11	12