



# St Paul the Apostle School Winston Hills NEWSLETTER

4 June 2014

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

This week is **National Reconciliation Week**. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to contribute to building a reconciled Australia.

National Reconciliation Week started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 and was supported by Australia's major religious group. The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2014 is 'Let's Walk the Talk', so Australians across the nation can start putting their words into action. For further information, I encourage you to have a look at Reconciliation Australia's website: [www.reconciliation.org.au/](http://www.reconciliation.org.au/)

Congratulations to all of the students who received their **First Holy Communion** over the last three weekends. Thank you to the Parish Sacramental team, facilitators and parents for all of the work in preparing the children. I look forward to sharing many more Eucharistic celebrations with you. Congratulations to:

Aidan, Alexander, Alyssa, Alyssa, Annabelle, April, Ashton, Austin, Brendan, Callum, Claudia, Claudia, Daniel, Darby, Declan, Ebony, Eden, Eliza, Emily D., Emily J, Gabriella, Georgia, Giada, Gwendoline, Hannah, Hayley, Holly, Isabella, Jack, Jacob, Jesse, Jessie, Joe, Joseph, Joshua, Lachlan, Lewis, Madeline, Madison, Maree, Myles, Nicholas, Oscar, Paige, Riley, Samantha, Stephanie, Thomas, Tia, Tim, Trent, Victoria and Zachary.

Last Friday night was St Paul's **Bingo Night**. What a wonderful night – so well attended and so well organised! Thank you to the very hard working committee led by Alyssa Dwyer who planned, prepared, wrapped, sought sponsorship, cooked, set up, helped on the night and cleaned up. It was a great evening of fun and laughter and lots of prizes! Congratulations and thank you so much.

Today I begin the **Kindergarten Interviews** for enrolment for 2015. If you have not made your appointment yet, I urge you to go on line and do so as bookings close on Monday 9 June at 9am. Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions:



Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code>

Enter **LPLDF** school event code.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents who do not have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, or for any assistance, please contact the school office 9639 2555.

Parents can change their interview bookings any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date are asked to phone the office on: 9639 2555.

Have a great week everyone.  
Marian Bell

## Religious Education

**“learn to do right. See that justice is done – help those who are oppressed, give orphans their rights, and defend widows.”** Isaiah 1:17.



Saturday saw the last group of children receive their 'First Holy Communion'. Throughout the Mass the children listened attentively to Father Joe as he spoke to them of the importance of acknowledging the importance of the day. During the homily he asked the children to reflect on why they were dressed up today, asking them if they were dressed up when they had their first pizza or their first drink of coke? It was such an engaging way to speak to the children about the importance of receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the children on the reverent way they participated in the liturgies. Thank you to the facilitators and parents who reinforced in the children the important role the Catholic faith holds in their life, by spending time sharing their knowledge and experiences over the last few weeks. Thank you also to Sandra Sheehan, with the help of the Sacramental Team, for all of the work she continues to do behind the scenes preparing the parish based – family centred groups.

To help celebrate this wonderful experience **Stage 2** (year 3 and 4) will be holding their stage mass on **Thursday 5 June**, where the Year Four children will have the opportunity to come together and celebrate a mass of thanksgiving and receive communion as a year group.

As part of Jesus' teachings we are encouraged to look after the poor and disadvantaged. As Catholics we are encouraged to live this message in our daily lives. Our school currently sponsors Mr Sebastian Gittbang, one of the teachers working at The School of St Jude. Every year we use the money raised from the St Paul the Apostle Feast Day sausage sizzle to cover Mr Sebastian's salary.

The School of St Jude is located in Tanzania, East Africa. The poverty in Tanzania is so widespread that the government is unable to provide its children with quality education. Since 2002, 150 students enter the school each year and in 2015 the first senior class from St Jude will graduate.

The School of St Jude stops the poverty cycle by focusing on improving not only the education of the children but also providing them with opportunities to improve their welfare by providing them with a cooked meal and uniforms. I encourage you to read more about The School of St Jude in the student noticeboard where I will leave information about the amazing story.

On Friday, Felix Mollel will be our guest at the primary assembly. Felix is visiting Australia from The School of St Jude. He will be speaking to the children about St Jude and the amazing work that is taking place there. If you are free please come along and listen to his insights. This week the assembly will start at **2pm**.

May we remember these children in our prayers and continue to support them by purchasing a sausage on the last day of term.

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

## SCHOOL FEES

Unless you have an arrangement to pay the fees by instalments they are due in full by Wednesday June 4. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact [gcaruana@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:gcaruana@parra.catholic.edu.au) so that an appointment can be arranged with Mrs Bell if necessary. We thank you for your cooperation.

## SPORT'S SOCKS

The clothing pool now has the new socks in stock. These socks are now part of the school uniform and will be compulsory by Term 4.

The smaller sizes are \$7 a pair and the larger are \$7.50 a pair. Please purchase by the end of Term 3. Thank you for your cooperation.

The clothing pool is open from 1.30pm on a Thursday afternoon. Please come via the office during lunch time.

## WALKATHON

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their Walkathon money. We would like all sponsorship money and cards returned by Friday 6 June. Remember, there is a prize given to the three families who collect the most money and for every \$10 you collect you go into the draw to win one of fifty prizes.

Jaye Harkin and Cheryl Long

## CREATIVE ARTS EXPO UPDATE

A big thank you to all the children involved in the Creative Arts Expo. They have made a wonderful start with both learning and practising their dances. The following dance groups will be required for practise in Week 7:

- Wednesday Lunch Choco Choco, Candyman and Kids
- Friday before school (Parish Centre) Choco Choco, Candyman and Kids



A note will be going home with all children this week asking for any parent volunteers to assist with a range of Expo preparations such as painting and sewing. We would be grateful for any assistance, however big or small. If you are able to help in any way please complete the form going home and return to school by Friday 13 June.

Thanks for your support,  
The Expo Team

## ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT.

All school communities have begun discussions between the IEU (Independent Education Union) and the Catholic Schools in regards to reaching agreement around the new Proposed Enterprise Agreement.

The consultation process will take place from June to August and will be focused on supporting the work of all staff in our schools.

If you would like more information go to the following website  
[wwwFOUNDATIONSforexcellence.com.au](http://wwwFOUNDATIONSforexcellence.com.au).

## June

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| 5  | Stage 3 Mass 9.10am; 'The Dragon Returns' 2.30pm; Band Concert 6.30pm;          |
| 6  | Year 3 excursion to Warragamba Dam; Kindergarten excursion to the Zoo-          |
| 8  | Pentecost Sunday  |
| 9  | Queen's Birthday Public Holiday   |
| 10 | P & F Meeting 7.30pm  |
| 13 | School Discos   |
| 15 | Trinity Sunday  |
| 18 | Writing Competition; School Photo Day ( <u>full winter uniform to be worn</u> ) |
| 19 | Feast of Corpus Christi; Primary Athletics Carnival, Rouse Hill                 |

## SPORT NEWS

Rugby league was the talk of the town last week – No, not the State of Origin but the Parramatta All Schools Knockout. It was a spectacle to watch the St Paul's boys as they battled against their opponents. We had four teams: the Under 8s, Under 9s, Under 10s and the Opens. The Under 10s were the most successful being undefeated in their rounds and winning the quarterfinal after having scored the first try; their reign coming to an end in a passionate semi-final. As you can imagine, all games were played with the boys giving everything they had. This was the tone set for the day by the Under 8s who were the first to play and draw attention for their teamwork, skill and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all the boys – you were awesome! Thank you to the parents for being the best supporters. To the coaches – you were inspirational and the day would not have been the success that it was without you.



Miss Vicki Magro  
Teacher and fan.



### The Dragon Returns

The melodrama 'The Dragon Returns' will be performed in the Parish Centre tomorrow, Thursday 5 June, at 2.30pm by our Primary Choir. Hear how the Tales of Count Boris BeStinky are presented as



part of our Creative Arts Syllabus component.

Dear Parents

The children of St Paul the Apostle Primary School Band cordially invite you to attend

### **'An Evening of Music'**



to be held tomorrow evening, Thursday 5 June 2014 at 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start, in the Parish Centre.

This special evening gives each of our band children the opportunity to demonstrate their progress on their chosen musical instrument. They will entertain you with both 'small group' songs, and a short band performance.

Come along to encourage and support your child and to help make this evening a memorable one. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jenny Sparks, Band Director

PS: Dress for musicians is smart casual.

### **CATCH AND PLAY CLINIC**

St Paul's Netball Club is holding a four week Catch and Play Clinic for 5, 6 & 7 year old girls starting on Friday 18 July and continuing the following three Fridays. It will be held at the Gooden Reserve Netball Courts. Cost is \$20.00. Registration is on Friday 13 June, in the Undercroft area from 3.00-3.30pm. A flyer will be going home to all Infants girls this week.

If you would like more information, please contact Angela Green on 0452 469 393.

