



ST PAUL'S POST

Weekly Newsletter

6 May, 2015

Term 2 Week 3

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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,

There are a lot of things I do not understand. I do not understand how the competitors in a boxing match can receive one hundred million dollars and three hundred million dollars just for turning up to the event. I do not understand how people can pay tens of thousands of dollars to watch the boxing match. I also am puzzled why elite cricketers should receive millions of dollars for playing a sport that they love. Where is the balance? How can we justify spending that amount of money when the people of Nepal are struggling to get enough drinking water to stay alive? I pray that the Nepalese people recover from the earthquake disaster and that the world's wealth be shared more equitably to assist those who need it most.

Next week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in **NAPLAN** on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The children will be assessed in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. The results of the assessments will provide important information about the children's ability and will be used to support the teaching and learning programs. Later in the year the school and the parents will receive a report indicating the children's levels of achievement.

The teachers are preparing the half yearly **reports** for each child. The reports will be sent home in Week 8 ready for the parent teacher interviews in Week 9. This would be a perfect opportunity to revisit the learning goals that you, your child and the teacher set at the beginning of the year. Further information about booking an appointment will come home in the next few weeks.

I am looking forward to our **Mother's Day** celebrations on Friday. Breakfast will be available from 7.30am followed by a visit to the learning spaces at 8.30am. The children may show the special guests their work and features of the classroom. The visitors will then be invited to go over to the church for

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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

mass commencing at 9.10am. You are most welcome to join us for part or all of the celebrations. It is going to be a wonderful morning and I thank those in advance of the amount of work that has been put into the day.

Have a great week everyone.

Marian Bell

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Principal

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RE News

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"



Luke 1:40 - 42

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Mary is the Mother of Christ and the Mother of the Church. May is liturgically referred to as the 'Month of Mary' and how fitting it is that within this month we also acknowledge all our earthly mothers by celebrating Mothers' Day on 10 May. May all mothers and mother figures enjoy time with their loved ones

on Sunday.

As we enter the month of May it is a wonderful opportunity to pray and reinforce our devotion to Mary. She is a model for all Christians and by sharing our prayers and intercessions with her we are doing what Jesus tells us. Marian devotions take many forms within our church and all highlight the important role Mary holds within it and our life. During the month of May, the children at St Paul the Apostle will devote at least one morning prayer to our Mother. If your child has a set of rosary beads, you may like to send them in so they can be used during prayer time.

God's special plans for Mary began at the time of the Immaculate Conception. Where she was conceived without sin. Mary is seen as being 'full of grace'. Catholic teachings explain that 'grace' in this context means a special gift. Not only was Mary 'full of grace' she also continued to model how we should all live. Like all of us, Mary too had times when she was disturbed, asked questions, wondered and simply did not understand what God was asking but she answered his call by 'letting his will be done'. Her special gift to us was the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. Her life should continue to inspire us today to answer the call of God by saying 'Yes' to him just as she did.

This week we are starting children's prayer which will be run by the Mini Vinnies team. Please read the article written by one of our newest recruits and

General Events

8 May – Mothers' Day Mass,
Mother's Day Breakfast and
Mothers' Day Breakfast

9 May – Group One – First
Communion Practice 3pm, Parish
Centre

10 May – Mothers' Day

12 May – NAPLAN – Literacy

13 May – NAPLAN – Reading

14 May – NAPLAN – Numeracy

16 May – First Communion 2pm
(Group One)

17 May – Group Two – First
Communion Practice 4pm, Parish
Centre

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

consider allowing your child the opportunity to come to children's prayer every second Thursday, starting this week.

God Bless,

Mrs Leanda Standring

Religious Education Coordinator

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Mini Vinnies

Dear St Paul the Apostle School,

My name is Isobel Cassin and I am a recently recruited Mini Vinnies member. On Friday, we attended our first meeting and chose our team. I chose to be in the children's liturgy team. Every second Thursday, starting this week, all students who arrive at school at or before 8:40am are invited to attend prayer in the Year Five classroom. As it is May the month of Mary we will pray a decade of the rosary, and every second Thursday the Mini Vinnies team will write a prayer and set up a prayer space. The purpose of this is to encourage young children to be more involved in prayer. During May children will need to bring their own rosary beads. This week the Mini Vinnies team will be coming around to every classroom and explaining the purpose of this liturgy. We hope to see many children there!!



Thank you,
on behalf of the Mini Vinnies Team

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

Curriculum Corner

NAPLAN Reminder....

On May 12, 13 and 14 May 2015, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Please make sure your child is well rested and has a nice healthy breakfast each morning so that they are feeling their best.

Awards

Student of the Week

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

KI	Alice S
KP	Olive A
1G	Joshua G
1L	Lucy W
2G	Matthew E
2N	Jaida P
3L	Lily M
3V	Jack N
4J	Daniel O' B
4P	Blake S
5S	Madison C
5ST	Mikkel F
6L	Vanessa H
6M	Joshua 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	Ronan F
KP	Kayla S
1G	Annabelle J
1L	Millicent P
2G	Rachel A
2N	Zachary B
3L	Dave Arthur
3V	Kayla H
4J	Rozanne F
4P	James B
5S	Emily P
5ST	Callum T
6L	Tristen N
6M	Louis B

Star Spot

Last Friday at the MacKillop football trials in Canberra, Stephen Courtney was selected as the goal keeper for the MacKillop team and will be participating in the state tournament in Bathurst in June. Congratulations Stephen!





Happy Birthday

To those children celebrating their birthdays between 6 May and 13 May.

Hamish Tye, Alana Dos Remedios, Charlie Rhodes, Stephen Courtney

Catholic Out of School Hours Care

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

Guess the size of the Pumpkin Competition

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.

Whole School Working Bee

There will be a Whole School Working Bee on Saturday 16 May between 8:00am and Midday. We look forward to welcoming many of you to lend a hand. We have only had a few replies to our request for help and are hoping that many more of you will be available on the day. Please let us know if you will be attending.

P & F News

Mothers' Day Stall

FRIDAY 8 MAY

Mothers' Day is a few days away and each year the stall has been a very popular event for the students of St Paul's. It will be held during school time on **Friday 8 May** with a variety of gifts available to buy for Mum and Grandma at very reasonable prices.

We will need help on the day to sell the presents to the children, so if you have some time to spare from 10am, please come along or contact **Mirna Jasser 0414 896 037** or **Danielle Haddad 0419 440 922**

Thank you for supporting the school in the Mothers' Day stall.

Mothers' Day Breakfast

On Friday 8 May, St Paul The Apostle School will be hosting a Mothers' Day breakfast for all our mothers, grandmothers, aunties and special female friends. We invite you to please come along from 7.30am and enjoy some hot pancakes and yummy scones with coffee, tea or juice.

Please don't forget to **RSVP** to the school as soon as possible and we look forward to seeing you all there.



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

Bingo Night - Friday 22 May Hamper Donations Reminder...

To make Bingo Night a success, we would appreciate it if each student could donate items from the categories listed below. These donations will be packaged into hampers and used as prizes on the night. You are also welcome to donate another prize of your choice if you wish.



Each classroom has a tub to place these donations in. It would be appreciated if you could send in donations **no later than Friday, 8 May**.

KINDY	BBQ/MAN CAVE (BBQ tools, sauces, aprons etc)
YEAR 1	TOYS/BOOKS (For 5 to 12 year olds)
YEAR 2	GARDENING (Gloves, spades, seeds etc)
YEAR 3	PAMPER/AROMATHERAPY (Soaps, candles, lotions etc)
YEAR 4	HOME MOVIE NIGHT (DVD's, popcorn, sweets & treats etc)
YEAR 5	HOMEWARE AND BAKING (Muffin tins, spatulas etc)
YEAR 6	PANTRY (Non-perishable jams, marinades, rubs etc)

Thank you for your support, we look forward to another great night.

Victoria Smith
0406 566 567

Marie Oxby
0432 718 919

Interested in becoming an altar server at St Paul's?

How to apply

Application forms will be available on the foyer table in the church with close off Monday 11 May.

St Paul's Netball Club Update:

It was a wet and wild Saturday for Netball and Team 16 (10D2) had their game cancelled. Congratulations to Team 17 (9's) who beat Glenwood 12-1, and to Team 13 (12D1) who beat Rhac 19-7.

Mother's Day Stall

FRIDAY 8 MAY

Our Mother's Day stall will be held during school time. The class teachers will bring the children to the stall to purchase gifts for the special people in their life. It is important that the children bring their money in a secure snap lock bag or a purse on the day of the stall (this is important for them to put their change into as well).

We have a variety of gifts available at very reasonable prices. We try to make sure each class is offered the same gifts but please make sure your child has alternate gifts chosen in case they don't get their 1st choice. Your child may buy up to 3 gifts. We will be holding a raffle at the stall with over 15 prizes. Tickets will be 50c each or 3 for \$1.

We are also looking for helpers to sell at the stall on Friday from about 10am in the **Parish Centre**. As always we really appreciate the time and help of our parents at all our P&F events.

Harmony card	\$0.50	Fluffy bed socks with grip	\$3.00
Super mum mints	\$1.50	Pretty vintage tea towel	\$3.00
Love heart jelly beans	\$1.50	Pretty pot holder & oven mitt	\$3.50
Grandma tassel bookmark	\$1.50	Weekly planner	\$3.50
Mum tassel bookmark	\$1.50	Delux manicure set	\$4.00
Nail file	\$1.50	Mug in matching gift box	\$4.00
Set of 3 bath fizzers	\$2.00	Fresh potted flowers	\$4.00
Grandma magnetic photo frame	\$2.00	I Love Mum book (Kindy & Yr1)	\$4.00
Super mum torch keyring	\$2.00	Guylian Belgian chocolate box	\$4.00
Mum magnetic photo frame	\$2.00	Recipe journal set	\$4.50
Magnetic shopping list pad	\$2.00	Mum photo frame	\$4.50
Deluxe pen	\$2.50	Calculator compendium	\$5.00
Bling heart shape keyring	\$2.50	Patent cosmetic bag	\$5.00
Mum is love candle set	\$3.00	Beaded bracelet with charm	\$5.00
Petite glass photo frame	\$3.00		



BINGO NIGHT

Friday, 22nd May

Come along and enjoy a fun family night out!

TIME: Sausage sizzle from 5.30 pm
Registration from 6 pm
Bingo will start at 6.30 pm sharp!

COST: \$ 25 per game pack
Each game pack contains 20 bingo games, 2 dabbers and goodies
Supper and tea or coffee included

SAUSAGE Adults \$ 5 Sausage sandwich, a packet of chips and soft drink
SIZZLE: Children \$ 4 Sausage sandwich, a packet of chips and juice

PLEASE NOTE: NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED ON SCHOOL PREMISES
Limited seating available, so be quick!

CONTACT NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____ CLASS: _____

ATTENDEES

NO. ADULTS: _____ NO. CHILDREN: _____

PAYMENT

GAME PACKS: _____ (@ \$ 25 each)

SAUSAGE SIZZLE (ADULT): _____ (@ \$ 5 each)

SAUSAGE SIZZLE (CHILD): _____ (@ \$ 4 each)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please enclose your payment with this booking slip to confirm your place on the night.

Tables are unreserved. Families wishing to sit together, please arrive early.

Please remember that this is an ALCOHOL FREE night. Thank you!

*Holy Family Primary School,
Luddenham*

*25th Anniversary
Mass & Morning Tea*

Friday 12th June

9.15am in the Church

Followed by Morning Tea in the School Hall

*RSVP - 22nd May to
Marie, Monica or Despina in the School Office*

For further information contact the

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