



ST PAUL'S POST

Weekly Newsletter

13 May, 2015

Term 2 Week 4

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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 victory
through faith. We ask this
through Christ our Lord,
Amen

Principal's Message



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

Last Sunday's **gospel** from John (Jn 15:9-17) explicitly spoke about love and on Mother's Day, I thought very appropriate. We were reminded of what Jesus said to us: "This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you." My priest challenged us to love everyone – not just the people we like – but everyone including those who challenge us. This statement is something I have said in the past but it really got me thinking. How do we show love for all? How do we as adults teach our children to accept others and love them? As a principal, I spend a lot of my days encouraging children to play with everyone and respect everyone even when they wrong you. It is not easy to teach – it is even more difficult to do. How do we model the commandment for our children?

I do hope that everyone celebrated **Mother's Day** last Sunday with family and friends. Our own Mother's Day celebration on Friday morning was fabulous. It was wonderful to see so many dads cooking and serving breakfast. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the morning - the early start, the pancakes, the scones, the cooking, the setting up, the serving, the cleaning up and the many helpers at the mother's day stall. Thank you to Mirna Jassar and Danielle Haddad for their coordination and work behind the scenes – not only for the breakfast but for the stall as well. I would also like to recognise Trevor Tomei who worked so hard to support this event and always with a smile on his face – thank you Trevor. Our celebration did not stop there but continued into the church with Eucharist. Thanks to Mrs Standing and the Stage 3 teachers for coordinating such a beautiful mass.

At the moment we have quite a bit of **sickness** in the school – both children and teachers. Please try to keep your children at home if they are unwell. They are miserable at school and do not learn anything when they cannot concentrate because of an illness. They also spread their infections to both students and teachers. We have a number of teachers away at the moment. When teachers are away, we do our very best to replace them with the same casuals but it is not always possible. At all times the class program is adhered to and supported by the other teacher on the grade.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Liturgical Events
Unless otherwise stated Mass
will commence at 9:10am

Week 1 – Anzac Liturgy
9:10am in Parish Centre
Week 2 - No Mass
Week 3 - Whole School Mass for
Mothers' Day (Stage 3 Yrs 5& 6)
Week 4 - No Mass
Week 5 - Early Stage One Mass
(Kindergarten)
Week 6 - Stage 2 Mass Yr 3 & 4
Week 7 - Stage 1 Parish Mass
Yr 1 & 2 Sunday 31 May
Week 8 - Whole School Mass
Week 9 - No Mass
Week 10 - Whole School Mass
12:00pm

I would like to wish our Year 6 students a great time in **Canberra** on Thursday and Friday. I hope you use this as an opportunity to really understand how our government operates and as a time of fun and learning. I look forward to hearing about and reading about your adventure upon your return. Thank you to Miss Magro, Miss Burrell and Mr Lehmann for taking the children on the excursion and leaving your own families back in Sydney. It is very generous and a huge responsibility and I am sure the children and their families are very grateful. Thanks also to Mr Shelton for accompanying the students.

As some of you are aware, both **Gemmas** (Natoli and Veling) are taking some leave. Gemma N is going to be married and I hope her day is beautiful and all that she wishes for herself. On your behalf, I wish Gemma and Dean a very happy wedding day and a wonderful life together. Gemma V is also going to a family wedding but it is in Ireland! Safe travels to you both and we look forward to your return in week 10.

Have a great week everyone.

Marian Bell

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RE News



“Set your heart on the greater gifts.” – Col 3:1-4

Over the next two Sundays our Year Four children will be receiving their First Holy Communion. The parents and children have come together in community and shared their faith during preparation groups. Thank you to all of the parents who helped prepare their child for this Sacrament of Initiation. According to Second Vatican Council, Sacrosanctum Concilium – Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 'General principles for the Restoration of the Sacred Liturgy', 1963, Chapter 1, #10 the Eucharist is described as *the 'source and summit of all Christian life.'* Each time we receive communion we are nourished by Christ's body so we have the strength to continue to spread the good news to all we meet. At the same time the Eucharist is the highlight of Christian living. When we come together in communion with Christ we are celebrating the love Jesus has for us. May our prayers be with the children and their parents as they receive 'The Sacrament of the Eucharist'. May they always remember in their hearts the message St Teresa of Avila wrote in her famous poem:

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
no hands but yours,
no feet but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which is to shine
Christ's compassion in the world.
Yours are the feet
through which to go about doing good.
Yours are the hands with which he is to bless
all people now.

General Events

13 May – NAPLAN – Reading
14 May – NAPLAN – Numeracy
14 May – Year 6 Canberra
15 May – Year 6 Canberra
16 May – First Communion 2pm
(Group One)
17 May – Group Two – First
Communion Practice 4pm, Parish
Centre
18 May – Sydney Writers Festival
19 May – ICAS Digital Technology
P & F Executive Meeting 7:30pm
First Reconciliation Parent
Enquiry Night 7:30pm
22 May Bingo Night
23 May – First Communion 2pm
(Group Two)

SPORT DAYS TERM 2

KINDY Tuesday/Thursday
YEAR 1 Wednesday/Thursday
YEAR 2 Tuesday/Wednesday
YEAR 3 Wednesday/Friday
YEAR 4 Tuesday/Wednesday
YEAR 5 Thursday/Friday
YEAR 6 Wednesday/Thursday

Assembly Term 2, 2015

Assembly – Fridays 2:30pm

Week 1 – No Assembly
Week 2 – Assembly – Year 3
Week 3 – No Assembly
Week 4 – No Assembly
Week 5 – Assembly – Year 4
Week 6 – Assembly – Year 1
Week 7 – No Assembly
Week 8 – Assembly - Kindy
Week 9 – No Assembly
Week 10 – No Assembly

As they receive communion may they remember to ask for guidance so they can be the person God asks them to be, one who has the strength and courage to live a life full of faith and inspire others to reach out and be the face of Jesus in our lives. The following prayer may help us all as we continue to live as followers of Jesus:

Lord Jesus,

I give you my hands to do your work.

I give you my feet to go your way.

I give you my eyes to see as you see.

I give you my tongue to speak your words.

I give you my mind that you may think in me.

I give you my heart that you may love in me –love the Father and all humankind.

I give you my whole self that you may grow in me,

so that you, Lord, may be the one

who lives and works and prays in me.

Last week the newest members of the Mini Vinnies team held the first 'Children's Prayer'. It was a very moving experience, led by Thomas Valjak, Kaitlyn Lafferty and Isobel Cassin. They led around forty children and the teaching staff in a decade of the Rosary to honour Mary our Mother. Congratulations and thank you to all of the children who came together to celebrate prayer as a community. Our next 'Children's Prayer' will be Thursday 21 May. May I take this opportunity to congratulate all of our new Mini Vinnies recruits who were commissioned at a special whole school assembly last term. Every year the children in Year Four are given the opportunity to apply for a position on the Mini Vinnies team. During the ceremony, Miss Galera joined Mrs Bell in presenting a Mini Vinnies badge and certificate to the following Year Four Mini Vinnies members: James Brogden, Zara Howes, Isabelle Ricafort, Tom Kolic, Jacob Cacciola, George Matis, Sophia Poole, Peter Matis, Annika Milinkovic, James Stewart, Jorgia Eivers-Bright, Aarushi Handoo, Maeve Gregory, Joanna Sebastian, Claudia Nguyen, Theora Margaris, Hannah Adams, Sophia Barnett, Rozanne Fernando, Isobel Cassin, Cassandra Wijaya, Monique Clancy, Thomas Valjak, Kaitlyn Lafferty, Elodie West, Patrick Reid, Isabella Moreton, Clare Grubba, Michael Tannous. These children will join our current members and continue to highlight how we too can serve others.

God Bless

Mrs Leanda Standring

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Highlight on Year 1

In Year One the students have been recalling the first Easter Sunday, looking at the symbols and rituals we still use in Masses today. The children took the opportunity to investigate the paschal candle and the meaning behind it. During the Easter season the paschal candle stands tall near the ambo



Uniform Shop Trading Hours

Thursday 2:30 – 4:00pm

No Saturday Trading until further notice

For all uniform enquiries please contact Elle on 0421 216 414 or elle@ozfashions.com.au

Library Borrowing Term 2

Kindy – Tuesday
Year 1 – Tuesday
Year 2G – Tuesday
Year 2N – Thursday
Year 3 – Thursday
Year 4P – Tuesday
Year 4J – Thursday
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

at the front of the church and is lit before every mass. After Pentecost Sunday it will be moved and sit near the baptismal font.



Mini Vinnies News

Winter Appeal 2015

Hello Parents,

We are part of the Mini Vinnies group and are trying to raise awareness of the Vinnies Winter Appeal 2015. This appeal helps people who do not have food or warmth at night during the winter season.

There will be a donation box in the office from Monday 18 May and we will be collecting blankets and canned/non-perishable food.

Any donations will be greatly appreciated.
Thank you.

Alyssa, Ebony, Bella and Annabella
Mini Vinnies Team

Curriculum Corner

Library News

The children attending the Sydney Writer's Festival on Monday 18 May need to assemble in the library at 8.45am in full Winter Uniform. Remember to bring your morning tea, lunch, paper, pencils and books you would like signed by the authors. I look forward to sharing this event with you.

The Book Week theme this year is "Books Light Up our World." In readiness for book week I would like to collect some lamps with the lamp bases. If you are able to donate a lamp I would be very grateful.

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign organised by the Australian Library and Information Association. The campaign aims to encourage more young



Happy Birthday

To those children celebrating their birthdays between 14 May and 20 May.

Marcus Scuderi, Woosen Ahn, Harrison Barnes, Zachary Brame, Gabriela Chetcuti, Alegria Frangi, Banjo Duncombe

Catholic Out of School

Hours Care

Open 6:30am - 6:30pm

There are still spaces available, please do not hesitate to contact Jess on the number below to discuss enrolments.

Child and Parent enrolment forms are available on the COSHC website. For further information, please visit www.coshc.catholic.edu.au then select "FIND A COSHC" and click on "Winston Hills – St Paul the Apostle" to download and print the required forms. Please direct all COSHC inquiries related to the COSHC service at St Paul the Apostle to 0429 017 382 or coshcstpaulwinstonhills@parra.catholic.edu.au

Australians to read and enjoy books. It is a colourful, vibrant and fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book. The book this year is "The Brothers Quibble" by Aaron Blabey. It is a brilliant children's book and is definitely one to share with your children.

Mrs Petrina Taylor
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Ready Steady Grow Club

The **READY SET GROW CLUB** has proven thus far to be a huge hit with the children. Thirty plus children are involved weekly and sometimes this number is many more! The biggest challenge at present is that we primarily only have one mum, Bethany Power-Jones and our long time friend



Connie working in the garden with the kids on a regular weekly basis. The children come alive once kneeling digging in the garden beds. There is huge enjoyment in their faces as they turn the soil, plant new seedlings and water the beds. The conversation is full of laughter and terrific questions about how things grow and what healthy food they will grow into.

We are really encouraging and needing more parents to participate as it is not sustainable in the present model of one and sometimes two parents. We invite parents/grandparents to help out on a Friday at lunch time. Particularly this Friday as the school is expecting a big delivery of seedlings



including cabbages, beetroot, shallots, silverbeet, spinach, lettuce, coriander, gai lan, sprouting broccoli (broccolini), brussels sprouts, swiss chard, kale, endive, komatsune (japanese mustard leaf veg), pak choy, tatsoi, shelling peas, snow peas. The seedlings have been provided by

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

Parramatta City Council as part of a new P&F initiative with Mrs Lisa Kollaras of Council's Eco Schools Program.

If you are unable to participate on Friday, the Ready Set Grow club are still short of hand trowels, forks and children's gloves if you are able to donate any of these items, it would be wonderful. Take a look at the photos and see how much fun the kids are having! (you will be reducing the carbon foot print too!)



Guess the size of the pumpkin

Parents, our big Pumpkin has arrived in the office!! We are having a guessing competition to raise some money for the Ready, Steady Grow club. Children and parents are asked to guess the weight of the pumpkin and to guess how many seeds are in it. So get your thinking caps on!! **20cents per guess** - entry forms are in the office. Good luck everyone!
Prize – Hanging Basket, seeds and a spade.



Assembly

Just a reminder... No Assembly this week.

Just a reminder... Whole School Working Bee

Saturday 16 May between 8:00am and Middyay. We look forward to welcoming many of you to lend a hand.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Mrs Lilia Ferrero of St Paul's Parish is hosting Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on Friday 29 May, to raise funds for Cancer. The morning tea will be held in the Parish Centre from 8:30am-12:30pm so pop in for a cuppa and make your cup count. See Flyer attached to the Newsletter for further information.



P & F News

Bingo Night... Friday 22 May, 2015

Payment and Booking Slip REMINDER.....

This **Friday, 15 May** is the last day to return booking slips and payments for this year's Bingo Night.

Capacity in the hall is limited, so please remember to return your booking slip and payment as soon as possible, before BINGO is all sold out! Look forward to seeing you all there for a fun night.



Hamper Donations and Wrapping

A very big thank you to all of the families who have donated items for the Bingo Night hampers. Your generosity has been overwhelming.

Last minute hamper donations are welcome in the office until **Thursday 14 May!**

We would ask for anyone who has a little bit of spare time to meet us in the Art Room at 9:00am on Friday 15 May to assist with wrapping of Bingo Prizes. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase on Tuesday 19 May, Wednesday 20 May and Thursday 21 May (from 3pm to 3.40 pm in the Undercroft area). You do not have to attend Bingo Night to be a winner! There are fabulous prizes to be won. Tickets will be sold for \$1 each, 3 for \$2 or 10 for \$5. Good luck to everyone!

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Marie Oxby
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Entertainment Books - Reminder.....

Our very successful Entertainment Book Fundraiser is coming to an end. The final day for orders through the school is **Thursday 14 May**. **Please do not forget to return any unwanted books to school by this date.**

Mothers' Day - Thank You

Last Friday's Mothers' Day celebrations were a great success thanks to the hard work and generosity of so many people. A special thank you to Matt Alley, Tony Jasser, Ammon Cassin, Robert Dib, Raymond Khalil, Greg Hill, Rod Cartwright, David Farrell, Jamie Sorensen, Jason Cummins, Jason McClintock, Ray Hall, Craig Culnane, Rocky Flaviano, Paul Sewell, Peter Wall, Paul Osborne, Ralph Mangione and Ben Prideaux. It was a very early morning start for these dads but we know that the mums, grandmothers, aunties and all our special visitors really appreciated their hard work with cooking and serving breakfast.



Of course the stall was also a hit. The children had loads of fun choosing gifts and shopping for that special someone in their life. It was wonderful to watch their excitement. It was also heartening to see so many parent helpers give up their time to help sell gifts. We thank you because we could not have done it without you.

Mirna Jasser & Danielle Haddad
Social Coordinators

St Paul's Netball Club Update

Congratulations to Team 17 (9's) who won 22-1 against Tangara, and to Team 16 (10D2) who drew 4-4 with Baulkham Hills Sports. Well done girls!

Thank you to our Diamond Sponsor for their support of
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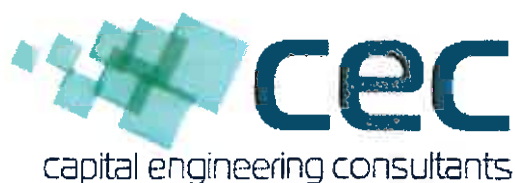
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and **TOGETHER**

WE WILL BEAT CANCER!!!!!!



**Australia's
BIGGEST
MORNING
TEA**

HOST: Lilia Ferrero /ST PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH

When : 8:30 a.m.—12:30 pm on Friday 29 May 2015

Where : FR DAVID SCOTT CENTRE, 40 Buckleys Rd, Winston Hills

RSVP: 22 May 2015 to:

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fabulous prizes to win!!**



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MAKE YOUR CUP
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