



ST PAUL THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

25 February, 2015

Term 1 Week 5

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Principal's Message



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

I was reading something on the weekend from **Pope Francis**. He was speaking about Lent and what people give up but he has asked us to reconsider the heart of this activity. He quotes John Chrysostom: "Fasting must never become superficial. No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others." By that he means that no matter how much time you spend fasting, if there is no act to follow that does good for someone else, then you do nothing great.

Further in the article, Pope Francis suggests that if we are going to fast from anything in Lent, even more than chocolate or alcohol, we fast from indifference to others. He calls this globalization of indifference – whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its' own interests and concern, there is no longer room for others. He suggests that when we fast from indifference to others, we can begin to feast on love. If you would like to read more of Pope Francis' message, type into your search engine – ***Pope Francis' Guide to Lent: what you should give up this year.***

In Week 7 from March 9 – March 13 we celebrate **Catholic Schools Week**. Here at St Paul's we would like to offer a few opportunities for you to come in and view quality Catholic schools in action. Please do not feel that you need to attend every activity but know that you are most welcome. Here is our schedule for the week:

- Monday – parents and carers are invited to attend the dance lesson for their child. Come along and see what the children have been learning each Monday with the teachers from Dance Fever. Look further into the newsletter for the timetable.
- Tuesday and Thursday - parents and carers are invited to attend the music lesson or sport lesson for their child. Look further into the newsletter for the timetable.
- Wednesday – Parents of year 5 children are invited to attend their art lesson or their sport lesson.
- Thursday – Parents and carers are invited into the classroom to view literacy activities. For Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 9.10 -10.10am. For Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 11.30am – 12.30pm.
- Friday – Whole School Mass at 9.10am; Art lesson K-6 following mass, please feel free to join your child in the classroom. Picnic morning tea at 11.30am.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Liturgical Events

*Unless otherwise stated Mass
will commence at 9:10am*

Week 1 – No Mass

Week 2 – No Mass

Week 3 - Opening School Mass

Week 4 – Ash Wednesday

Whole School Mass 12:00

Friday – Welcoming Ceremony -
9:15am, Parish Centre

Week 5 – Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4)

Week 6 – Stage 1 Mass (Yrs 1 & 2)

Week 7 – Whole School Mass

Week 8 – No Mass

Week 9 – Early Stage 1 Mass (Kindy)

Week 10 – Stage 3 Mass to be held
on Sunday 29 March (Yrs 5 & 6)
9:30am

General Events

26 February – Natures Recyclers
Incurion - Years 2, 3, 4, & 5

1 March – Clean up Australia Day

6 March - Year 4 Excursion to
the Rocks

Term 1 Fees due

SUNSET DISCO

7 March – 1st First Communion
Group Meeting 4:45pm

8 March – 1st First Communion
Group Meeting 10:45pm

9 March – Catholic Schools Week
Commences

10 March – P&F Executive
Meeting 7:30pm

It is going to be a great week of celebrating learning and I hope that you will be able to come along to something we have on offer.

There have been many enquiries about the **uniform**. As you know, our uniform shop has changed over to OzFashions. We held a meeting last term about the uniform and I have reported in an earlier newsletter about the outcome of that meeting. In a nutshell, it was found that most people want change. Not necessarily a huge change but if we are going to look at the uniform, the feel of the meeting was that people were open to further discussion about the uniform and to look at a range of options. There will be further details in the next newsletter.

Have a great week everyone,

Marian Bell

Principal

mbell@parra.catholic.edu.au

RE News



Religious Education

Project Compassion

During our Ash Wednesday liturgy, Father Raring spoke about the importance of using Lent as a time to change. Almsgiving (making voluntary contributions to the poor) is one way that allows us to reflect on our lives and the lives of others. During the season of Lent, each class has a Project Compassion box on their prayer table and the children are encouraged to donate money to this appeal. It is a great time for families to talk about the importance of reaching out to all people in need. You may also like to encourage your child to donate a portion of their weekly pocket money, do some extra jobs around the house to earn money or donate their canteen money rather than buying something. Every little bit counts and it is our hope that all Project Compassion boxes will be full by the end of the Lenten period.

The money raised will be collected and forwarded to Caritas Australia. Caritas Australia works throughout the world in the hope of ending poverty, raising awareness of social justice issues and dignity for all people. The theme this year is 'Food for Life'. Many people around the world have to live day-to-day, uncertain where their next meal is coming from or if they can afford one. Can you imagine how difficult life would be without three meals a day? Imagine the people who are surviving on less than one meal. How can they contemplate the rest of their life? Pope Francis made us aware of his view when he said; "It is a well known fact that current levels of production are sufficient, yet millions of people are still dying of starvation. This is truly scandalous." We, Australians, have the ability to help change this situation by offering small donations during the period of Lent. More importantly, by sharing the importance of giving a portion of our earnings to the less fortunate with our children.

SPORT DAYS TERM 1

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

Assembly Term 1, 2015

Assembly – Fridays 2:30pm

Week 1 – No Assembly
Week 2 – Whole School
Week 3 – No Assembly
Week 4 – Whole School - Year 6
Week 5 – No Assembly
Week 6 – Whole School – Year 5
Week 7 – No Assembly
Week 8 – Whole School – Year 2
Week 9 – Mini Vinnies
Week 10 – No Assembly

Uniform Shop Trading Hours

Thursday 2:30 – 4:00pm
Saturday 3:30 – 5:00pm

For all uniform enquiries
please contact Elle on

0421 216 414 or

elle@ozfashions.com.au

Our Mini Vinnies team will be raising awareness throughout the coming weeks by introducing stories from Fiji, Niger, Indonesia, Peru, Nepal and Australia. The short stories highlight how Caritas and their supporters help people to grow and access food for life. Last week they entered the classrooms and spoke to the children about the Project Compassion boxes and the hopes we have as a school to raise money to help the people around our world. They are learning that we are all one world family and we need to have the courage to stand up and make a difference in our world.

God Bless,
Leanda Standring
Religious Education Coordinator
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GOOD FRIDAY - Stations of the Cross

A reminder to parents that if you have children in **Years 3-6** who would like to take part in the Stations of the Cross at 10.00am on Good Friday, April 3, please email me on lstanding@parra.catholic.edu.au by **Friday 6 March**. Please discuss with your child the importance of the occasion and make sure they are committed to participating in this liturgy before you nominate them.



More information will be sent home closer to the date. Thanking you for your continued support and co-operation.

Curriculum Corner

ICAS Competitions – Conducted by the University of NSW

To make sure students wishing to enter competitions do not miss out we are issuing a single form for entry in all competitions. The form is lilac and went home to children in Grades 3 to 6 this week.

For administration reasons the closing date for all competitions will be **Friday 27 March. No late entries will be accepted.** Please note that the children will be sitting for the competitions BEFORE SCHOOL and are required to be at the Year 6 learning space by 7:45am.

Important Information

Sibling Photo's

Due to an administrative error on the part of the school photographers, a few families missed out on the Sibling photo that they had already paid for on-line. If you are one of these families, please advise the school office as soon as possible, we are arranging for the photographers to return to School to rectify the situation.

Thank you
School Office

Library Borrowing Term 1

Kindy – Tuesday
Year 1 – Tuesday
Year 2G – Tuesday
Year 2N – Thursday
Year 3 – Thursday
Year 4 – Tuesday
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

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.

School Mass – Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Just a reminder that this Friday, 27 February at 9:10am, is Year 3 and Year 4 Mass. We look forward to welcoming Parents, Grandparents and Friends to celebrate Mass with us.

Catholic Schools Week – Timetables for PE, Music and Dance Fever

PE Term 1

Time	Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday
		Sport	Art	
9:30-10:15	3V	5S	5ST	6L
10:15-11:00	3L	5ST	5S	6M
11:30-12:15	2N			KI
12:15-1:00	2G			KP
1:45-2:30	4P			1L
2:30-3:15	4J			1G

Music Term 1

Time	Tuesday	Thursday
9:30-10:15	3L	6M
10:15-11:00	3V	6L
11:30-12:15	2G	KP
12:15-1:00	2N	KI
1:45-2:30	4J	1G
2:30-3:15	4P	1L

Dance Fever - Term 1

Time	Monday
9:00-9:45	Year 4
9:45-10:30	Year 6
10:30-11:00	Kindy
11:30-12:15	Year 3
12:15-12:45	Year 2
1:45-2:30	Year 5
2:30-3:00	Year 1



Sports News

Zone Swimming Carnival

On Monday many of our students competed in the Zone Swimming Carnival which was held at Oasis Swimming Centre in Windsor. Congratulations to all our competitors who swam beautifully and behaved impeccably on the day. A special thank you to the parents who were there to support their children but who were also a great support to the school, stepping up to help with no hesitation – your help is greatly appreciated. An extra special thanks to Mr Lehmann and Mrs Milic for looking after the children on the day.

Our Vision Statement

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

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 26
February and 4 March -

*Georgia Hill, Ashbey Cortes,
Holly Walker, Amelia
Mangione, Blake Brownlow*

The following students are now representing the school on Friday 27 February at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Blacktown Swimming Pool, Boyd Street, Blacktown

Woosen Ahn (12 year Male)	50 Metre Breaststroke (2 nd Place Zone)
Louis Bahan (12 year Male)	50 Metre Backstroke (2 nd Place Zone)
	50 Metre Butterfly (4 th Place Zone)
Austin Borg (10 year Male)	50 Metre Breaststroke (1 st Place Zone)
Connor Culnane (8 year Male)	50 Metre Freestyle (1 st Place Zone)
Riley McIntosh (11 year Female)	50 Metre Freestyle (4 th Place Zone)
	50 Metre Butterfly (3 rd Place Zone)

**Congratulations to you all and
good luck on Friday!**



Awards

Student of the Week

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

K1	Adeline Bateman
KP	Kleo Hendry
1G	Cooper Provan
1L	Gabrielle Alamsyah
2G	Harry Poole
2N	Siobhan Cassin
3L	Lucas Scerri
3V	Taylor Cooper
4J	Liam Smith
4P	Sophia Barnett
5S	Jack Beeche
5ST	Joe Magri
6L	Sophie Obreza
6M	Jamon Abeywickrama

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

K1	Banjo Duncombe
KP	Lara Laycock
1G	Lola Hendrikse
1L	Riley Power
2G	Hayley Wallace
2N	Liam Hart
3L	Amy Wynbergen
3V	Megan Uy
4J	Kaitlyn Lafferty
4P	Annika Milinkovic
5S	Myles Waciega
5ST	Darby Heaton
6L	Alana Attard
6M	Elizabeth Brogden

Star Spot



We have been inundated with information about all the rising sports stars in our school.

This week we will highlight sporting stars who competed for the **Hills Bulls at the Junior Oztag State Cup** in Coffs Harbour – Charlie Rhodes and Matthew Courtney played for the U9 team and made it through to the Semi-Finals. Jesse Featherstone played for the U10's who also made it to the Semi-Finals for his age group. Stephen Courtney U11 Boys, Paige Williamson U11 Girls and Joshua Featherstone Under 12 Boys – all made it to their respective Quarter Finals.

A terrific effort by all teams – Congratulations!!

Next week we will feature a variety of different activities, sporting, cultural and fundraising!

Parent and Friends News

Last night we had our Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting which was very well attended.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing members of the P & F Executive Committee 2014 for all their hard work and constant support of our children and the St Paul's school community as a whole. We thank, Danielle Bliss, Sean McIntosh, Cheryl Long, Brendan Byrne, Julie Dilles, Megan Prevett and Tony Jasser for their time and effort on our behalf.

Please welcome the new P & F Executive Committee. We look forward to working with them for the benefit of all our children.

P & F Executive Committee 2015

Chairperson	Emma Hill
Vice Chairperson	Jaye Harkin
Secretary	Vanessa Cassin
Treasurer	Tim Hamilton
Social Coordinators	Danielle Haddad Mirna Jasser
Fundraising	Lauren Alley Alyssa Dwyer
Working Bee Coordinator	Aamon Cassin
Grants Coordinator	Alex Mowbray
Parent Representatives PRC	Nikki Cummins Penny Wallace

Dance Fever Challenge

Wednesday 25 March, 2015

Please note the following date and venue for the Dance Fever Challenge: Wednesday 25 March, 2015
Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre, Homebush.
Doors open at 4.30pm for a 5.30pm start. This challenge is open to children in Years 3-6. While it is optional for children to attend, we are really hoping to be able to enter a school team. More information to follow soon.



The Sunset Disco Family Picnic!



Friday 6 March, 6:00pm

Welcome back to our families and a special welcome to all our new families. This event is a great way to catch up and meet new friends

Again this year we will have Wood Fire Pizza
there will be two vans on site.

Drinks, Ice Blocks and Glow Sticks will also be on sale on the night

You are also most welcome to bring your own picnic food

In order to cover the cost of the DJ, we ask that you please
give a gold coin donation at the gate

Please bring along a picnic blanket, fold up chairs, your dancing shoes
and good weather!!

If you have any questions, please contact
Sean McIntosh c/o Riley 5S or call 0416 144 759

GLUTEN FREE PIZZA BASES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT

**Please text Sean on the above mobile number
by Friday 27 February to let him know your requirements.**

Request for help from P&F

End of Year Markets

Volunteers needed to assist in the organisation of our end of year Markets. Please meet on Thursday 5 March, in the Parish Centre after the morning bell.

Look forward to seeing you there

Regards

Lauren Alley & Alyssa Dwyer

P&F Fundraising Coordinators

Bingo Night

It is Kindergarten's turn to organise and host our Bingo Night this year. It is a great way to meet new Kindy parents and get involved in the St Paul's School Community.

We urge you to take part in the organisation of this fun night – if you are able to help please meet us in the Undercroft area on Wednesday 4 March, straight after the morning bell.

Thanks again

Regards

Lauren Alley & Alyssa Dwyer

P&F Fundraising Coordinators

Community News

PARENTS AGAIN

Parents Again is a social support group for Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and other care givers who provide permanent care to Grandchildren, nieces or nephews.

Our group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month at Cafés, clubs and Hills Community Aid and is a great way to meet people in similar circumstances who can understand and share your experiences in a friendly, relaxed and non-judgmental environment.

On 3 March we will be meeting at Hills Community Aid Rouse Hill, Civic Lane Rouse Hill (next door to Westpac), our guest speaker is Senior Constable Robert Patterson from Castle Hill Police to inform us of internet and social media security for youth. If you would like further information or to attend please ring Hills Community Aid Rouse Hill on 96296038 or email micib@hca.org.au to book a place.

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your Catholic school
of tomorrow
look like?

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for your school

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primary and secondary
students in NSW & ACT**

Catholic Schools Week 2015
Competition closes
18 March 2015



To enter visit www.catholicschools.nsw.edu.au

Tuesday, 3 March 2015 ✦ 5.30pm School Tours & BBQ
6.30-7.15pm Principal's Address and Information Session
Bookings Essential: www.parramarist.nsw.edu.au
Enrolment packages will be available during the evening.
Enrolments Open: 11 March 2015 ✦ Close: 2 April 2015
Enrolments received after the closing date will be placed on a waiting list

Parramatta Marist High School

Information Evening



2 Darcy Road Westmead NSW 2145
Phone: 9635 7066 ✦ www.parramarist.nsw.edu.au
Parking is available via Gate 3, Darcy Road
(opposite Westmead Private Hospital)



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OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 17 March 2015
4.00 - 6.30pm

Tour our school grounds, visit classrooms and view displays. A Year 7 2016 Information Night will be held following at 7.00pm with presentations from the school leadership team.



CONTACT OUR SCHOOL
ON 9849 9100 FOR AN
ENROLMENT PACK.
APPLICATIONS CLOSE
27TH MARCH 2015



Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead

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