



# St Paul the Apostle School Winston Hills NEWSLETTER

18 June 2014

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

It is with great sadness that I inform you that, **Rev Father David Hume** from Glenwood - Stanhope Gardens Parish passed away on the weekend. Fr David was a deacon here at St Paul the Apostle when he was studying to be a priest. When Father Scott became sick, Fr David came back to St Paul's as the parish administrator. I invite you to keep Fr David and his family in your prayers at this sad time. If you need the funeral details, please call the office tomorrow when they are confirmed. There are novena masses each night at 7pm at Stanhope Gardens and you are very welcome to attend. Rest in peace, Dave.



Yesterday the leadership team had a meeting with Mrs Joy Short and Mr Tim Hardy from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the school goals and investigate the **Implementation plan** to achieve those goals. We have many goals here at St Paul's but our three main goals are in the area of Religious Education, Literacy and Numeracy. Just as the diocese has goals, every school has goals and students have individual goals – the purpose of goal setting is to improve the learning outcomes of all students. If you would like further information about the school goals, feel free to contact me through the office or directly at [mbell@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mbell@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Last Friday night was **disco** night here at St Paul's. What a great night of fun, music and dancing! The dancing was fabulous – so many great movers! The teachers were not too bad either! Thank you to the many teachers who came to the evening by way of support – at such a busy time of the term your attendance was greatly appreciated. Thank you to Mr Obreza who kept the music coming all night. A very special thank you to Leeanne Rodriguez and her capable team: Dianne Attard, Tracey Biason, Belinda and Maddie Hamilton, Simone Howes, Michelle and Geoff Moreton, Melissa O'Brien, Monique O'Brien and Megan Prevett. They all did a wonderful job organising the night and looking after the children. Thank you so much for all that you did for such a successful night.

Have a great week everyone,  
Marian Bell.

## *Religious Education*

**"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit ."** Romans 15:13.

Earlier this year the Diocese of Parramatta launched a Diocesan Pastoral Plan – 'Faith in Our Future'. The focus of the plan was to fulfill the challenge put forward by Pope Francis to be "bold and creative in the task of rethinking the goals, structures, styles and methods of evangelisation".



Through collaboration with Parishes, Schools and local communities, a Pastoral Plan was decided upon. One of the goals of our Parish is to strengthen our School and Parish links. In order for this to occur, Father Raning and the Parish Council suggested, last year, for our school to organise the 9.30am Mass for fifth Sunday of every month. Our school has embraced this opportunity to continue to spread the good news of the gospel, by inviting different stages, throughout the year, to organise and run the fifth Sunday Mass. On **Sunday 29 June Stage 3 (Year 5/6)** will be invited to participate in various jobs within the **9.30am mass**. Over the year all

stages will be invited to partake in the Sunday Mass. Within our school we have four **stages** – **Early stage 1 (Kindy), Stage 1 (Year 1/2), Stage 2 (Year 3/4) and Stage 3 (Year 5/6).**

The invitation is also extended to all, to attend the **Feast Day Celebrations** starting with the **9.30am mass** followed by a **BBQ**. A sausage sizzle will be available, however if you would like to share your National dish, please feel free. It is a great way to strengthen our links with our Parish, and spread the gospel teachings to our children.

Please indicate your ability to attend this celebration by completing the tear off slip at the end of the invitation. Slips can be returned to the school office by Friday 20 June. Thank you.

In the lead up to the **Parish Feast Day Celebrations**, our Parish is extending an **invitation** for all members of our community to attend a **movie night** on **Friday 20 June**. The movie will be shown in the Father David Scott Parish Centre at **7.00pm**. The movie will be about St Paul, it is hoped it will be an entertaining way to learn about our parish and school's Patron Saint – St Paul.

After his conversion from Judaism, St Paul helped spread the teachings of Jesus to many different communities. Once baptised, Paul spent a few years in Arabia, and then returned to Damascus where he preached to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. During his lifetime he made many missionary journeys, where he established churches and called on people to follow Jesus. Even his time in prison could not stop him from extending the invitation to join him in evangelising and building the church. He spent his imprisoned years writing letters to many communities. After being released, Paul travelled to Spain, later to the East and then back to Rome, where he was imprisoned a second time and in the year 67, was beheaded. He is remembered today as a profound religious thinker who has enduring influence on the development of Christianity.

Please mark **Friday 20 and Sunday 29 June** in your diary so we can continue to follow in the foot- steps of St Paul and develop our church community.

God Bless, Mrs Leanda Standring (Religious Education Coordinator)

## **INFANTS ASSEMBLY CHANGE OF TIME**

The Infants Assembly for Friday 20 June, will commence at **2.15pm** in the Father David Scott Parish Centre. Year One will thrill you with their Fairy Tale Parade.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

**Premier's Reading Challenge:** Congratulations to the children who are continuing to read books for the Premier's Reading Challenge. Some parents have been experiencing difficulty logging on to the new PRC portal. This is an issue with the PRC website and once it has been rectified we will advise you via the newsletter. In the meantime, continue to keep track of the books read and they can be entered later.

**Library Books:** Please ensure all library books are returned to school this week. Overdue notices will be sent out shortly to alert you to any books that might still be at home. Library books can be returned any day this week. If you are unable to locate the books at home, we search the shelves at school, prior to asking you to pay for a replacement. Library bags will be sent home this week to be washed. Please ensure library bags come to school on borrowing days. Thank you for your diligence in helping to look after school library books.

Mrs Taylor,  
Librarian

## **CREATIVE ARTS EXPO 2014**

### **Expo Practise times – Week 9**

The following Expo dance groups will be required for rehearsals next week (Week 9)

- **Monday lunchtime (Parish Centre): Candyman and Kids (only)**
- **Wednesday lunchtime (Parish Centre): Candyman and Kids, Lollipop**
- **Friday before school (Parish Centre): Everyone**



## SPORTS NEWS

If your child does Discus at Little Athletics and would like to enter in this event at the Hills Zone Athletics Carnival next term, would you please send a note to Mrs Lambert along with verification of his/her best distance from their Little A's club.

The minimum age to enter this event at zone level is 8 years. Please see below for the qualifying distances in order to enter.

**Junior** (8, 9, 10 yrs)

Boys & Girls

500grams

Qualifying distance to enter 15m

**11 Years**

Boys & Girls

750grams

Qualifying distance to enter 18m



**Senior** (12 & 13 yrs), Boys & Girls, 750grams, Qualifying distance to enter 18m

**Thursday June 19** – (tomorrow) Primary Sports Carnival. Buses depart school at 9.00am.

**Tuesday June 24** - Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day.

**Tuesday July 22** – St Bernadette's Netball Gala Day. A note, and permission/money envelope is being sent home today.

## NO CANTEEN

On Friday 27 June, the canteen will not be open as we will be having our annual St Paul the Apostle Sausage Sizzle. (More information about this will be available). Children will need to provide their own recess snack and lunch if they are unable to have a sausage sandwich.

**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS.**

## WALKATHON PLEDGES

This is the final week to hand in your Walkathon money and card. There is still approximately \$3,000 in outstanding pledges. Prizes will be awarded at Monday morning assembly. Thank you for your continued support.

Cheryl Long and Jaye Harkin



## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

**Friday 20 June** is your last chance to order an Entertainment book. Orders placed by Friday will be delivered next week. Thank you to all those who have supported the school by purchasing a book.

## Expo Choir

St Paul's Expo Choir children have received notes regarding:

\* performance dates

\* repertoire

Regards,  
Leona Nash  
Music



## Dates to Remember

### June

- 19 Primary Athletics Carnival, Kellyville
- 20 Infants Assembly **2.15pm** Parish Centre; St Paul's Movie Night 7.30pm Parish Centre
- 22 Feast of Corpus Christi
- 23 Year 5 Personal Development day; Parent/child evening in the Parish Centre 7.30pm
- 24 Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day
- 25 Year 6 Campaign Speeches in Parish Centre; Afternoon tea with Marian & Jane.