



ST PAUL'S POST

Weekly Newsletter

18 March, 2015

Term 1 Week 8

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Our Vision Statement

Reach new heights through a community celebrating faith, life and learning.

Principal's Message



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

By now you know that I am big on **gratitude**. We have so much to be grateful for that some days I hardly know where to begin to give thanks! For example, yesterday was St Patrick's Day and part of the celebrations included a cake stall at lunchtime. In the morning, there was a steady stream of cakes and goodies that came into the office baked by the loving hands of parents from Kindergarten and Year 5. Thank you to the many people who supplied the stall with delicious treats for the children to purchase. At about 12 noon another steady stream of people came into the office to set up the stall for lunchtime, to sell the goods, to pack up and to continue selling to the parents at the end of the day. What a great team effort! Thank you to all involved it was a great success.

I have found a prayer that I would like to share with you:

Be Thankful

Be thankful that you do not already have everything you desire,

If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you do not know something

For it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.

During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations

Because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge

Because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes

They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you are tired and weary

Because it means you have made a difference.

It is easy to be thankful for the good things.

A life of rich fulfilment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

GRATITUDE can turn a negative into a positive.

Find a way to be thankful for your troubles

and they can become your blessings.

~ Author Unknown ~

Our School Prayer

Heavenly Father
At St Paul's we pray
that you watch over us
in all we do and say.
Help us to live our
values of empathy,
leadership,
commitment, integrity
and faithfulness.
Guide us to be victors
through faith. We ask
this through Christ our
Lord, Amen.

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I would just add one more line –

Be thankful for each other, every encounter with the other is a gift from God.

A gentle reminder for all of those families who have been asked to complete the **Quality Catholic Schools survey**. We have until Friday of this week, March 20, to complete it. I thank you in anticipation of your support.

Next Tuesday, St Paul the Apostle Primary School has been selected to participate in a **Peer Review**. It is an opportunity for 3 schools to come together to analyse teaching programs and evaluate the effectiveness of the program. We are asked to provide examples of our timetables, teaching program, assessment plan, scope and sequence for each key learning area and samples of children's work. Stage 2 have been chosen to present their program so Mrs Jackson, Mrs Love, Mrs Misek and myself will be attending the review. I will let you know the outcome of the meeting.

Have a great week everyone.

Marian Bell

Marian Bell
Principal
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RE News

But Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:13



On April 1 we have the pleasure of welcoming Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, to our school. He will be visiting our school to share his songs with the children and help them reflect on the immense love Christ has for us, which he showed when he died on the cross for us. Andrew will be holding workshops throughout the day with all the children and then will lead them through a Holy Week liturgy in the afternoon. Parents are warmly invited to attend. There is no charge for adults. The liturgy will take place at 2:00pm in the Parish Centre.

Andrew Chinn was a teacher for 20 years in Catholic schools in Sydney and has taught all grades from Kindergarten to Year Six. He has been writing songs since 1993 and has released nine CDs, 'These Hands', 'This Day', 'Wherever I Go', 'Many Roads, One Journey', 'Under Your Star', 'Let Your Light Shine', 'Together As One', 'People of Peace', and his brand new CD, 'In Joyful Hope'. He has also published five picture books, 'In the Beginning', 'I Am The River', 'Rainbow', and 'Under Your Star' and one based on the life of St Mary MacKillop released for her Canonisation. There will be an

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Liturgical Events

Unless otherwise stated Mass will commence at 9:10am

Week 1 – No Mass

Week 2 – No Mass

Week 3 - Opening School Mass

Week 4 – Ash Wednesday

Whole School Mass 12:00

Friday – Welcoming Ceremony - 9:15am, Parish Centre

Week 5 – Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4)

Week 6 – Stage 1 Mass (Yr 1 & 2)

Week 7 – Whole School Mass

Week 8 – No Mass

Week 9 – Early Stage 1 Mass (Kindy)

Week 10 – Stage 3 Mass to be held on Sunday 29 March (Yrs 5 & 6) 9:30am

General Events

19 March – Feast of St Joseph

20 March – Cross Country

24 March – Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day P & F Meeting 7:30pm

25 March – Feast of the Annunciation Dance Fever, Homebush

27 March – Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day Mini Vinnies receive Badges at Assembly

30 March – Dance Fever, Dance-a-thon

31 March – P & F Meeting 7:30pm

1 April – Andrew Chinn working with children Liturgical Music for Easter

2 April – Term 1 Ends

3 April – Good Friday

4 April – Easter Saturday

5 April – Easter Sunday

opportunity to purchase Andrew's CDs, DVDs and books at the end of the concert for \$20. Visit his website: www.butterflymusic.com.au, where you can listen to some songs, watch some video clips and become more familiar with his music before the day.

Andrew currently lives in the Southern Highlands of NSW, with his wife, Bernadette, and youngest daughter, Eleanor. His songs are used throughout schools across Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada.

We are looking forward to sharing this time with Andrew Chinn and helping the children reflect on the importance of the Easter season.

God Bless

Leanda Standring

Religious Education Co-ordinator

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Mini Vinnies News

Thank you to everyone that wore a 'touch of green' for St Patrick's Day on 17 March. It was great to see a wide range of green attire from green hairpieces, socks and wristbands. Thank you for the gold coin donations. We raised \$430.00.

All donations will be sent to the school of St Jude in Tanzania to help them continue their good work. Our school sponsors Mr Sebastian Girbang. He is a teacher at the school. All of the children and staff are so grateful for our contributions.

Please remember to keep adding to your classes 'Project Compassion Box' so we can continue to help people all around our world.

(Tia, Alyssa, Darby and Stephanie, - Mini Vinnies Team Members)

Saint Patrick's Day Drawing Competition

Remember to hand in your illustrations by Friday, 20 March.

(Giada, Tia, Stephanie, Madeline - Mini Vinnies Team Members)

Classroom Snapshot – Featuring Year Three

In Year 3 students have begun their Lenten unit by developing their understanding that Jesus touched others through his relationships, actions, feelings, healing, lifestyle and word. They were lucky enough to have Father Raining visit to help with some of our misconceptions and questions. Leading up to our Lenten unit students have thought about the different gifts each of them have and how Year Three use these gifts to serve others. The students explored the Scripture story, 'Jesus Calms the Storm' to identify gifts of Jesus and how he served others. We have included some of our work below.

SPORT DAYS TERM 1

- KINDY – Monday & Thursday
- YEAR 1 – Monday & Thursday
- YEAR 2 – Monday & Tuesday
- YEAR 3 – Monday & Tuesday
- YEAR 4 – Monday & Tuesday
- YEAR 5 – Monday & Wednesday
- YEAR 6 – Monday & Thursday

Assembly Term 1, 2015

Assembly – Fridays 2:30pm

- Week 1 – No Assembly
- Week 2 – Whole School
- Week 3 – No Assembly
- Week 4 – Whole School - Year 6
- Week 5 – No Assembly
- Week 6 – Whole School – Year 5
- Week 7 – No Assembly
- Week 8 – Whole School Year 2
- Week 9 – Mini Vinnies
- Week 10 – No Assembly

Uniform Shop Trading Hours

Thursday 2:30 – 4:00pm
Saturday 3:30 – 5:00pm

For all uniform enquiries
please contact Elle on

0421 216 414 or

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don't
A time of growing
(changing and giving)

Sundays are not included
during Lent. We give up something
or eat on something for 40 days
because Jesus died for us.
Lent starts at Ash Wednesday
Sundays not included in
the 40 days.



We give up something
in Lent.

We get ash on
Ash Wednesday.



In Lent you can give up your
a job
at school

LENT

A TIME OF GROWING, CHANGING
AND GIVING

be to
Friday

Lent is fasting
Lent is fasting

Lent is for
40 days.



**Library Borrowing
Term 1**

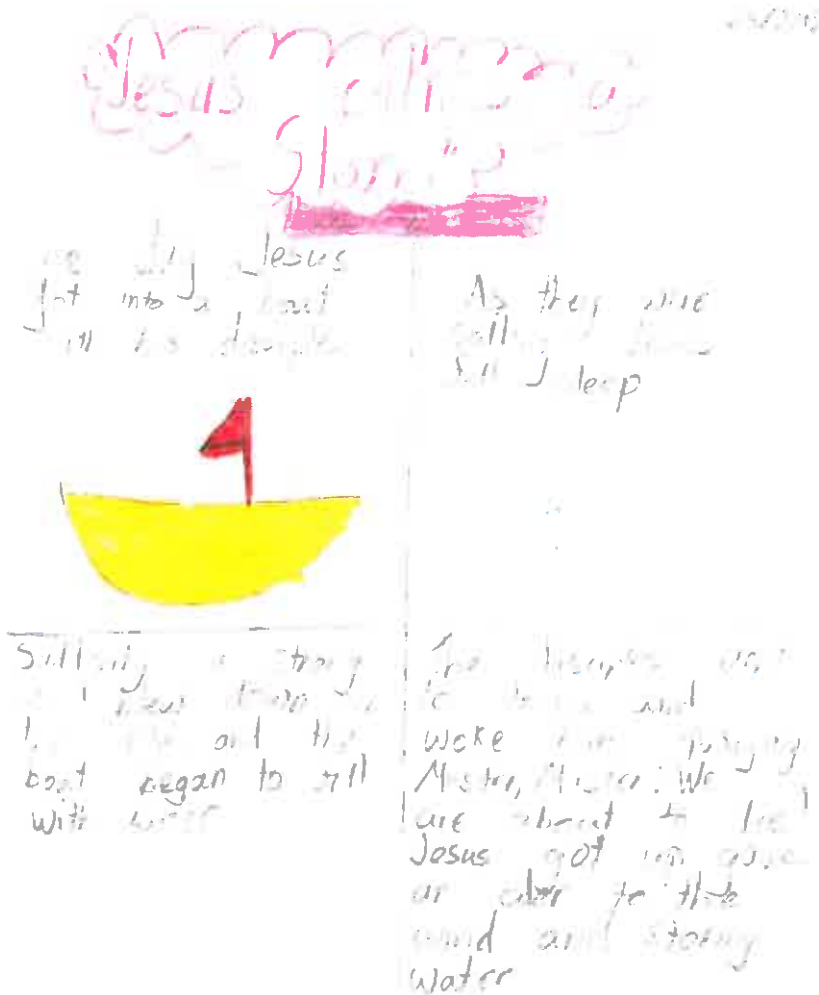
- Kindy – Tuesday
- Year 1 – Tuesday
- Year 2G – Tuesday
- Year 2N – Thursday
- Year 3 – Thursday
- Year 4 – Tuesday
- Year 5 – Friday
- Year 6 – Thursday

Please ensure your child brings their library bag on their Class Library day.

Bell Times

- Block 1: 8:55 – 11:00
- Recess: 11:00 – 11:30
- Block 2: 11:30 – 1:00
- Lunch: 1:00 – 1:45
- Block 3: 1:45 – 3:15

Please remember some of our children have food allergies, we are a NUT FREE school. Help us keep our children safe



Parent Reflection

This week we have our first parent reflection. Thank you to Veronica Brogden for sharing her reflection on Psalm 50:12.

"Create a clean heart in me, O God" Psalm 50:12

Father God, In these last weeks of Lent please move the Holy Spirit through our community so that we may know you and your love, mercy and compassion. That we may appreciate fully the sacrifice of Jesus our Lord, who suffered so much so that we know the joy of redemption.

Mother Mary, pray for us, that we may feel the saving grace of the Cross and live in your example and that of your most holy Son.
Amen.

God Bless
Leanda Standring
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Happy Birthday

To those children celebrating their birthdays between 18 March and 25 March -

Jenny Grubba, Isabelle Ricafort, Nicholas Fenech, William Clarke, Haylee Shelton, Johanna Dwyer

St Vincent de Paul - Toiletry Collection Drive

We are still collecting for the St Vincent de Paul Van. They urgently need the following and we will place a box in the office to collect these items -

soap (bars or bottles), shaving cream, razors, women's hygiene products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, hairbrushes, sanitary wipes/gel deodorant, tissues.

Thank you for your generous support so far we really do appreciate it!!!

Medical Alert

Please note that we have had a reported case of Whooping Cough within the school, if your child is sick or you are worried please take them to the Doctor – as you know Whooping Cough is highly contagious.

Whole School Assembly

On Friday 20 March, the whole school will be attending assembly organised by Year Two. Please feel free to join us.

Enrolments 2016

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 have now commenced. An Enrolment package can be collected from the School Office between the hours of 9:00am – 3:00pm.

Curriculum Corner

Things you can do to help your child to learn to read

The following information is taken from a Board of Studies publication "Helping your child learn to read – A guide for parents" The Board of studies has a dedicated page for parents on its website www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/parents/ – parents are able to download a range of publications which can help you to support your child on their reading journey.

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**Be confident in your
child's abilities and
proud of their
achievements**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Don't expect too much too soon. It takes time for children to learn to read so be guided by the pace they set. If your child becomes distressed or loses interest when reading at home, take a break from reading and try again later.

8

Work with your child's teacher. Complete home readers and sight words with your child and speak to the teacher if you have any concerns.

9

Set aside a special time for reading with your child. Aim for 15 to 25 minutes with no interruptions each day.

10

Talk to your child. Engage them in your conversations so they learn new words and ways to express themselves.

Sports News

Cross Country

Just a reminder, Friday 20 March, is our annual school cross country. This year we look forward to all children participating from Kindergarten to Year Six. The children will not only be participating in a cross country race but will be invited to show their **colours** by coming to school in race appropriate gear with a twist. **They** are encouraged to wear their sport house colour maybe as a t-shirt, shoelaces, sweatbands, hair colour, etc. Parents are invited to cheer the children along.

This is going to be a great community event. Many thanks to those parents who have kindly volunteered to assist with the running of this event. See you on the day. Thank you for your continued support.

Andrew Lehmann
Sport Coordinator

Star Spot

This is Connor Bourke's first year competing in the Hills District Tennis competition. He completed the season last weekend as a semi-finalist! Over all, he and his partner finished in 3rd place in their division.

He has worked very hard to compete against children much older than himself and he has achieved this with a great attitude.

Congratulations, Connor, well done.



Congratulations also to Jesse Featherstone and Lewis Duncombe who were chosen to represent the diocese in the Under 11's Parramatta Diocesan Rugby League Team. Well done boys we are very proud of you.

Dance Fever Challenge

Wednesday 25 March, 2015

Not long now!! A reminder – Parents will need to purchase a ticket on the night at a cost of \$5. There is no pre-purchase of tickets, so if you are transporting your child on the night you will need to purchase a ticket for them too. Children who are travelling on the bus have been asked to forward \$10 to the office which will cover both the bus and entry to the event.



A note with all relevant information for the night will be going out to you this week.

Jane Misek
Assistant Principal

Note from Oz Fashions

Easter Trading Hours

We will be closed from Friday 3 April
and will reopen on Saturday 18 April

Happy Easter to all our customers

P & F News

St Patrick's Day Green Cake & Jelly Day

Yesterday during lunch we had a fun fundraising day at St Paul's. The **Kindergarten and Year 5** parents were asked to provide cakes and treats for Saint Patrick's Day. Wow, there was such a fantastic display of green cakes, biscuits, jelly, fairy floss, popcorn and more. A very big thank you to all you creative bakers who provided an amazing amount and variety of treats for the children.



Also, to our parent helpers who gave up their afternoon to assist in serving all of the gorgeous smiling faces, we thank you. From all reports we have had, the children thought it was definitely a yummy and delicious day.

The day made over \$1300 and a donation from this event will be made to the School of St Jude – a school we support in Tanzania, Africa.



Thank you again, your response was overwhelming.

Mirna Jasser & Danielle Haddad
Social Coordinators

EASTER RAFFLE



Our eggciting Easter Raffle is here again. Each year this has been a very popular fund raising event for the students of St Paul's. To make this event successful we are asking each student to donate an Easter egg or small bag of eggs to their own class by Wednesday 25 March. Eggs can be brought to the school prior to 25 March and will be collected by the class teachers. The Easter Eggs donated will be made into baskets and raffled within the school.

Tickets will be sold by the teachers for 50c each or 3 for \$1. Every child who donates an egg will also receive a free ticket in the raffle. Tickets will be on sale in the classrooms on Friday 27, Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 March.

Raffles will be drawn on Wednesday 1 April.

We will be wrapping the baskets on Thursday 26 March.

If you have some time to spare on this day we would appreciate your help.

We will be meeting in the art room at 9.00am.

Thank you for supporting the school in the Easter egg raffle.

Mirna Jasser & Danielle Haddad

Fundraising

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

We are seeking goods and services as donations to be used for prizes this year for our three major raffles.

If any families, own, operate or have connections to source these goods, e.g. electronics, vouchers etc. we would be grateful if you would please contact us on the numbers below or by email.

Thank you in anticipation of your help

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Thinking about the election...

DID YOU KNOW? To keep up with demand for Catholic schooling in the next two years, the Diocese of Parramatta will need at least \$19.3 million to build new schools and learning spaces in the Norwest sector. The Diocese will need an additional \$7.1 million to upgrade schools in other areas. Catholic schools need certainty from State and Federal Governments in capital works funding to effectively and efficiently respond to demand for Catholic schools changes.

DID YOU KNOW? Local Council infrastructure charges are placing an unfair burden on Catholic schools, incurring substantial additional costs. Over the past three years, the Sydney-based dioceses paid \$18.5 million in levies and bonds - almost cancelling out the entire capital funding provided by the NSW Government for all Catholic schools. In the Parramatta Diocese, developments at Westmead incurred an additional \$464,000 in local council infrastructure charges. This is money that could have been invested in the schools themselves, to benefit students – the cost of five teachers.

PLEASE NOTE:

The school received a number of calls regarding the presence of a political party handing out campaign materials outside our school on Monday morning.

Please be advised that political parties are allowed to campaign on public property, however our school community does not endorse any political parties. If you have concerns about the campaign please contact the candidates political office directly.

Are you interested in a little extra one-to-one band tuition during the Easter Holidays?

Would you like a lesson from a specialist music teacher on your instrument?

Do you have an old guitar or keyboard laying around you'd like to dust off for a good cause?

TSA and DMC staff are combining to donate a day of their time, raising money for charity these Easter holidays and invite students, staff, parents, family and friends to sign up for a good cause.

Help DMC & Teaching Services
Australia support Mr Lavis and
Car 56 on the 2015 Newcastle Variety Bash
with our *School Holiday Music Tuition Day*
raising money for
Variety, The Children's Charity

Date: April 14

Time: Book a 30min time slot between 9am-4pm

Venue: Dural Music Centre (*Unit 31/286 New Line Rd, Dural*)

Cost: \$35 (make a tax-deductible donation of \$35 or more for your 'free lesson')

Bookings: 9651 7333 or at Dural Music Centre
(*bookings essential!*)

All proceeds from the day will be passed on in full to Variety, The Children's Charity



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To our local community partner,

Community Sponsorship and Donations

St Paul the Apostle (44 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills) is a local primary school within the community where you operate your business. The Parents and Friends Committee of St Paul the Apostle will be hosting a number of fundraising events this year. We are working towards raising funds for several programs that will benefit our young students. All money raised will be put directly back into the school to fund these programs.

We are asking you to partner with us by becoming a sponsor for the year for our major fundraising events. Your consideration and generosity would be greatly appreciated and publicly acknowledged at these events both in writing and verbally during the functions. We will also provide you with a certificate to display at your place of business in order for you to make your customers aware of your work in the local community.

We invite you to consider the following sponsorship levels that will enable us to raise funds for our school:

Platinum Sponsorship - \$1000 The Platinum sponsors will receive:

- Your business or name will be advertised as the major event sponsors
- A thank you to our sponsors in the school newsletter one week prior to the event and one week after the event. This newsletter reaches over 270 families in the area.
- Logo highlighted with a promotional display at the events
- Logo highlighted in all printed promotional materials for events
- Mentioned throughout the nights by the MC where applicable
- Opportunity for you to promote your business via a leaflet or card at the events

Gold Sponsorship - \$600 The Gold sponsors will receive:

- Acknowledgement in print on promotional material for events
- Opportunity to promote your business via leaflet or card at the events
- Mentioned throughout the night by the MC where applicable

Silver Sponsorship - \$300 The Silver sponsors will receive:

- Acknowledgement in printed promotional material for events
- Mentioned throughout the night by the MC where applicable

Bronze Sponsorship - \$100 The Bronze sponsors will receive:

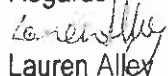
- Acknowledgement in all printed material

Donations

We are also asking for donations in the form of gift certificates, products and services as prizes for the event raffles. Anything that your business can contribute would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to donate or become a sponsor, please do not hesitate to contact the fundraising coordinators.

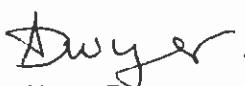
Thank you in advance for your support for our youngest community members.

Regards


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Marian Bell

Principal

Victory Through Faith.



quickbeds

Grassroots Fundraising Program
Supporting local sport & community groups

Dear Parents, carers and friends,

Planning a holiday? Book accommodation through Quickbeds & earn funds for our school.

This year we will be excited to launch our fundraising program Quickbeds. This program allows families and friends to book accommodation through the quickbeds website. Part of the money spent goes straight back to the school. This is a program run by Flight centre with their "Best rate guarantee". All you simply need to do is book through the website provided and put in St. Paul's unique quickbeds/grassroots code when you next book your accommodation.

St. Paul The Apostle
Code: 1655

www.quickbeds.com/?grassrootscode=1655

or www.quickbeds.com

There are over 180,000 hotels, motel and apartments in Australia and overseas

And

They offer last minute deals!

By supporting this program you will be helping St Pauls make money, to support our ongoing school programs and buy new equipment for your children!

Tell your friends and family!

Thank you in advance

M. Bell
Marian Bell

Emma Hill

Principal

P&F president

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