



St Paul's Update

19 August, 2015

Term 3, Week 6

Important dates for your Diary

- 21 Aug Diocesan Athletics Carnival, Blacktown
- 21 Aug **Staff Development Day - Pupil Free Day**
- 22/23 Aug Vinnies Door Knock Appeal
- 23 Aug Masters Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser 8:00am-4:00pm WE NEED YOUR HELP
- 24 Aug Book Week commences
- 25 Aug Book Week Parade - 9:00am in the Playground - All welcome
- 26 Aug Year 2 Excursion - Vaucluse House
- 26 Aug Voice of Youth Lower Hills Cluster Final - Year 6 travelling to St Angela's
- 26 Aug First Reconciliation 7:30pm
- 28 Aug Book Week Incursion - Musical Performance 'Shine a Light' - Whole School

Staff Development Day - Friday 21 August - Pupil Free Day

NAPLAN

Parents of Year 3 and Year 5 please be aware that the NAPLAN results are coming home today. Please remember that these results are a snapshot of your child's learning from early May. I am delighted to report that in all areas our school was above or at National average. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a meeting.

Gail Caruana

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Gail Caruana is retiring at the end of this term. Gail has been at St Paul's since 1999. She has been an integral part of the school community running an efficient office and looking after our finances expertly. Gail has been a reliable and professional member of staff working above and beyond her hours and her role. She has also been a very valued member on staff because of her generous ways and amazing sense of humour.

Gail you will be sorely missed by your three office buddies, Pauline, Rita and Juanita. I know that you have worked together for many years and you make a great team. We are lucky to have you all. The rest of the staff will also miss you and your smiling face. We have always relied on you to keep our finances in check and a lid on our spending!

On a personal note, I want to thank Gail for her patience and good humour when dealing with the new principal. You have always kept me informed of all I have needed to know and kept me on track. I will miss the laughs we have shared but most of all I will miss your remarkable presence around here.

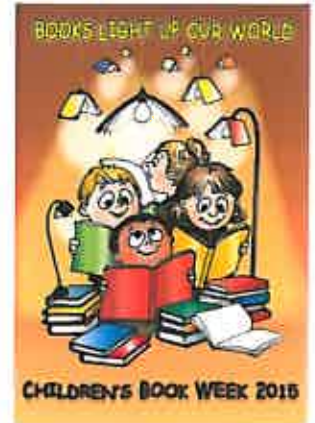
We hope that you enjoy your much deserved retirement and that it is everything and more than you desire. We wish you love and happiness always.

Marian Bell
Principal

Book Week - Books Light Up Our World

Next week at St Paul's we will be celebrating National Literacy and Numeracy Week in conjunction with Book Week.

Our Book Week Parade will take place next Tuesday (25th August) in the playground at 9:00am. Parents are most welcome to stay for the parade and watch the children and teachers parading in their book character costumes. It will be exciting to see the book characters that 'Light up our World'. You are most welcome to dress up with us, as are the toddlers in our school community. On Friday (28 August) the children will be attending a musical performance 'Shine a Light' in the Parish Centre. The performance features a selection of the Children's Book Council 2015 Shortlisted Books. The infants performance (Kindy to Year 2) will commence at 9:50am. The primary performance will commence at 11:35am. Parents are most welcome to attend either show. Appropriate audience behaviour and participation will be encouraged by all who attend.



We would also like to highlight some of the great learning that is happening during Maths time in our classrooms. Parents are invited to join in a maths lesson throughout the week. Please see a separate note coming home today.

Book Week prizes for the colouring-in and drawing competitions will be awarded after each of the performances on Friday. The effort that the children have put into these competitions is outstanding. We look forward to celebrating Book Week 2015 with you.

Premiers Reading Challenge

A reminder that the Challenge finishes **this Friday 21 August**. There are only 2 days left to record your books read. The website will close down midnight Friday and no late entries will be permitted after this date.

Congratulations to the following children who have recently completed the Challenge:

Johanna O (Kindy), Jacob J, Joel O, Lorena V (Year 1), George J, Annabelle M, Harry P (Year 2), Matthew C, Benjamin O, Lucas S (Year 3), Daniel O, Lucas V (Year 4), Ebony E (Year 5) and Stephen C (Year 6).

Third time lucky!

Athletics Carnival Tuesday 15 September, 2015

Our twice postponed Athletics Carnival will finally take place at Gooden Reserve, Gooden Drive on Tuesday 15 September, 2015. If your circumstances have changed since last term, for example, if you have decided to go directly to the oval instead of bringing your child to school for roll call etc could you inform us of this change in writing. Permission slips from the previous carnival will suffice unless your emergency contacts have changed.

At this stage we will assume that all offers of assistance from the previous carnival are still relevant unless we hear otherwise.

Looking forward to a fun filled day!

Zone Athletics Carnival

On Thursday 13 August a team of 36 students represented our school at the Zone Athletics Carnival. Mrs Milic attended with the children and reported back that she was very proud of our team who were all very well behaved and followed instructions responsibly. All 36 students participated enthusiastically and performed their very best. We had many great achievements on the day, with several students making it through to the Diocesan Carnival next Friday 21 August.

A special mention and congratulations must go to the following students:

Jenny Grubba - Year 6 was the 11 Years Girls Runner-Up Age Champion
Clare Grubba - Year 4 broke a Zone record in the Junior Girls Discus

We were very fortunate to have the great support of parents throughout the day. A special thank you to Mrs Walker and Mrs Bateup for their tremendous efforts at the Track Recording Table. We appreciate their time and hard work.



Please join me in congratulating the following students who have qualified to represent the school at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival on Friday. **Good Luck everyone!**

Eden Boisse (Year 5)	100m, 200m
Charlie Egan (Year 4)	100m, 200m, Long Jump
Clare Grubba (Year 4)	Discus
Jenny Grubba (Year 6)	Long Jump, Discus, Shot Put
Brock Prideaux (Year 2)	100m
Jacob Voll (Year 6)	800m

Jnr Boys 4x100 m relay team

Charlie Egan (Year 4)	Brock Prideaux (Year 2)
Charlie Rhodes (Year 3)	Eden Boisse (Year 5)



Exciting Skip-a-thon News!

Our Skip-a-thon is fast approaching... only 19 sleeps to go! We are hoping that all families are really getting behind the school's main fundraiser for the year and signing up lots of sponsors. Once you have collected all pledges, please deposit your sponsorship card and the money in the mailbox outside the office window.

Remember, the class that raises the most money will receive a very special reward. After considering several ideas we have decided to treat the winning class with a "Masterchef" experience. This will involve Mrs Bell and Mrs Misek leading the group in an afternoon of cooking. The menu is yet to be confirmed.

We are still looking for prize donations for this event, so if you are able to assist in this or if you know someone who might be interested in a donation please contact the school office.

The Skip-a-thon Team

The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta wants to hear from you

If you or someone close to you has suffered ANY abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish or other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, we invite you to contact us.

Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options.

You can contact us on: Phone: 02 9933 0233, Web: www.parra.catholic.org.au/safeguarding

Email: safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au

Mail: PO Box 3066, North Parramatta NSW 1750

For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact NSW Police on 1800 333 000

Happy Birthday - to all those celebrating their birthdays from
19 August - 26 August, 2015



Christian W, Blake S, Rozanne F, Amy W, James W, Sophia B

Awards - Week 5, 2015

Student of the Week

Student of the Week is awarded to the child who demonstrates outstanding application across all Key Learning Areas

KI	Owen W
KP	Andrea G
1G	Matilda C
1L	Jacob J
2G	Jacinta C
2N	Tristan H
3L	Deklan Z
3V	Oscar H
4J	Ethan M
4P	Jacob C
5S	Darby H
5ST	Ryan W
6L	Haylee S
6M	Ashbey C

St Paul's Award

St Paul's Award is given to the child who demonstrates our five school values – Faith, Commitment, Leadership, Integrity and Empathy in their interactions with others

KI	Joshua C
KP	Oliver C
1G	Matthew T
1L	Jordyn L
2G	Murphy D
2N	Gabriela C
3L	Carla MJ
3V	Sophia B
4J	Hannah A
4P	Cassie W
5S	April W
5ST	Tia S
6L	Jake H
6M	Charlotte M

Star Spot

Congratulations to Thomas D in year 3, he completed the city2surf again this year with his Dad and beat his time from last year by 20 minutes finishing it in 1:56:56. Way to go Thomas!!



**FRED HOLLOW'S
HUMANITY AWARD**

**“Real humanity is shown when we care for others” -
Professor Fred Hollows**

The Fred Hollows Foundation is keeping Fred's vision alive through The Fred Hollows Humanity Award which recognises Year 6 students who follow in his footsteps by showing care and compassion for others.

After three successful years in the ACT the Award is expanding into NSW with the support of NSW Premier Mike Baird.

Teachers, principals, parents and members of the community are encouraged to nominate a compassionate Year 6 student through the online nomination form by August 21. It's a great opportunity for students to be recognised outside the sporting and academic realm.

All nominees and their parents will be invited to a presentation ceremony in Sydney to announce the NSW winner. To nominate a student and learn more about the award go to www.hollows.org.au/humanityaward



19 August, 2015

Dear Parents

Next week at St Paul's we will be celebrating National Literacy and Numeracy Week in conjunction with Book Week.

We have a number of activities planned to highlight the book week theme "Books Light up Our World", including a book character parade on Tuesday morning from 9-10am and a incursion for all students on Friday.

We would also like to invite you into your child/children's classrooms to join in with a Mathematics lesson.

Please note the times for each grade below. Feel free to come along to one of the time slots for your child's class that is most convenient for you. If you have more than one child hopefully the variety of timeslots will allow you the flexibility to visit all of your children's classes.

	Option One	Option Two
Kindergarten	Wed 26/8 10-11am	Thurs 27/8 10 am
Year One	Tues 25/8 12-1pm	Wed 26/8 12-1pm
Year Two	Mon 24/8 12-1pm	Tues 25/8 1:50-2:40pm
Year Three	Mon 24/8 10-11am	Wed 26/8 9-10am
Year Four	Tues 25/8 10-11am	Thurs 27/8 11.30 am
Year Five	Tues 25/8 10-11am	Thurs 27/8 10-11am
Year Six	Tues 25/8 12-1pm	Thurs 27/8 12-1pm

We look forward to seeing you at one or all of the activities that we have planned for Literacy and Numeracy week at St Pauls.

Regards
Jane Misek
Assistant Principal



SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

MASTERS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

This Sunday 23 August, 8:00am – 4:00pm

1C REDBANK ROAD NORTHMEAD NSW 2152

(Next to Pancakes On The Rocks)

We are kindly asking for parent and student volunteers to help us out at this school fundraiser with cooking sausages, serving and selling. We are currently low on numbers, so if you can assist us in any way we would really appreciate it. Money raised will help our whole school community, so thank you very much in advance.

We have set-up an hourly roster system, using our on-line booking system www.schoolinterviews.com.au - use the school event code: JJ4ED

Please feel free to book in more than an hour if you have the time, plus if you do not wish to use the online booking system and would prefer to let us know directly, please fill in your details below and return it to school by this Thursday 20 August.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Mirna Jasser 0414 896 037 or Danielle Haddad 0419 440 922.

MASTERS - SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Your name: _____ Mobile no: _____

Child's name & class: _____

Please indicate your preferences and times:

Morning Session (8am-12pm) Time/s: _____

Afternoon Session (12pm - 4pm) Time/s: _____