



St Paul's Update

10 June, 2015

Term 2, Week 8

Important dates for your Diary

- 11 June Band Concert - 6:30pm (sharp) Parish Centre
- 12 June Whole School Mass - Feast of the Sacred Heart 9:10am. All welcome.
- 12 June Whole School Assembly (Kindy) 2:30pm Parish Centre - Please feel free to join us.
- 12 June School Disco - Parish Centre Infants 5:30pm Primary 7:30pm
- 19 June Athletics Carnival – Infants & Primary Combined, Gooden Drive, Winston Hills
- 20 June Knights of the Southern Cross Trivia Night - 7:15pm for 7:45pm, Parish Centre
- 26 June Feast of St Peter & St Paul – Whole School Mass 12pm – Sausage Sizzle Lunch
- Reminder - Parent Teacher Interviews 15-24 June, 2015*

RE News



"I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, for I am completing what is lacking in my flesh of Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the Church" Colossians 1:24)

As I was reflecting on what to write for this week's update, I started to think about the feast day we will be celebrating this week; Feast of the Sacred Heart. This feast is a significant celebration, not only for our church but also for our community. The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents not simply His physical heart but His love for all mankind. It is this love for all mankind that we are asked to follow and spread to all we meet. It seems so simple, to 'love one another', and yet it can be the most difficult to achieve. One simple way is to show your support this week by donating non-perishable goods to our St Vincent de Paul box, found in the office foyer. Your support will allow us to continue to spread the gospel to the people in our community who are in need of our assistance.

While discussing 'The Sacred Heart of Jesus', Michael Fallon talks about our daily sufferings that occur when we are treated in non-loving ways. Unfortunately we carry this hurt with us and allow it to seep into our very being. If we do not resolve the hurt we carry it is passed on in our interactions with others.

Pope John Paul II spoke of our hearts being open to others, so we can feel empathy for them in their time of need. This makes us vulnerable. That is why some people are tempted to free themselves from the danger of being hurt by hardening their hearts.

When we harden our hearts there is a risk that we will inflict suffering on people around us. This can occur when we sin but also occurs as part of the healing process as well. The symbol of God's love for us is the pierced heart of Jesus. Through Jesus, God gave us love, love to a wounded, sinful world. Jesus took the sin of the world upon himself and with that he took the burden of the suffering. Fallon continues to explain that Jesus "cannot take all of the suffering from us. We have to suffer the pain of facing our hurts and repairing them. But, by sharing our pain, to the extent of giving his life for us, he took from us the awful despair that overwhelms us when we feel that we are suffering alone, and to no purpose. His faith supports ours, and his love encourages us to go through the pain that is needed if we are to heal." The Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds and encourages us to embrace others with compassion so we can join with Jesus to repair the hurt in our world.

Mini Vinnies

Winter Appeal 2015

Our St Vincent de Paul donation box is located in the school office. It is very cold outside and there are lots of people who would benefit from warm blankets and canned/non-perishable food.

Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

God Bless

Mrs Leanda Standing
Religious Education Co-ordinator
lstanding@parra.catholic.edu.au

2G CLASS PHOTO

Just a reminder... 2G are having their class photo taken on Friday 12 June. Children are asked to wear their full WINTER uniform on Friday. Thank you for your cooperation.

Library News

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

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

Benjamin S, Ellie G, Oliver McK, Isobel C, Luke B, Nathan B, Rebecca U, Megan U, Sophia B, Cassandra W, Millicent P, Siobhan C, and Monique C.

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

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME

Most classes participated in the National Simultaneous Story Time on Wednesday, 27 May. The story was The Brothers Quibble, by Aaron Blabey. Below are some photos of Year 2 listening to the story and participating in some wonderful activities relating to the story.



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
ptaylor3@parra.catholic.edu.au



Happy Birthday

to all those celebrating their birthdays between June 11 and 17 June.

Adam D'C, Tamara W, Toby M, Michael R, Sienna F.

Uniform Shop - Trading

The Uniform Shop will resume trading this **Thursday 11 June, 2015**. Joe and Elle from Oz Fashions would like to thank you for your understanding.

Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser - Thank you



We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the St Paul's community who baked and/or bought at the cake stall supporting Cystic Fibrosis. We know how busy everyone is with life pulling us in all different directions. The time and effort that was put into supporting us is very much appreciated. We were both brought to tears when we saw the effort that you all put in. All the children were very excited to buy their little treats. We feel very blessed to be part of such a wonderful community. With your support we have raised over \$1000 which will go to Cystic Fibrosis NSW to help support the people with cystic fibrosis and their families when they are in need.

A special mention to all the amazing bakers from Years 1 & 4 as well as everyone else that helped. We definitely could not have done it without you.

Alison Shanahan and Bethany Power-Jones



THANK YOU

Dear friends at St Paul's

To everyone who raised their cup on 29 May 2015, on behalf of the Cancer Council of Australia, our sincere thanks.



We had a fun day! It would have not been possible without your support. We raised a total of \$2,010.00 from the event and other sponsorships.

Next year, with your support, we will make it bigger and better. So watch this space!

Lilia Ferrero & Nancy Hargrave