



ST PAUL'S POST

Weekly Newsletter

15 July, 2015

Term 3 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 chilly Term 3! I hope you managed some down time over the past two weeks and enjoyed the 'sleep ins' and fun days with your children. It is great to see how quickly the children have settled into their learning for Term 3 and we look forward to this term with anticipation.

On the last day of Term 2, we had a very special celebration to remember the feast day of **St Peter and St Paul**. We celebrated Eucharist with Father Raning followed by a sausage sizzle and cake stall. Thank you to Mrs Standring and her committee for organising a beautiful liturgy and for the children who participated so well. Thanks to all of those wonderful volunteers who set up, cooked, served and packed up following the BBQ. We cannot have these special days without the help of so many and as usual, we were not disappointed. Your generosity of time, patience and kindness is so very much appreciated. Thanks also to the Year 6 families for providing the delicious cakes and treats. What a great team effort!

Towards the end of the term we conducted our **Safety Audit** for 2015. This audit identifies children who have been bullied or have witnessed others being bullied. It is presented to all students across the school in a gentle way where it is safe for all to nominate children of concern. The data we have received was presented to staff yesterday at a meeting. We are going to deal with the children identified individually with parent participation over the next month. If you have any questions regarding the audit, please direct them to Jane or myself.

It is very timely that the Parents and Friends Association present to you **Brett Murray** next Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the parish centre. Brett is an experienced author and educator and will present a parent targeted Anti Bullying Session. This presentation is designed to empower and encourage parents. It will provide you with information regarding the amazing influence and impact you have on your children and the role parents can play in regards to bullying. The P & F are sponsoring the evening with the help of \$500 from the Parent Representative Council (PRC) towards the cost. Brett is an engaging speaker and I thoroughly recommend a parent from each family attend on Tuesday night. A flyer advertising this event went home yesterday with the children.

Have a great week everyone.

Marian Bell

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DATES TO REMEMBER

15 July Reconciliation Parent Talk 7:30pm
16 July Reconciliation Parent Talk 10:30am
17 July NSWPSA Cross Country East. Creek
18 July Enrolment Ceremony First Reconciliation 6:00pm
19 July Enrolment Ceremony First Reconciliation 9:30am
21 July St Bernadette's Netball Gala Day
21 July Anti Bullying Seminar 7:30pm Parish Centre
23 July Athletics Carnival
24 July Grandparents Mass & Open Classrooms
28 July ICAS English Comp

Religious Education

'As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace' (1 Peter 4:10)

On Sunday 21 June at the 9.30 am mass eleven of our students were installed as altar servers. Congratulations to the following students; James B, Sanjou C, Alyssa D, Ebony E, Samantha E, Jacob F Maree K, Madeline P, Angelina R, Joanna S, Thomas V. As part of the ceremony the children promised to serve others, with the help of God. Congratulations also to Georgia Hill who was installed at a later date.

Congratulations to Maddie H, Keenan F, George, Michael B who received the St Stephen medal. This medal recognised the commitment and service provided to this ministry by these children. The children were also presented with a certificate acknowledging them as members of the Guild of St Stephen.



Our current altar servers participated in a recommitment to the servant leadership role. We should all be very proud of the children and thankful to their parents who continue to live their faith every day. After Mass the children and parents were invited to a morning tea in their honour. Thank you very much to Mr Peter Samson for organising this Mass and for preparing the children for this special ministry within our church. I look forward to you serving during our school masses next term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Liturgical Events

Unless otherwise stated Mass will commence at 9:10am

- Week 1 – No Mass
- Week 2 – Grandparents Mass
Year 5 & 6
- Week 3 – No Mass
- Week 4 – Whole School Mass
Year 1 & 2
- Week 5 – No Mass
- Week 6 – No Mass
- Week 7 – Sunday Mass 9:30am
Year 3 & 4
- Week 8 - Fathers' Day Mass
Kindergarten
- Week 9 – No Mass
- Week 10 – No Mass

Assembly Term 3, 2015

Assembly – Fridays 2:30pm

- Week 1 – No Assembly
- Week 2 – No Assembly
- Week 3 - Assembly - Year 4
- Week 4 – No Assembly
- Week 5 – Assembly - Year 5
- Week 6 – Staff Development Day
- Week 7 – Book Week Incursion
- Week 8 – No Assembly
- Week 9 – Assembly - Year 6
- Week 10 – Assembly - Year 2



On the last Friday of Term 2 we celebrated the Feast of St Peter and St Paul with a Mass followed by a sausage sizzle lunch. It was lovely to see you all there to celebrate the wonderful example St Paul had to all Christians and continues to have today through the many letters he wrote. We managed to raise \$1,495 which will go to St Jude's in Tanzania.

Mrs Leanda Standing
Religious Education Co-ordinator
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Featuring Year 5

Last term Year Five were discussing the lives of the Saints and how we are all called to follow Jesus. It was a privilege to have Mrs Bell and Sr Pauline speak to our class about their faith.



SPORT DAYS TERM 3

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

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

Library Borrowing Term 3

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.

Sacrament of Penance (First Reconciliation)

Parents are reminded that parent talks for this Sacrament will take place on **Wednesday 15th July at 7.30pm** in the Church or **Thursday 16th July at 10.30am** in the Church. **Parents are required to attend one of these talks** to collect the resources they will use in preparing their child for the Sacrament. The times for the discussion groups will also be advised at these talks.

Dates and times for the Commitment/Enrolment Masses are as follows:

6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 18th July

or

9.30am Mass on Sunday 19th July

Please note completed enrolment forms are to be lodged at one of the Commitment/Enrolment Masses, as they will no longer be accepted at the school or parish offices.

Sandra Sheehan
(Sacramental Coordinator)

Athletics Carnival - Thursday 23 July, 2015

Our Athletics Carnival will take place at Gooden Reserve, Gooden Drive on Thursday 23 July, 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.

Reminder - Staff Development Day

Staff Development Day - Friday 21 August - Pupil Free Day

Please note that
the Library is open
for all children
Monday -
Thursday from
1:25-1:45pm

Catholic Out of
School
Hours Care
Open 6:30am - 6:30pm

There are still spaces available,
please do not hesitate to
contact Jess on 0429 017 382.

Child and Parent enrolment
forms are available on the
COSHHC 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

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following children who have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge:

Joseph N, Cooper S, Owen W, Jack O, Tyson W (Kindy), Lily B, Ciara S (Year 1), Sanjana G, Hayley W, Zachary B (Year 2), Deklan & Liam Z, Thomas D, Carla N (Year 3), Jacob C and Blake S, Angelina R, Sophia P, (Year 4), Annabelle M, (Year 5), Sophie O (Year 6).

A reminder to the children who have registered to continue reading their quota of books and entering them on line before August.

BOOK WEEK

The theme for Book Week this year is '**Shine a Light on Books**'. We are looking for **lampshades or lamp bases** that anyone would be prepared to donate to the library for use in our Book Week Display.

BOOK COVERING

We would like to encourage anyone who may have time to help cover books to please come and see us in the library. Any assistance would be appreciated and the best times to see us are on a Tuesday or Thursday. We are happy for you to take books home to cover if this makes it easier for you.

Petrina Taylor
Teacher Librarian
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Anti-Bullying Seminar presented by Brett Murray

Tuesday 21 July, 2015 at 7:30pm

Our Parent representatives on the PRC have organised for Brett Murray author of "Make Bullying History" and founder of the Make Bullying History Foundation to join us on Tuesday 21 July at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre to present a Parent seminar on Anti-Bullying. He has also agreed to present an anti-bullying session to Years 5 and 6 at school on the same day. This will be a very worthwhile event and you are encouraged to come along and hear about ways in which you can help your child overcome bullying. We look forward to seeing you all there. Entrance to the seminar will be by gold coin donation.

Nikki Cummins Penny Wallace
PRC representatives

Happy Birthday

To those children
celebrating their birthdays
between 16 and 22 July

*Jacob F, Annika M,
Michael T, Jorjia E,
Abbey C, Michael P,
Lucy W, Lily M,
Alice S, Luke B.*

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

Upcoming PRC Events

Monday 3 August - General PRC Term Meeting

Topic - Unpacking NAPLAN and a case study for improvement.

Saturday 17 October - Special Speaker - Dr Michael Carr-Gregg
Child and Teen Behavioural psychologist.

Teaching Services Australia Band Camp 2015

Yes, it's that time of year again! Pull out your best swimmers for the waterslide, your grooviest PJ's for the pyjama disco and get into training for the staff V students beach volleyball match!! (Oh, and you should probably practise your band music too!)

Whilst most kids come to camp for the excitement of new friends, fun activities and a weekend away, the real benefit is in the valuable experience (both musical and social) gained from such intensive time spent in such a highly musical environment. With over 8 hours of face-to-face tuition over the weekend, there is over a term and a half worth of 30 minute lessons to be had! Camp is also a valuable experience for students that may be losing interest in music and need a boost of enthusiasm and practise to get them to a level where they can enjoy their music and performance.

Notes for camp should have already been received by band parents via email outlining details including cost, venue, times and dates. If you did not receive this email or you need another copy, please visit www.teachingservices.com.au and download the note from the 'Band Notes' section of the website. Permission notes, along with deposit, need to be returned ASAP to avoid missing out as the camp participation needs to be finalised at the beginning of Term 3.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

The Earn and Learn Program is back this year commencing Wednesday 15 July. Anyone that shops at Woolworths from Wednesday 15 July until Tuesday 8 September 2015 can collect stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. You should receive one sticker for every \$10 spent. Once completed, simply place the sticker sheet in the collection Box in our school foyer.

The school can then redeem your stickers for valuable education resources.

Ready Steady Grow Club

At the end of Term 3 Mrs Bell had the exciting task of weighing and cutting open the pumpkin that had been grown in our garden. The children were invited to guess its weight and how many seeds they thought it contained. The seeds were taken out washed, dried then counted. There were 539 seeds in total inside the pumpkin and the pumpkin weighed 19kgs. Congratulations to Johnathon Haddad (Year 2N) who was the closest to guess that the pumpkin contained 500 seeds and Darby Heaton (Year 5ST) who guessed the pumpkin weighed exactly 19kgs.

The pumpkin was then taken to Model Farms High School and the Agriculture Teacher gave it to the cows, sheep, and chickens for a very special lunch. They enjoyed it immensely and the farmer was kind enough to send us some photos of the animals enjoying their meal. In exchange for the pumpkin Model Farms High School has kindly offered to donate some cow and chicken fertiliser for our garden.

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



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, 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**

St Paul the Apostle P&F welcomes

JOIN US FOR THIS
UNIQUE
OPPORTUNITY!

Brett Murray

Presenting

Anti-bullying

{This presentation is suitable for parents and carers of children from Kindergarten to Year 6}

Brett Murray, an experienced author and educator, will be presenting to stage 3 children, about an anti-bullying campaign - Make Bullying History.

To further enhance this education, the P&F has arranged for Brett to present a parent targeted Anti Bullying session. This presentation is designed to empower and encourage parents. The session will provide you with information regarding the amazing influence and impact you have on your children and the incredible role parents can play in regards to bullying.

Date: Tuesday 21 July, 2015

Time: 7:30pm – 8.30pm

Venue: St Paul the Apostle, Parish Centre

44 Buckleys Rd, Winston Hills

RSVP: Friday 16 July

A gold donation on the night would be appreciated

Tea and coffee will be provided

For further details and to rsvp contact

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CATHOLIC CARE SOCIAL SERVICES

Solo Parent Services

By Your Side

Younger Widowed Bereavement Support Group



Has your spouse or partner died and are you searching for someone who understands the enormity of your loss and the impact this is having on your life and your children?

Do you long to connect with others who have experienced a similar loss?

Are you unsure of how to assist your children through their grief?
Would you like support as you deal with your changed circumstances?

We welcome you to our Monthly Support Group

VENUE: CCSS Centre 51 – 59 Allawah St., Blacktown

DATE: 3rd Tuesday of each Month (Feb – Dec)

TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

COST: \$5.00

REGISTRATION

Solo Parent Services

PHONE: Eileen or Rita - PH: 9933 0205

EMAIL: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



TWO - PART SEMINAR

Understanding Family Law

PRESENTED BY:

Beth Jarman

Lawyer—Accredited Family Law Specialist

WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY - SESSION 1

Overview of the Family Law Act with Focus on Separation and divorce.

- Parenting Plans
- Best Interests of children
- Family Dispute Resolution
- Family violence
- Role of Independent Children's Lawyers
- Timetables under the Family Law Act
- Timetables within the Family Court
- Consent Orders.

WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST - SESSION 2

Overview of the Family Law Act with Focus on Property

- What constitutes or determines Property
- Application of the Act in de facto or same sex relationships
- Requirement for Pre-action Procedures
- Spouse Maintenance
- Timetables under the Family Law Act
- Timetables within the Family Court

DATES

Session 1 Wed. 22nd July 2015

Session 2 Wed. 12th August 2015

TIME:

7:30 pm—9:30 pm

VENUE:

Diocesan Assembly Centre
1-5 Marion St, Blacktown

COST:

\$ 7.00 per session

FURTHER INFORMATION/BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Contact: Solo Parent Services 9933 0205

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