



St Paul the Apostle School Winston Hills NEWSLETTER

16 July 2014

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

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope you have all enjoyed the break – and ready for another exciting term of learning at St Paul's. On Monday the whole staff travelled to Mary MacKillop Place for our staff development day. We participated in a tour of the museum and a study of Mary's spirituality and what her messages mean to us today. It was a wonderful day and we learnt so much about Mary MacKillop. I thought I would share this prayer with you:

*God of love,
You have given us Saint Mary MacKillop to encourage and inspire us
Mary, Your faith was tried like gold in fire: Pray for us
You were confident in God's providence: Pray for us
You lived the gospel bravely: Pray for us
You knew the cross of misunderstanding and pain: Pray for us
You reached out to most in need: Pray for us
You are our companion in hope: Pray for us
We ask that you pray for needs of our community.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ and the spirit of communion.
Amen*



Next Friday we are celebrating the Feast of St Anne and St Joachim – the parents of Mary the Mother of God – Jesus' grandparents. We would like to invite all grandparents to mass, open classrooms and morning tea from 9.10am on Friday July 25. **Grandparents Day** is an opportunity to give thanks for all that they do for us by celebrating Eucharist; to show them how we learn today here at St Paul's by inviting them into our learning spaces and concluding with morning tea in the parish centre. We hope to see as many parents and grandparents as possible next Friday for this celebration.

The preparation for **EXPO** is well underway. I know that the rehearsal went really well in the holidays and I thank the EXPO team for their dedication and hard work. I am looking forward to seeing how the performance is coming together. I believe that we have a number of parents also helping behind the scenes – thank you for your generosity and support. On Thursday we are hosting a meeting of representatives from each of the schools to finalise arrangements for all aspects of the performance. Tickets will be available for purchase soon. Because of the large number of students involved, there will be a limit of 2 tickets available for each child. The cost will be determined at the meeting and we will inform you about cost as soon as possible.

I am aware that there are some anxious families about kindergarten enrolments for 2015. The letters confirming **enrolments** will be posted next week.

Have a great week everyone,
Marian Bell

Religious Education

"Never see a need without trying to do something about it." St Mary of the Cross

On Monday, the staff were given the opportunity to attend the Mary MacKillop Centre in North Sydney. Throughout the day we spent time reflecting on the inspiring life she led as she set about following God's call.

Her life was not one of wealth and riches found in material things, however, many may agree her



life was full of other riches and wealth we can only hope to experience. Her honest outlook in life is an example all of us should follow. Just as Mary our Mother answered God's call, so did Mary MacKillop.

As a youngster she experienced hardship, disappointment and heartache. Her father was often unemployed and spent a lot of time away from his family. As she grew up her mother gently reminded her that 'God will provide'. This approach was something that Mary carried through her life. Being the eldest child she was also called upon to provide for her family and held many jobs, such as a governess, clerk and later a teacher.

It was not until she was 25 and working in Penola that Mary met Father Julian Tenison Woods. While listening to his homilies a desire to become a religious and to help educate children in the emerging Australian colonies came to fruition. It was during this time, with the help of Father Tenison, a new Religious Congregation was formed: the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. This was the start of an extraordinary life. Mary continued to put the needs of others in front of her own and even through ill health she continued to work for the good of all. With the help of the early sisters she reached out with compassion to the people in need, especially the neglected.

The canonisation of Mary MacKillop took place in Rome on October 17, 2010. Today her legacy and spirit is experienced in many parts of the world as she is truly a saint for all people. On August 8 our school will come together and celebrate our first saint with a whole school mass.

As a community, it is obvious that we try to following in Mary's footsteps and put her philosophy of 'never see a need without trying to do something about it' into action, as was seen in your response to the donation of goods and sausage sizzle. Thank you for continuing to show the face of Jesus to others by supporting the Vinnies van and the School of St Jude.

Mary was truly an inspirational woman who we can continue to learn from today.

God Bless, Mrs Leanda Standring (Religious Education Co-ordinator)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Scerri family (Lucas 2S) on the recent birth Olivia Rose.

2013 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

If you would like to read the 2013 St Paul the Apostle Annual School Report, please call at the school office to pick up a copy.

Creative Arts Expo Holiday Rehearsal

On Thursday 10 July, the Expo dance group met at school for a holiday rehearsal. A huge thank you to all of the boys and girls for their attendance and to the parents for getting them all there. The energy, enthusiasm and dedication on the day was infectious. The children should be very proud of all that they have achieved so far, as I know that the Expo team certainly are.

On this day, we were also fortunate enough to have a team of parent helpers run a sewing workshop in the Library. To any parent, grandparent, relative etc who was able to be there to assist, we are truly thankful. The response to our call for help was overwhelming and the excited looks on the children's faces when they returned from trying on parts of their costumes was priceless.

A huge thank you to Mrs Tedesco, who spend the first week of her holidays cutting material and organising patterns, so that the workshop could take place. To Mrs Sandra Palmer and Mrs Julie Ogle (Stephanie Yr 4) and Mrs Nicole Stewart and Mrs Elaine Vincent (James Yr 3 and Sarah K) who were also working behind the scenes to prepare costumes, patterns and extra material needed for this day.

Miss Natoli and the Expo Team



Creative Arts Expo Dance Rehearsals Term 3 Weeks 1-2

Friday 18/7 at 8:00 in the Parish Centre : Everyone

Monday 21/7 Lunchtime in the Parish Centre: Everyone

Wednesday 23/7 Lunchtime in the Parish Centre: Everyone

TERM 3 SPORT EVENTS

Tuesday July 22 - St Bernadette's Netball Carnival (Week 2)

Thursday July 31- Infants Athletics Carnival (Week 3)

Thursday August 14 - Hills Zone Athletics Carnival (Week 5)

Friday August 22- Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival (Week 6)

Touch Football Gala Day rescheduled to Friday October 10 Term 4 (Week 1)

A reminder that the St Bernadette's Netball Gala Day is less than a week away. There are still a number of girls who have not returned their permission envelope, money for the bus and medical emergency form. This must be returned by Thursday July 17. All girls are to travel to the gala day by bus which will leave school at **8.00am**. Parents are able to take their own child home at the conclusion of the day. Coaches, Umpires and Managers will receive an Information Pack about the day as soon as I receive the draw.

Sports in Schools: This Monday July 21 the Sports in Schools program will be commencing. The children will be required to wear their sports uniform and a hat every Monday this term and will participate in a variety of engaging and motivating activities.

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The High Jump events will be held at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival on Friday August 22 at Blacktown International Sports Park. If your child competes in High Jump at Little Athletics, meets the qualification heights for their age listed below and would like to participate in the selection process to represent the Hills Zone at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival, please send a note to Mrs Lambert along with verification of their height. Verification must be supplied from your child's Little Athletics Record Sheet as this needs to be forwarded to Mrs Margaret Thornton Primary Sports Teacher Educator who will make the selections. Entries Close Monday July 28.

Qualifying Height for entry to Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival

Jnr Boys / Jnr Girls 1.00m 11yr Boys / 11yr Girls 1.05m

Snr Boys / Snr Girls 1.10m



Welcome back to a cold term 3! Please remind your children to continue to wear their hats for sport. Although it's quite chilly, the sun is still strong and hats in sport are compulsory. Also, please ensure your child has a jacket to keep them warm throughout the winter months.
Mrs Dunn

Dates to Remember

July

- 16 Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation 7.30pm in the church
- 18 No school Mass or Assembly this week
- 20 Enrolment ceremony 9.30am Mass for First reconciliation
- 21 Sports in School commences (see 'Term 3 Sport Events')
- 22 St Bernadette's Netball Gala Day
- 23 Stop Work Meeting
- 25 Stage 2 Mass 9.10am. Special Mass for Grandparents
- 26 Feast of St Anne and St Joachim
WORKING BEE YRS 2, 3 AND 4
- 29 English competition 7.55am; Choir to St Angela's-leave 9.00am; P & F Executive Meeting 7.30pm
- 30 Year 5 Camp – 3 days
- 31 Infants Athletics Carnival



STAGE MASSES - Fridays Term 3 - 9.10am

- July 25** Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4); special Mass for grandparents.
- August 1** Year 5 Mass at Camp;
- 8** Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop - whole school Mass;
- 15** Feast of the Assumption of Mary – whole school Mass;
- 22** Stage 3 Mass (Years 5 & 6)
- 31 9.30am Sunday Mass** – Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

ASSEMBLIES - Fridays Term 3

Please note: Assemblies are held in the Parish Centre at 2.30pm

- July:** 25 Primary – Year 6;
- August:** ..1 Primary – Year 3; 8 Primary - Year 4; 15 Infants - Kindergarten
- 22 Primary – Year 5; 29 Infants - Year 1;
- September:** 5 Primary – Year 3; 12 Infants - Year 2; 19 None



P.E./SPORT IN SCHOOLS FOR TERM THREE 2014

Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 Monday/Thursday;
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Monday/Tuesday

STOP WORK MEETING

There will be a stop work meeting Wednesday 23 July 2014 for 3 hours from the commencement of school. The action involves members of the Independent Education Union (IEU) to discuss concerns regarding the proposed new Enterprise Agreement. We do not expect any interruption to school attendance and supervision will be provided. Please feel free to contact the office for further information about the Enterprise Agreement.

2nd NORTHMEAD SCOUT GROUP

Vacancies exist for boys aged 10 – 15 yrs, no experience necessary. Meetings are held on Wednesdays 7.30pm-9.30pm at 19 Whitehaven Road, Northmead. Contact Group Leader Neal Anderson 0407 269 635 or visit www.northmeadscouts.org.au/



Be Prepared...
for new adventures!