



ST PAUL'S POST

Weekly Newsletter

29 April, 2015

Term 2 Week 2

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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,

Last Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter we were reminded of the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep: he calls them, he feeds them and he guides them. For over fifty years the universal Church has celebrated this Sunday as the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. We are invited to pray for vocations – those who are preparing for consecrated life and those who are already in ministry. Our priest challenged us to also be good shepherds to the people around us. From John's Gospel (Jn 10:11-18) he focused on the words: 'I know my own and my own know me.' How well do we truly know those around us that enables us to 'shepherd' them and care for them?

On Monday we hosted three tours of our school for the **kindergarten families for 2016**. It was with great pleasure and pride that we showed them through the learning spaces and over the grounds of the school. When we returned to the library there were many questions around shared learning spaces, uniform, homework, sport, extra curricula activities, bullying and parent involvement. The whole process of enrolment begins next month and I look forward to meeting our new students.

Speaking of parent involvement – I would like to remind you of three requests:

1. Last week we sent invitations out for our **Mothers' day** breakfast. We have had many people RSVP and it promises to be a wonderful morning. Unfortunately we have only had 6 dads reply to their invitation to cook breakfast! Come on dads – think back to our Father's Day celebrations last year – we had so many mums helping! It is time to reciprocate! Please return your forms as we need to know numbers for catering.
2. On Saturday May 16 we are holding our first **Working bee** for 2015. We have three aims for the day – to build sand pits, retaining walls and to sand and paint the handrails. I realise that Saturday morning is difficult for many families, but I am hoping that more families will offer to help us this week. Please consider coming along even for an hour – many hands make light work. We are trialling a new

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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

1 May, First Round Debate

4 May, Year 2 Excursion -
Aquarium

5 May, Diocesan Cross Country,
Eastern Creek

6 May, Year 5 & 6 Excursion to
OLMC Variety Show.

approach to the working bees by listing the jobs and attracting people who have skills and ideas to share.

3. We are now operating the **Ready, Set, Grow club** on two days of the week – Tuesday and Friday at lunchtime. It is exciting to see our plants growing and our beds ready for our next planting of vegetable seedlings. If you are able to assist on either day at lunchtime, please join Bethany and Connie and our enthusiastic group of children for some fun in the sun!

Thank you to everyone who read and has honoured the **kiss and drop** procedure in the mornings as outlined in last week's newsletter. Parents you are reminded to stay in the car please – when you get out to help, you slow down the process. Remember that the safety of the students is of great importance and we ask that you respect our requests.

Have a great week everyone.

Marian Bell

Marian Bell
Principal
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RE News



"But you," he said, "who do you say I am?" ‘ Mt 16:15
The pilgrimage was only part of the journey. Slowly, as the hours have become days and no doubt as the days become months, questions about how my experience of pilgrimage will affect my life and interactions with my faith and others will continue to be raised. Throughout many of Father D'Souza's homilies he raised the question Jesus asked Peter – "Who do you say I am?" It is a question we all need to answer. To be true Disciples of Christ we need to have courage to discuss our faith with others, with our children, family and friends so then it becomes a living faith.

It is important for us to share because Christianity is more than 'me' and God. It should be 'we' and God. Every time we make the sign of the cross it is reminder of these two aspects and how they come together to fulfil our beliefs. The vertical sign of the cross represents God and me while the horizontal sign represents God and us. Our faith meets at the heart of the Church; that is where the sign of the cross overlaps. To me, this simple explanation perfectly describes how valuable we all are in our Church.



In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul described the Christ in these terms, 'For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body,

7 May – 4th First Communion
Group Meeting
8 May – Mothers' Day Stall
Mothers' Day Breakfast
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 3
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

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

though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.' As Christians, we enter into the body of the Church at baptism and we are invited to use our gifts daily to share the messages of Christ with the world. This does not mean we can pick and choose when we decide to use them – like a smorgasbord we need to be open to the call of Christ every day. Participating in the Eucharist is essential as it is in communion with Christ that we are strengthened. All of us have different gifts and together we make the Church; it is not complete without all members as we are all necessary to each other.

In Jordan, I was introduced to places that represented the birth of our faith, Jerusalem allowed me to walk in the footsteps of Christ putting me in touch with the love Christ has for us. Then we moved to Rome where I was witness to the head and body of the Church where I was led to an understanding of how leadership of the Church empowers us to act in our faith. Finishing our pilgrimage in Assisi gave me the understanding of the necessity to act out our faith in our everyday just as Francis and Clare did. May we, like them, be able to live the message found in Matthew, "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited me in..."

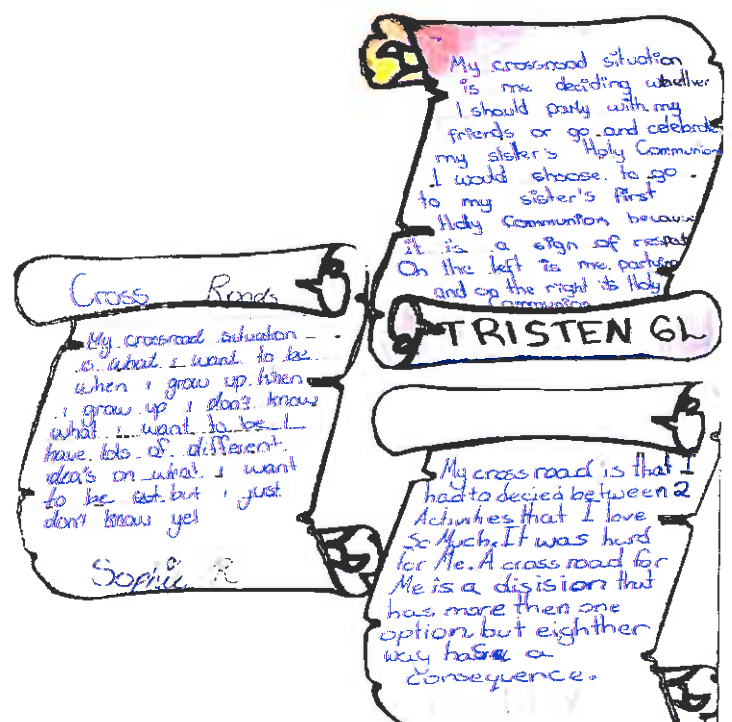
God Bless,

Leanda Standring

Leanda Standring
Religious Education Coordinator
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Classroom Snapshot - Featuring Year Six

Students in Year 6 have been looking at situations that make them choose one direction or another. The following are children's responses to accompany paintings that they created to depict their own personal crossroad situation.



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

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

Curriculum Corner

Request for help...

We have purchased some more reading books for the children and as you know, before they go into circulation they need to be covered and stamped. So if you have any spare time we would love to have your help. Please help out if you can so that the children can start to enjoy the new books.

Thank you in advance

Jane Misek

Assistant Principal

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NAPLAN Reminder....

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 or if you have any other concerns about the testing.

Hills Cluster Debating Competition

An adjudicator is needed for a debating round at Christ the King, North Rocks, on Monday 1 June. If you can assist with this, please contact Miss Vicki Magro at vmagro@parra.catholic.edu.au. Look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

Vicki Magro

Year 6 Teacher/Debating Coordinator

Assembly

Just a reminder that this week is a Year 3 Assembly – please feel free to join us on Friday at 2:30pm in the Parish Centre.

Whole School Working Bee

There will be a Whole School Working Bee on **Saturday 16 May** between 8:00am and Midday. We look forward to welcoming many of you to lend a hand. Please complete and return the note that was sent home with your children last week so that we can arrange lunch for you.



Happy Birthday

To those children celebrating their birthdays between 30 April and 6 May

*Annabelle Hamilton,
Jade Cooper, Taylor
Cooper, Daniel Farran,
Kleo Hendry*

Student Attendance Reminder...

1. If your child is away from school sick, please ensure that a letter is sent to the classroom teacher on his/her return to school.
2. **1-9** days absence: Parents **must** notify the school principal by mail or email (written).
3. **10-100** days absence: Parents must complete and submit the *Application for Extended Leave form (A1)* prior to commencing leave – Forms are available from the school office or on the website. If approved the Principal issues a *Certificate of Extended Leave (C1)*. If the principal declines this application (ie, is not within the best interest of the child to take leave and be absent from school), a letter notifying parents that the application has been declined will be sent out.
4. If the principal accepts the reason for the absence, the absence will be marked as leave (L).
5. If the principal does not believe the absence is in the student's best interests and does not accept the reason, the absence is unjustified and will be recorded as absent (A).
6. Partial Absences will be counted in the morning from any time after 8:55am. **Any students arriving at school after 8.55am must report to the school office accompanied by an adult to complete the necessary documentation.**

Library News

Thank you to those children who returned their forms and money for the Sydney Writers Festival which will take place at the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta on Monday 18 May.

A letter outlining all the details of the day will be sent out today with the children who were successful in obtaining a place.

Regards
Petrina Taylor
Librarian

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 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

P & F News

Mothers' Day Stall

FRIDAY 8 MAY



Mothers' Day is less than two 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 later this 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 come along or contact **Mirna Jasser 0414 896 037** or **Danielle Haddad 0419 440 922**

Thank you for supporting the school in the Mothers' Day stall.

Mothers' Day Breakfast

On **Friday 8 May**, St Paul The Apostle School will be hosting a Mothers' Day breakfast for all our mothers, grandmothers, aunties and special female friends. We invite you to please come along from 7.30am and enjoy some hot pancakes and yummy scones with coffee, tea or juice.

Please don't forget to RSVP to the school as soon as possible and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Bingo Night - Friday 22 May
Hamper Donations

To make Bingo Night a success, we would appreciate it if each student could donate items from the categories listed below. These donations will be packaged into hampers and used as prizes on the night. You are also welcome to donate another prize of your choice if you wish.



Each classroom has a tub to place these donations in. It would be appreciated if you could send in donations **no later than Friday, 8 May**.

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| KINDY | BBQ/MAN CAVE (BBQ tools, sauces, aprons etc) |
| YEAR 1 | TOYS/BOOKS (For 5 to 12 year olds) |
| YEAR 2 | GARDENING (Gloves, spades, seeds etc) |
| YEAR 3 | PAMPER/AROMATHERAPY (Soaps, candles, lotions etc) |
| YEAR 4 | HOME MOVIE NIGHT (DVD's, popcorn, sweets & treats etc) |

YEAR 5 HOMEWARE AND BAKING (Muffin tins, spatulas etc)
YEAR 6 PANTRY (Non-perishable jams, marinades, rubs etc)

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

Victoria Smith
0406 566567

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

How to apply

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

Criteria for becoming an Altar Server

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

Training

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

Installation ceremony

- i. 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

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

Roster and allocation of masses

- k. Children completing the training will be added to the rosters which commence from the first weekend in July 2015.
- l. 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.
- m. Here is a link to where to find the rosters on the web: www.stpaultheapostleparish.org/rosters.aspx

Minutes of St Paul the Apostle School
P&F General Meeting
Tuesday 31 March, 2015

Meeting Started: 7:30pm

1. Welcome

Prayer by Emma Hill

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous general meeting (25 November 2014) were accepted by Mirna Jasser and Lauren Alley.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes

Nil

5. Introduction from New Chairperson

Emma Hill welcomed everyone to the meeting and discussed the aims of tonight's meeting.

6. Correspondence in

Vanessa Cassin provided a list of correspondence received.

7. Treasurers Report

Tim Hamilton provided the Treasurer's Report. The current amount of funds available is \$41,170.30.

The new signatories to the bank account are now in place.

\$500 has been donated to cyclone affected schools in North Queensland.

8. Parish Priest Report

Fr Raning provided a report of current activities within the parish. He particularly thanked the students, teachers and parents for their involvement in the Palm Sunday Mass.

First Communion is on 16 & 23 May, 2015.

9. Principals Report

Marian Bell presented the Principal's Report.

Parent, Student, Teacher conference

Thank you to everyone who has availed themselves of the opportunity to attend the Parent/Student/Teacher conferences. The feedback I have received from the parents has been very positive – they have enjoyed the opportunity to sit with their child's

teacher to discuss their learning and to set a future direction by way of a goal. Similarly, the teachers have enjoyed the opportunity to meet the parents in this setting. They have appreciated the opportunity to get to know parents and to see them working with their children. One of the staff members told me that she went to her son's year 12 parent/teacher meetings – it went for only 5 minutes! So to have 15 minutes is pure luxury.

Catholic Schools Week

We have had a great parent response to the invitation to be a part of the learning during Catholic Schools Week. We have taken a slightly different approach to CSW by looking at Creative Arts – dance and Music, PDHPE and literacy groups. Our culminating activity is the whole school mass on Friday followed by an art lesson in each of the learning spaces. Feedback from parents has once again been very good. It seems that having a variety of times and opportunities with plenty of notice has been very much appreciated.

Dance Fever Challenge

On Wednesday 25 March, St Paul's will be participating in the Dance Fever challenge at Homebush bay. As it is our first year in the challenge, we imagined that there would be about 30 children. We have about 100 children who will compete in the challenge and the company is delighted with the enthusiasm of our students and their parents. It will be fun.

Mary Keft

Mary Keft is retiring at the end of this week. She is the parish secretary and has been associated with the parish and school for many years. The staff will farewell Mary with morning tea on Thursday and we wish Mary all the very best in her retirement with wonderful adventures ahead.

10. Fundraising Co-ordinators Report

Lauren Alley presented the report. See attached.

The new method of taking orders for Entertainment Books was discussed. Books will now be sent home to each family and they return them if they do not want them. It has been confirmed that the school/P&F are not liable for books that are not paid for and not returned.

11. Grants Co-Ordinator Report

Alex Mowbray presented the report.

The first grant application has been submitted to Coles Landcare.

Alex and Tim Hamilton are preparing an entry in the CBA Award which is a competition.

An application to Parramatta Councils Enviro Network will go in over Easter. We are asking for 4 pieces of garden furniture and also hoping to get some free seedlings.

There are a couple more opportunities coming up, possibly a chance to get some playground equipment. Marian Bell and Jane Misek are going to think about what they might want for the school.

There are Clubs Grants of up to \$30k available, possibly for sports, childcare or community education facilities. It was suggested we could get funds for a bullying program as part of the community education area.

A Bunnings Sausage Sizzle was suggested and the idea was favourably received.

Alex advised there is a free Microsoft software for teachers program but as the school only has Apple products at this time there may be limited use for this.

Alex may also meet with Fr Raning to look at grants the school can't apply for but the parish possibly could.

See action item at end.

12. Social Co-ordinators Report

Mirna Jasser and Danielle Haddad presented the Social Co-Ordinators report.

They gave a brief update on recent and upcoming events, including green cupcake day, Easter Egg raffle and Mother's Day Stall.

13. Working Bee Co-Ordinators Report

Ammon Cassin presented the Working Bee Co-Ordinators Report.

The first working bee for the year will be on 16 May, the suggested time is 8am – 12pm. A note advertising this will go in the first newsletter of Term 2. We will not be targeting years, the working bee will be open to everyone.

Ammon has a list of ideas from Marian Bell. This includes building sandpits and retaining walls. Some painting of handrails may also be undertaken.

Jaye Harkin suggested looking into council programs to give away free native plants. Parents can obtain the plants and then donate them to the school.

It was also suggested that we look at Bunnings program to donate "in kind" items.

14. PRC Report

Emma Hill advised that the P&F would like to proceed with booking Brett Murray to speak at the school. The Committee requested that Penny Wallace contact Megan Prevett to confirm if the school were to receive a \$500 grant for use for PRC matters.

Penny Wallace advised that the next PRC meeting is on 25 May at Blacktown. The topic is "What is a Personalised Plan?" A note will go in the newsletter for parents.

15. General Business

There was a general discussion about how the P&F General meetings are conducted. Attendance is low and we would like to improve it. Some of the attendees felt timing was an issue and suggested we try mixing it up a bit e.g. some day time meetings, some at night, different days.

It was suggested that guest speakers would be of interest to parents. Marian Bell and Jane Misek have some ideas such as including information sessions about learning techniques, behaviour management etc...

It was suggested that the P&F set up a Facebook page.

Marian feels the current model of an Executive meeting followed by a General meeting 2 weeks later is not an efficient use of everyone's time as much of the information is repeated.

It was suggested that we try and find out in advance what issues the school community would like to raise at meetings.

The question of whether or not we are still doing the "News & Views" newsletter was discussed.

Emma Hill passed on a request from a parent, Clare Gordon, for a mentoring program for boys to be considered as primary schools tend to be female dominated. It was suggested Clare come and talk about her suggestion at a future meeting.

16. Meeting Closed

8:55pm

Action Items

Action	Who	Due
Discussion between Alex Mowbray & Marian Bell re items to apply for grants towards	Alex Mowbray Marian Bell	By 30.4. 15
Penny Wallace to contact Megan Prevett to determine if the school are to receive a \$500. grant	Penny Wallace	Next executive meeting

Resolution

The Executive Committee voted to proceed with the Night Markets proposal.

Fundraising Co-ordinators Report

31 March, 2015

YTD progress for fundraising:

Already have confirmed 2x platinum sponsorships of \$1000, 1x gold sponsorship of \$600 & a silver sponsorship of \$300 all due in the next few weeks.

BINGO: 22 May 2015

- Event delegated to Kindergarten: Marie & Vicky, two Kindergarten mums, new to St Paul's have taken on the job of running this event.
- Still trying very hard to get donation prizes for raffle

Entertainment books: May 2015

- Books to be distributed early May for viewing, with instructions & purchase slip attached. (\$65/greater west book, with 20% of each sale going back into school fundraising account)

Skip-a-thon: 7 September 2015

- to be advised

Night Markets: 16 October 2015

- Still in research stage. Currently getting quotes for the event.
- Want to meet with Fr Ranning after Easter break in hopes of getting the Church community involved.

TRIVIA: 7 November 2015

- To be advised

Christmas raffle books: December 2015

- Proposed books of 20 @ \$5 per ticket.
- Early stages, still in search of major prizes.

Quickbeds Grassroots: All year

- Notes have gone home through home folders.
- Continue throughout the year to have information in school news letter
- Still waiting on promotion pack for school notice board

P&F PRESS

WELCOME

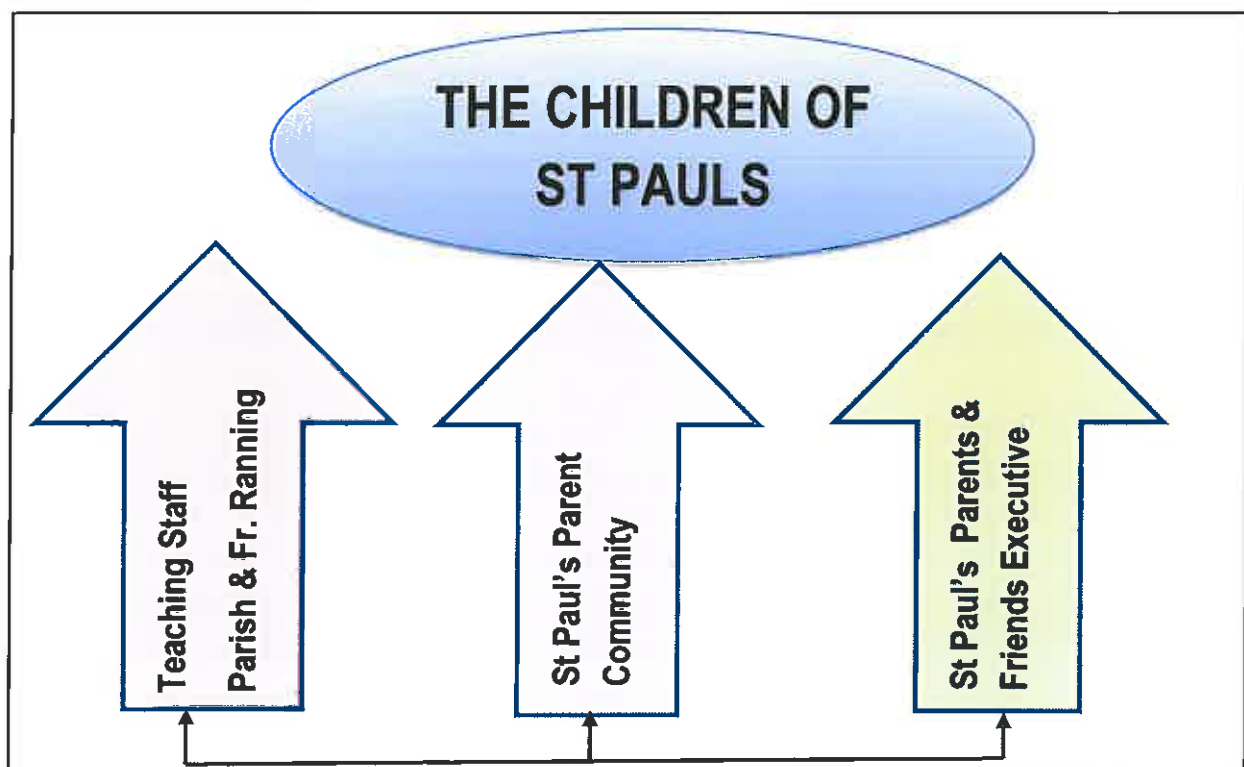
A sincere welcome to all new families joining our school community in 2015. We hope your children are settling well into the school and you are getting to 'know the ropes'.

WHAT IS THE P&F?

The P&F - or Parents & Friends is a group of parents within St Pauls who work together with the rest of the school community to run social events and raise funds for the education and enjoyment of our children. We work closely with parents and the teaching staff. The P&F is merely a representative group of parents. Our goal is to work collaboratively with all members of the school community in order to achieve great outcomes. All parents are welcome and indeed encouraged to be involved.

THE CURRENT P&F EXECUTIVE

This year we welcomed a predominantly new team into the P&F Executive roles. This team brings with it a terrific skill set that sees us well placed to meet our goals. In order to run successful social evenings and fund raising events we need your assistance. Not only to attend events but to be actively involved in the preparation and planning. All are welcome. If you work and are time poor but are still interested in lending a hand please don't hesitate to contact one of our team. There are many areas in which you can provide assistance that won't take up too much of your time. If you are keen to help but are not sure what you can do, please contact us as we need people with different types of skills. You may be surprised in what areas you can add value!



WHO CAN I CONTACT IN THE P&F?

You are welcome to contact any member of the P&F at any time if you have a question or would like to offer your assistance. Contact details are provided below.

PARENTS & FRIENDS EXECUTIVE				
NAME	CHILDREN	POSITION	PHONE	EMAIL
Lauren Rae Alley	Year 2, Kindy	Fundraising Coordinator	0421818606	loz12c@hotmail.com
Alyssa Dwyer	Year 2, Kindy	Fundraising Coordinator	0411270296	alyssa_barry@hotmail.com
Mirna Jasser	Year 2, Year 1	Social Coordinator	0414896037	buttongraphics@optusnet.com.au
Danielle Haddad	Year 2, Kindy	Social Coordinator	0419440922	dhaddad1@bigpond.com
Ammon Cassin	Year 4, Year 2	Working Bee Coordinator	0418250329	acassin@bigpond.net.au
Alex Mowbray	Year 2	Grants Coordinator	0416094454	alex.mowbray@ymail.com
Tim Hamilton	Year 6, Year 2	Treasurer	0403800221	tim.belinda@optusnet.com.au
Vanessa Cassin	Year 4, Year 2	Secretary	0403312038	acassin@bigpond.net.au
Jaye Harkin	Year 6, Year 5	Vice Chairperson	0433282890	kevjaye@bigpond.net.au
Emma Hill	Year 5, Year 2, Year 1	Chairperson	0428130469	emmacarolynhill@gmail.com

MEET TWO OF OUR NEW P& F REPRESENTATIVES



MIRNA JASSER – SOCIAL COORDINATOR

Mirna joins the P&F bringing with her some highly beneficial skills. Mirna is a graphic designer and has brilliant organisational skills. Mirna's warm personality and inclusive approach sees people wanting to work with her to pull school events together. Mirna works tirelessly on school functions and her enthusiasm is endless. We are lucky at St Pauls to have a Mum so willing to give of her time and contribute so effectively with her expertise.



**LAUREN RAE ALLEY –
FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR**

Lauren is a professional beauty therapist with a unique skill set that makes her an excellent Fundraising Coordinator. Lauren has the ability to contact people and make them enthused about our kids, our school and the goals of the P&F. A conversation with Lauren results in donations and sponsorships for the events we run for our school. Lauren has unending energy and brilliant new ideas. She is a huge asset to our school. THANKS LAUREN

WHAT IS THE PRC & WHO ARE THE CONTACTS?

The Parents Representative Council [PRC], is the Diocesan parent body that represents and supports parents and guardians of students enrolled in all primary and secondary Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta. The PRC works in collaboration with the Bishop, the Catholic Education Office Parramatta, priests and school leaders, in providing students support throughout their education.

The PRC works collaboratively with schools and parents, to provide additional opportunities for parents to become involved in their child's school community and learning journey. Parents and carers can gain access to information and educational opportunities via parent forums and guest speakers allowing parents to become active participants in their child's schooling.

St Pauls has two parent representatives that attend PRC meetings and share vital information with the school

PARENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL				
NAME	CHILDREN	POSITION	PHONE	EMAIL
Nikki Cummins	Year 5, Year 2	PRC Rep	04722412321	nikjase2@gmail.com
Penny Wallace	Year 2, Kindy	PRC Rep	0421818606	pw_pds@hotmail.com

PRC DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

All Parents are welcome and encouraged to come along to any events

- 16 & 17 May 2015 - The annual PRC parents conference is being held in Coffs Harbour (Opal Cove Resort). Any parents interested in going are welcome and encouraged.
 - If any parents are interested in going along and representing the school there may be some limited financial assistance toward the weekend available from the school. This would obviously only be available to the first parents to nominate.
 - Contact our PRC reps for a flyer about the conference if you are interested in attending.
 - It is a really great theme - "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child" which reminds me of our little school community.

- Monday 25 May 2015
 - Presentation: What is a personalised plan and what does it do for my child?
 - Presenter: Shane Morris, Catholic Education Diocese
 - Time: 7PM (Doors open: 6.30pm)
 - Venue: Patrician Bros College. Ground Floor 110 Flushcombe Rd Blacktown

WHATS COMING UP IN TERM 2 – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We have a number of events coming up this term that are both a great opportunity for social interaction across the school as well as for fundraising for our children.

- **Mothers' Day Breakfast & Mothers' Day Stall - Friday May 8 from 7.30am**
 - All mothers, aunts, grandmothers & special female friends & families invited.
 - **How can I help?**
 - We need Dads to cook the breakfast from 7am
 - We need adults to assist with the Mothers' Day Stall
 - **Contacts:** Mirna Jasser or Danielle Haddad

- **Whole of School Working Bee – Saturday 16 May from 9.00am**
 - All members of the school community invited to lend a hand to the working Bee.
 - Goals for this Working Bee include building sandpits, building low retaining walls and painting of handrails as well as other general items within the school.
 - We need as many parents as possible. Particularly those with some building, carpentry or painting skills – but all parents welcome.
 - **Contact:** Ammon Cassin

- **Bingo Night Friday 22 May from 6.30pm**
 - Come along and share a fun night of bingo with your kids. This night is always thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attends.
 - We need parents to assist with catering and preparation
 - **Contacts:** Lauren Rae Alley & Alyssa Dwyer

- **School Disco for Kids June 12**

- Our kids have a great opportunity to come along to the Parish Centre for a disco
- The kids love this night and always have fun
- Volunteers needed to supervise the children and help serve drinks and refreshments

- **Sausage Sizzle to Celebrate the Feasts of St Peter & Paul – Friday 26 June 1pm – 3.30pm**
 - All members of our community are invited to join us for this end of term barbeque.
 - We need people to help cook and serve the BBQ
 - **Contacts:** Mirna Jasser or Danielle Haddad

WHAT ARE WE RAISING FUNDS FOR IN 2015?

- More technology for each grade [lap tops, lpads, apple TV, lpods]
- A good school camera
- Replacement of old playground seats with new seating
- Sand pits
- A tactile garden
- Portable soccer goals
- New removable basketball posts
- And ultimately a shade structure for the top playground

WHATS COMING?

We are currently working on a school P&F Facebook page. This will provide a great opportunity for information sharing and keeping as many members of our community in the loop as possible. Not on Facebook? Don't worry! All information will still be made available through our P&F Press and information sent home with the school newsletter. We will advise people as soon as the Facebook page is ready and we will invite you to....



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