



# St Paul the Apostle School Winston Hills NEWSLETTER

25 June 2014

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

On Sunday the church celebrates the feast day of **St Peter and St Paul**. We are hosting the 9.30am mass on Sunday and stage 3 have been planning and preparing for this celebration. The whole school is invited to come along and celebrate as a parish community and I urge you to attend and share in the lunch that follows. This Friday the school community will also celebrate Eucharist at 12 noon for the Feast of the Sacred Heart. This is a very fitting way to end a term and give thanks for all we have in our lives. Please join us for the mass and the sausage sizzle that follows.

As another term draws to an end I want to thank you all for your hard work and support. To the students who continually amaze me with their talents and skills and commitment to learning; to the teachers who work so hard to prepare and deliver a curriculum that excites the learning and to the parents who support us in so many ways – **thank you**. We have had our fair share of sickness this term – both students and teachers and I hope that the holiday brings rest and good health to all. There are so many things that go on behind the scenes in this community but I sincerely thank you all for all you do that your busy lives allow.

For the first four weeks of next term, **Mrs Kath Paul** will be taking long service leave. Mrs Paul will be replaced by Mrs Shelton for the duration of the leave and continue the wonderful learning in Year 4. I wish Mrs Paul a wonderful holiday travelling safely back to us in week 5.

Have a great holiday everyone. Remember that our staff development day is day one of the term. Children begin school on **Tuesday July 15**.

Marian Bell

## *Religious Education*

**“But you,” he said, “who do you say I am?” Then Simon Peter spoke up, “You are the Christ,” he said, “the Son of the living God.”** Matthew 16:15-16



As I was reflecting on what to write for the last week of term, I started to think about the two feast days we will be celebrating this week: Feast of the Sacred Heart and Sts Peter and Paul. Both of these feasts are significant celebrations, 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 or cakes for the St Paul’s cake stall. Your support will allow us to continue to spread the gospel to the people in our community who are in need of our assistance.

I have also included a section of a homily for the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. It comes from Abbot Armand Veilleux OSO, of Scourmont, Belgium. I found it to be a powerful yet simplistic comparison of two important pillars of our church. I hope you find it refreshing and helpful as you reflect on this feast day.

### **“FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL”**

It would be **hard to find two men who are more different**. And they are the two pillars of the church! We always celebrate their feast **together**. They are both Jews.

One is a fisherman from **Galilee**, uneducated except in the simplest ways. The other is a **Roman** citizen, with the best education of Roman and Jewish worlds.

Peter knew the **mortal** Jesus throughout his entire public ministry in Galilee. Paul knew the **risen** Jesus only for a few moments on the road to Damascus.

Peter knew him in **ordinary** experience, when he was leading Jesus' followers. Paul knew him in an **extraordinary** vision, when he was persecuting Jesus' followers.

Peter was a very **simple**, spontaneous man, who made a lot of gaffes... Paul was temperamentally **complex**, and not easy to get along with....

There were moments of **friction** and misunderstanding and divergence of opinion between them, but they remained always in the **love** of the same Christ even to accepting death in martyrdom.

The beauty of God comes from God's **simplicity** and unity: it is the absence of complexity. The beauty proper to creation comes, on the contrary, from its great **diversity** and from the symphony set up by the differences between its elements.

The example of the first Christian generations and particularly that of Peter and Paul is a constant invitation to the church and to each of its members **not only to respect personality differences, and points of view, and sensitivity, but to see a richness in these differences.**"

May we continue to use our differences to be disciples in Christ together.

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

## YEAR 5 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

On Monday 23 June, Year 5 had their Personal Development day. This time was an opportunity for the children to explore some of the changes that boys and girls go through during adolescence. We would like to thank Mr Sloane, Mrs Barker and Mrs Byrnes, who assisted us with the running of the day. Their medical knowledge and expertise was greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank the children for their active participation throughout the day and the parents for their support by attending the information evening that night.

Regards, Miss Magro and Miss Natoli



## PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Thank you to all the parents who came to watch or help out at our Primary Athletics Carnival last Thursday. Congratulations to the children for their excellent behaviour on the day and well done to the students who won ribbons and trophies.

The results of the Carnival were:

**Junior Girl Champion:** Holly Walker **Junior Boy Champion:** Johnny Al-Ekhtiyar  
**Runners-up:**

**Junior Boy Runners-up:** Austin Borg/Trent Mulheron

**Junior Girl Runner-up:** Jennifer Grubba

**Senior Girl Champion:** Brianna El Bayeh **Senior Boy Champion:** Jacob Voll  
**Runners-up:**

**Senior Boy Runner-up:** Nicholas Long **Senior Girl Runner-up:** Georgia Beeche

**Overall Champion & winner of the Father Dave Trophy: Jacob Voll**

**Overall House results:** 1<sup>st</sup> Gold, 2<sup>nd</sup> Green, 3<sup>rd</sup> Blue, 4<sup>th</sup> Red. These results will possibly change after the Infants' Carnival is held and their results are taken into account. Fiona Lambert, Sport Coordinator

**MISPLACED** at the sports carnival – a pair of runners in a grey plastic bag; owner a member of the Gold team it could be that someone has taken them unknowingly.

## STAGE 3 GIRLS SOCCER GALA DAY

On Tuesday 17 June, Girls from years 5 and 6 represented St Paul the Apostle in the "Stage 3 Parramatta Diocesan Girls Soccer Gala Day" held at Anne Aquilina Reserve, Rooty Hill. We had a wonderful day with the girls showing excellent sportspersonship and support for one another. On the day we had 3 draws and 3 losses, the girls should be congratulated on their awesome effort –



well done girls! A big thank you to Mrs Sue Gregory for being our coach on the day, and Siobhan Gregory for refereeing the games. Also to all those parents who car-pooled and came to support our team, this day would not be possible without your assistance.



Thank you, Gemma Veling.



These holidays create an activity box with a variety of physical equipment to encourage your children to get outside. Try and get involved in these activities with your children to make for good family time. Have a safe and happy holiday.  
Mrs Dunn

## EXPO UPDATE

A big thank you to all those who attended the Expo helper meeting last Wednesday and to those who although unable to attend, have offered to help. The response for help has been overwhelming. They say that 'many hands make light work' and as an Expo Team we feel truly blessed to be working within such a supportive community. We cannot thank you all enough for your gifts of time, skills, creative input, resources, materials and shopping skills, just to name a few.

Since our Wednesday meeting, we have costumes that are beginning to take shape, material that is being sourced and props and back drops that are being created. There is still much to do and we will be calling on many of your skills as we go along.

A reminder that there will be a holiday rehearsal on **Thursday 10 July** from 9:00 - 1:00. All children involved in the dance component of Expo are expected to attend this day. Thank you to those of you who have already sent back your attendance slips for this day. If you have not yet done so, could you please return these by **tomorrow, Thursday 26 June**.



If you have any questions, please contact Miss Natoli.

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## WALKATHON

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their walkathon money. We have now raised over \$12,500. On Monday we awarded prizes to the three families who raised the most money. They are the Dominello family, Khow family and the Dib family. For every \$10 that was donated by a child their name went into a draw and 57 prizes were won. Congratulations to all the winners.

## Dates to Remember

### June

- 27 Mass for the feast of The Sacred Heart 12 noon; Sausage sizzle to follow. Term 2 ends 3.10pm
- 29 Stage 3 (Yrs 5 & 6) Mass 9.30am followed by Parish BBQ. All welcome.

### July

- 14 Staff Development Day
- 15 Children commence Term 3
- 21 Sports in Schools commences – Mondays in Term 3