



St Paul's Update

26 August, 2015

Term 3, Week 7

Important dates for your diary

- 26 Aug First Reconciliation 7:30pm
- 28 Aug Book Week Incursion - Musical Performance 'Shine a Light' - Whole School
- 30 Aug Stage 2 Mass (Years 3 & 4) - Sunday 30 August 9:30am
- 1 Sep Australian Girls Choir (Assessment) 2:30pm
- 1 Sep P & F Meeting 7:30pm
- 4 Sep Fathers' Day Breakfast 7:30 am 8:30am Open Classrooms
Fathers' Day Whole School Mass 9:15am in the church
- 4 Sep Fathers' Day Stall
- 6 Sep Fathers' Day
- 10 Sep Surf Education Talk - Years 5 & 6

Christmas Concert and Staff Development Day

As advertised in our School Calendar our Christmas Concert was to take place on Friday 27 November. It has been brought to our attention that this date clashes with the concert of one of the local dance schools in which many of our students are involved. With this in mind, we have decided to change St Paul's Christmas Concert to the evening of Thursday 26 November. The following day, Friday 27 November, will be a Pupil Free Day. On this day, staff will be working on curriculum development and assessment.

Just a reminder.....Complaint Management

We are happy to meet with you to discuss any concerns or complaints you may have at any time with an appointment. Matters concerning the educational or social development of your child should firstly be addressed to your child's classroom teacher. Hopefully, most concerns can be resolved with discussion and clear communication.

If you feel that you cannot approach the relevant staff member directly or have not been satisfied with the outcome of your meeting, the next step is to contact the office to make an appointment with Mrs Bell or Mrs Misek.

We encourage open communication and will always do our best to resolve your issues.

Important - Working with Children Check

Parent helpers are required to have completed the CEDP online Child Protection Training for Volunteers which can be found at <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au>

It is also a requirement that you have completed the NSW Working with Children Check for Volunteers which can be found at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au



Please ensure these are both completed before volunteering. Parents who have not completed the above are not eligible to be chosen to assist.

Athletics Carnival - Tuesday 15 September, 2015

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and 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 please 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!

Exciting Skip-a-thon News!

Our Skip-a-thon is fast approaching... Only 12 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 you can bring your sponsorship money in as soon as you have collected your pledges. The class raising the most money will be treated to a fun afternoon of cooking. The class in the lead at the moment is 4J.

We are still looking for prize donations for this event. 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

Premier's Reading Challenge

We are very proud of the effort and dedication of the 77 students who managed to complete the Reading Challenge this year. We hope that they have enjoyed the quality literature that they have been exposed to. Please continue to read for enjoyment with your children as there are so many beautiful books in the library. The official certificates will be sent to the school in November from the NSW Government.

The following children recently completed the challenge:

Jasmine D (Kindy), Declan A (Year 1), Milena L, Lucas M, Kathryn R, (Year 2), Leyla D (Year 3), Claudia N (Year 4), Gabriella & Giada L (Year 5), Joel I and Tahlia P (Year 6). *Congratulations to you all.*

Book Week Parade

Miraculously, the sun shone down beautifully on our Book Week Parade. The playground was awash with warmth, colour and excitement. The children and teachers sashayed down the stage showing off their amazing costumes. Books and book characters definitely 'Light up Our World' as was evident on Tuesday. Thank you to all involved in creating costumes and to all who participated in the parade. It is events like this that bring our community closer together.

Petrina Taylor (Teacher Librarian)



Team of the Week

Congratulations to our u10s Rugby League team who have been selected as the Parramatta Eels 'Team of the Week' at the Eels vs Sharks game this Saturday.

Voice of Youth Competition

Today, Year Six travelled to St Angela's, Castle Hill, to support our three representatives as they delivered outstanding speeches competing in the Lower Hills Cluster Voice of Youth Competition. Louis was third to present his speech "If I were an Alien", a social justice speech. Adam presented his speech "Generation Z" with the proposal to call the current generation "Generation i" because of all of the iPods, iPhones, iPads... owned. Gabriella was one of the last of the eleven to present with her speech "Mission Parent Impossible" which largely entertained the audience and had her receive the second prize in the Lower Hills Cluster Final Voice of Youth Competition. Congratulations to all.



Happy Birthday - to all those celebrating their birthdays from
26 August - 2 September, 2015

*Elizabeth B, Lewis D, Jacob C, Monique C, Sophie O, Kiarna M,
Mia P, Lara W, Dave A, Tia S, Blake K, Brooke K, Alannah T,
Ciara S*



Masters P & F Fundraiser

In spite of a very miserable, wet day, the Masters Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser was a great success. Thank you again to the many parents and students who gave up their time on a busy Sunday to come and help out. We could not do it without you. Here are a few photos from the day.



Fathers' Day Breakfast

Calling all dads, granddads and male carers. We invite you to join us for breakfast on the morning of Friday 4 September from 7:30am. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Please look out for the separate note coming home later this week.

Please keep in your prayers the Wehbe family whose grandmother died this week. May she rest in peace.