



# ST PAUL'S POST

## Weekly Newsletter

27 May, 2015

Term 2 Week 6

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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 victors  
through faith. We ask this  
through Christ our Lord,  
Amen*

### Principal's Message



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

Last Saturday afternoon 36 children from our parish made their **First Eucharist – their First Holy Communion**. Congratulations to all of the children who have made this very significant step forward in their faith journey. Our prayers are with following students from our school; James Brogden, Lucas Vranken, Zara Howes, Chloe Pearson, Elodie West, Joanna Sebastian, Kaitlyn Lafferty, Lucas Engesser, Ansley Cueva, Rozanne Fernando, Kade Moujalli, Emily Prevett, Liam Smith, Jacob Cacciola, Thomas Valjak, Marcus Scuderi, Clare Grubba, Nicholas Biason, Joshua Kaltoum, Patrick Reid, Maeve Gregory, Daniel O'Brien, Samuel Bain, Isabelle Ricafort. I look forward to sharing Eucharist with the Stage 2 students on Friday. Please join us if you are able.

St Paul's **Bingo night** was a great success last Friday. Congratulations to all of the winners – and I believe there were many – and to all of the people who came along in support. Thank you to the many people who assisted in the setting up, running of the night and cleaning up afterwards. Thank you to the people who wrapped the many prizes donated by our very generous community. I would especially like to thank Marie Oxby and Vicky Smith and their wonderful committee for all of the work in preparing for the night. Congratulations and I look forward to next year's evening of fun.

Some of you may remember completing the **Quality Catholic Schools Survey** earlier this year. Tomorrow morning the leadership team will attend a workshop to unpack the results and to discuss and plan for our future here at St Paul's. Our preliminary reading of the results have affirmed many aspects of our teaching and learning programs and the culture of our school, while at the same time challenging us to think differently in other areas. We will be reporting back to parents at the first P&F meeting in term 3.

Remember that next Tuesday June 2 is our **Parents and Friends** general meeting. As well as the agenda for discussion, we will be presenting some ideas on reading. We will be talking about how best to assist our children with reading at home as well as how we teach children to read today. For many of us we do not remember how we

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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 Yrs 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

## 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

learnt to read, we just did; but for 1 in 3 children today it is not so easy. Come along, hear some new ideas and participate in a night of learning and fun.

Many of you have given feedback about our new look newsletter – **St Paul's Post**. On the whole, it seems that you enjoy the newsletter but now it has become too long. We have decided to have an extensive newsletter one week and an update on alternate weeks. The update will begin next week and will only include dates for your diary and any urgent matters. I welcome your feedback as always following the first installment of the update.

Have a great week everyone.

*Marian Bell*

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## RE News



When, eventually, they arrived at Emmaus, the two disciples invited the other traveller to stay with them. "When he was at table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then, their eyes were opened and they recognised him." Luke 24:29 -31

On Saturday it was my privilege to attend the last of the First Holy Communion celebrations. During the Concluding Rite, Father Raning asked the children how they were feeling about their first reception of the Eucharist. As the children responded, *'worried, excited, nervous and happy'*, Father Raning spoke of the memories he held of his First Communion and how the emotions that the children felt were similar to the ones he experienced. Interestingly, he spoke about having the same emotions today as he prepares and celebrates every Eucharistic celebration. He reflected on the importance of keeping these emotions alive as they continue their life journey and revisit the Eucharist and develop into active members of our Church community.

Throughout the period of preparation, the students have come to understand that Jesus becomes food for their souls. As their parents, who chose to have them Baptised as Catholics, it is your duty to support and encourage them to receive Communion afterwards, as often as they can, in order to renew and remain close friends with Jesus. This is because, when we receive Communion, we receive Jesus and all that he stands for: his compassion towards the sick and disadvantaged, his forgiveness of those burdened by guilt, his call on people to share their wealth, his teaching of the true meaning of love.

When we become too consumed with external pressures of our lives we can turn away from this friendship. Jesus however never turns away from us; he will always be there by our sides. Maybe as we remember the children who received Communion for the first time this weekend, we might be encouraged to renew our

## General Events

29 May – Kindy Excursion – Zoo  
1 June – Musica Viva Incursion  
2 June – P & F Meeting 7:30pm  
3 June – ICAS Science  
3-5 June – Year 5 Camp  
8 June – Public Holiday

## 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

friendship with Jesus and take the time to imagine ourselves as the disciples who walked the road to Emmaus. Allowing ourselves to recognise Jesus who has never left the friendship we have with him. I encourage you to take some time to attend Mass where Jesus, through the priest, will break bread with the community, in the Eucharist, and offer us the opportunity to renew or further develop our friendship with him.

God Bless,

*Leanda Standing*

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## Please keep in your prayers ....

Nathan Killick (3V), on the death of his grandmother. May she rest in peace.

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## Mini Vinnies News

### Winter Appeal 2015

There is a donation box in the office – we are still appealing for blankets and canned/non-perishable food.

Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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## Date for your diary....

## Athletic Carnival - Infants & Primary Combined

This year we have decided to trial combining the Primary and Infants Athletics Carnival. While the Primary children participate in a full athletics program, the Infants children will take part in a variety of tabloid sports.

**The Athletics Carnival for K-6 will be held on  
Friday 19 June, 2015 at Gooden Drive Reserve**  
please mark this date in your diaries! Further information will be  
sent out next week

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## Just a reminder... School Fees

Thank you to all those families who have paid their fees. Unless you have a payment plan in place the Term 2 fees were due by Monday May 25. If you are having difficulty in meeting the fee deadline, please do not hesitate to email Gail Caruana, [gcaruana@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:gcaruana@parra.catholic.edu.au) our finance secretary and advise her of the situation. Your co-operation with this is appreciated.

## 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.

## Catholic Out of School Hours Care

Open 6:30am - 6:30pm

There are still spaces available, please do not hesitate to contact Jess on 0429 017 382.

Child and Parent enrolment forms are available on the COSHC website. For further information, please visit [www.coshc.catholic.edu.au](http://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](mailto:coshcstpaulwinstonhills@parra.catholic.edu.au)

## Curriculum Corner

### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Half Yearly Parent Teacher Interviews will be held from Monday, 15 June until Wednesday, 24 June.

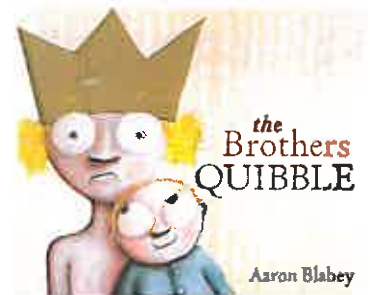
If you have not already done so, we are requesting that you make an appointment with your child's class teacher through our on-line booking system [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) using the School Event Code **U6KWT**.

**Just a reminder...** As Miss Veling and Miss Natoli are both on Long Service Leave they will be conducting their Parent Teacher Interviews in Term 3.

**Please be aware that bookings will close Tuesday 9 June at 9am.**

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. The chosen book this year is *The Brothers Quibble* by Aaron Blabey. *The Brothers Quibble*, a story of family relationships, conflict, jealousy and acceptance. It contains just the perfect amount of humour, touching moments and wickedness to capture all readers from age four, and particularly for those who understand the complexity that is sibling rivalry.



Today most classes listened to the story via You Tube and participated in some fun literacy based activities. If you would like to share the story with your children tonight, type **Brothers Quibble - ALIANational** into You Tube. Enjoy.

Book Week will be celebrated next term. The theme this year is "Books Light Up Our World." If you have any old lamps, base and shade that you no longer need, I would appreciate them for a library display.

The library is in desperate need for volunteers to cover books. Any assistance you can give is greatly appreciated.

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## Happy Birthday

To those children celebrating their birthdays between 28 May and 3 June.

*Jack Nurscher, Thomas Barker, Taylor Budwee, Noah Biazon, Kayla Wood, Oscar Hendrikse, Laura Stark, Matthew Thompson*

### 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](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au)

## Assembly

Assembly on Friday will be presented by Year 1 in the Parish Centre. Assembly will start at 2:30pm as usual, we look forward to seeing you there.

## Sports News

### Just a reminder....

Friday 29 May - NSWRL Parramatta All Schools Knockout Competition

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## Awards

### Student of the Week

Student of the Week is awarded to the child who demonstrates outstanding application across all Key Learning Areas

KI	Zara D'S
KP	Miray G
1G	Tamara C
1L	Ciara S
2G	Zoe Mc
2N	Hamish T
3L	Bridie G
3V	Jayden W
4J	Samuel B
4P	Tom K
5S	Giada L
5ST	Gabriella L
6L	Laura S
6M	Jamie M

### St Paul's Award

St Paul's Award is given to the child who demonstrates our five school values – Faith, Commitment, Leadership, Integrity and Empathy in their interactions with others

KI	Alanna T
KP	Annabelle C
1G	Isla S
1L	Markus M
2G	Kayla D
2N	Scarlet D
3L	Joshua L
3V	Matthew C
4J	Jaia S
4P	Angelina R
5S	Joshua V
5ST	Trent M
6L	Stephen C
6M	Kate S

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

Please note that the Library is open for all children Monday - Thursday from 1:25-1:45pm

## St Paul's Netball Club Update

### Round 7

Congratulations to Team 17(9's) who beat Glenwood 7-2 and to Team 14 (11D1) who beat Oakhill Drive 11-6. Well done girls.

## Fundraiser



## Cake Day - Thursday 28 May

Tomorrow the school will be holding a fundraiser to raise awareness and funds for Cystic Fibrosis during its '65 Roses Month'. We will be selling a variety of cakes, treats and fruit for 50c and \$1 during recess and after school.

We will need the help of parents from **Year 1 & Year 4** to donate some treats, with a small **touch of red** that we can sell at the stall. Please try and use natural colouring in your baking if possible. Any donations can be dropped off to the school office on the morning of the 28 May.

We will also need **parent helpers** on the day to sell at the stall, so any parents that can help from 10.45 - 11.45am, we would really appreciate it. Thank you for your support in advance.

Any enquiries to Bethany Power-Jones 0412 208 401 or Alison Shanahan 0407 555 139



## Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Mrs Lilia Ferrero of St Paul's Parish is hosting Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on this 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.

Look forward to seeing you there.



## P & F News

### Entertainment Books - Reminder.....

Our very successful Entertainment Book Fundraiser is now at an end.

**IF YOU HAVE BOOKS AT HOME THAT YOU ARE NOT GOING TO PURCHASE PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL URGENTLY.**

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

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## Knights of the Southern Cross

### *Trivia Night*

Saturday 20 June, 2015  
7:15pm for a 7:45pm start  
Parish Centre  
St Paul the Apostle  
Buckleys Road, Winston Hills

**Fundraiser for Seminary in Morogora, Tanzania**

Games, entertainment, raffles and great prizes. BYO Drinks & Nibbles.  
Tea/Coffee/Cakes will be provided.

Come and enjoy a great evening whilst at the same time assisting this worthy venture. Get your friends together for a table of eight @ \$10 per person.

**Bookings: Kors Van Eyk (9639 9192) or Nancy Hargrave (9639 6516)**

**If you would like to donate to this wonderful cause by way of prizes etc, please phone Kors – your contribution will be much appreciated.**

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