



St Paul the Apostle School Winston Hills NEWSLETTER

5 November 2014

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

Last Friday we celebrated a liturgy together as the **Margaret Aylward Award** recipients for 2014 were announced. Congratulations to Riley Power (Kindergarten), Kathryn Rendulic (Year 1), Amy Wynbergen (Year 2), Jorgia Eivers-Bright (Year 3), Callum Thistlethwaite (Year 4), Jake Hardwick (Year 5). I was so pleased with the whole liturgy from the singing to the readers and our Year 5 actors of the Margaret Aylward story. The previous Margaret Aylward recipients made me feel the proudest I have felt since coming to St Paul's. I was so impressed with their speeches – both the content and the delivery that you could not wipe the smile from my face. Congratulations to everyone involved in the preparation of this special occasion led beautifully by Miss Natoli. This is a tradition that the whole school community needs to uphold and continue for many years to come.



A beautiful page has been added to our Holy Faith Award Book to record the names of the award recipients. This book is now on display in the school foyer.

Our **Cake and Spider Day** was a great success last Thursday. I have never seen so many delicious treats that were baked and donated by our Stage 1 and Early Stage 1 parents! Thank you so much for the parents who provided the treats. A very special thank you to the parents who came at recess, lunchtime and after school to sell and help the children to choose from such a selection! Congratulations to Jaye Harkin who coordinated the whole event. \$1557 was raised and has already gone towards our total from the trivia night to purchase computers for the school.

Last Friday was **International Teachers' Day** and the teachers at Saint Paul the Apostle were delighted with the delicious lunch provided by our Parents and Friends' Association. A special thank you goes to Danielle Bliss, Jaye Harkin and Cheryl Long who organised, setup and cleaned up on the day.

There have been a few issues about **travelling to and from school**. We ask you to observe a few simple rules to make it safe for everyone. Please do not tell your children to wait for you after school anywhere other than the stage area. I know that at times it is difficult to get parking but patience is essential for the safety of the students. The same for the crossing – do not ask the children to wait outside the gate or near the gate and race into the car when stopped. You may be booked for this practice. Children catching the bus must show their bus pass to the driver and sit quietly and safely in the seats. Children walking home must cross at the crossing and obey the road rules. The car park continues to be a concern to me. I will ask you to move on if you are double parked or parked in the disabled spots without a permit. Please discuss with your children the importance of safe behaviour travelling to and from school and most importantly, model that expected behaviour. If you have any concerns or suggestions please email me on mbell@parra.catholic.edu.au

On Friday November 14 at 9am, I would like to call a meeting of all interested parents, grandparents or friends to discuss the creation of a **fruit and vegetable garden** here at St Paul's. We will meet in the library. Please indicate your intention to attend by calling the office on 96392555 or you can email your ideas directly to me.

We have a very social weekend ahead of us – disco and trivia night. I look forward to seeing you.

Have a great week everyone.

Marian Bell

Religious Education



“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35

Throughout the year, we receive many requests from different **charities**; all asking us to support them by raising awareness and money for their worthwhile cause. Obviously we are unable to support all the charities requesting help, so each grade is given the opportunity to choose one charity to support. We endeavour to have a balance between charities that are close to the life experiences of the children or teachers, such as **Leukaemia Foundation, Women’s Cancer or Jeans for Genes** and charities that help evangelise, such as the **School of St Jude, Catholic Mission or Project Compassion**. It is one way we can show the children how to live the gospel values that are central to our Catholic faith.

In **Year Six** the children are given the opportunity to participate in an **outreach program**. They will spend time over the next two weeks visiting **Woodberry Village**. During their visits the children will be encouraged to share stories with the residents of the retirement village. Despite some initial feelings of apprehension and trepidation from the Year Six students, as they wonder what they can share with the residents, this experience has been something that both the children and residents gain from. The school is asked if they can come back more frequently because the residents miss their younger friends. The residents appreciate the students’ gift of time and the joy they bring to the home is priceless.

On Friday November 7 the school will be holding our final disco for 2014. **Infants disco** runs from **5.30pm-7.00pm** and **Primary 7.30pm-9.00pm**. The funds raised from our discos allow us to **sponsor two children** through World Vision. This year some of the funds will also be donated to the Diocesan Works Fund. The **Diocesan Works Fund (DWF)** is an appeal that raises the funds needed to organise and run a wide variety of services to help the underprivileged or disadvantaged people in our community. Envelopes can be collected from the office if you would like to make an individual donation.

God Bless, Mrs Leanda Standring (Religious Education Coordinator)

Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,
Please help us all to show leadership.
Assist us to feel proud of ourselves and others as, by our behaviour, we set a good example.
We will try hard to show actions that will help other people follow a good path in life.
Thank you for always being with us.
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Darby & April, Year 4.

SYMPATHY

The school community extends its sympathy and prayers to Kathryn Walker (Callum 6J, Holly 4TL), on the recent death of her father, and to Kieran Poole (Tahlia 5N, Sophia 3S and Harry 1R), on the death of his mother.



YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP TALKS

On Thursday 30 October, Policewoman Constable Louise Conroy, visited Year 5 to talk about leadership. A team of Year 5 students interviewed Constable Conroy to get advice about leadership for 2015.

Q & A:

1. How did it feel when you first became a leader and how do you feel now?
“I felt proud when I first became a leader. When you help people you feel proud.”

2. What are your expectations as a leader?

"My expectations as a leader are to be honest and to do the right thing all of the time."

3. How do you get through the hard times of leadership?

"Work off each other and get through the hard times together."

Constable Conroy left us with these words of wisdom. *"Never give up on your dreams if someone says you can't do it."* On behalf of Year 5 we would like to thank her for talking to us about the qualities and responsibilities of a leader. We have learnt about what makes a good leader and Year 5 are now ready to take on the roles of leadership.



By the Year 5 interview team Lara, Charlotte S, Tristen, Alana, Christian and Tamara.

CAKE STALL AND ICE-CREAM SPIDER DAY



Last Thursday we had a fun fundraising day at St Pauls. The Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 parents were asked to provide cakes for a cake, fairy floss and popcorn morning tea. There was a fantastic display of cakes - so many that we couldn't decide which ones to choose. The cakes were so yummy that we couldn't resist going back for more.

At lunch the parents made and sold us delicious ice-cream spiders. They were so delicious that many of our friends went for seconds. There were lots of colours and flavours to choose from and when the drink was added to the ice-cream it all frothed up in the cup. Over all we had a delicious day.

Thank you to all of the parents who made and sold cakes on the day. We love seeing our mums and dads at school, especially if they are selling us food.

Amy and Jessie Harkin

The day made a total of \$1557. So once again I thank all of the cooks who really provided an amazing amount and variety of items for sale. To all of the helpers who gave up most of their day to help serve all of the gorgeous smiling faces, we thank you. From all reports the children really enjoyed their special day.

Jaye Harkin

HELP NEEDED!

If anyone is available to help make some mathematics resources on Wednesday 12 November from 2:00-3:15, it would be greatly appreciated. I will be in the Art room for the entire afternoon and would be grateful for any extra sets of hands that could assist me to make bead strings, bead kebabs and to laminate and cut other number related resources.

If you are available to come and help please email me at gnatoli@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Kind regards,
Miss Natoli



PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN SPORTS TRIALS

You are advised that the dates for summer sports trials have been rescheduled. If you have nominated your child for **tennis, cricket or softball**, please check the new list of dates advertised in the newsletter.

WORKING BEE

A reminder that a whole school Working Bee will be taking place on Saturday 22 November, from 9:00am to 12:00noon. Even if you are only able to spare half an hour, we would really appreciate

your assistance on the day as this is our last opportunity for a good tidy up of gardens, store rooms etc, before the end of the school year. Many hands make light work and the more people who attend the faster jobs will be completed. Look forward to seeing you there.

MUFFIN BREAK COMPETITION

Our school has been entered in this competition to win \$3000.00 cash and 1000 muffins for fundraising. Take a few moments to check out the website and vote. This is the link www.greatbakesale.com.

Dates to Remember

November:

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| 6 | Year 6 'Fizzics' Electricity incursion | |
| 7 | Catherine McAuley Orientation Day
School Discos in the Father David Scott Parish Centre: Infants 5.30pm; Primary 7.30pm. | |
| 8 | P & F Trivia Night. Doors open 7.00pm. | |
| 9 | Advanced Life Family Photos | |
| 10 | Swimming commences, Kindy-Year 4.
Year 6 visit Woodberry Village | |
| 11 | Remembrance Day; | P & F Executive Meeting 7.30pm |
| 12 | OLMC Orientation Day; | Year 6 visiting Woodberry Village |



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Team Sport Trials

Parramatta Diocese 2015 Information For Parents of **current** **Year 4 and Year 5 students** – UPDATED NEW DATES

Dear Parents,

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2015 are invited to participate in the Inter-Diocesan MacKillop Primary School team sports trials during Term Four in 2014 and Term One in 2015. To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan Trials will be held in the following sports.

Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Registration closing date
AFL	Open boys & girls	Term One 2015	Friday 6 th February 2015
Basketball	Open boys & girls	18 th November 2014	Friday 7 th November 2014
Cricket	Open boys & girls - NEW DATE	3 rd December 2014	Friday 7 th November 2014
Diving	10/11yrs girls & boys & 12/13yrs girls & boys	Term One 2015	Registration via CSSS in 2015
Football (Soccer)	Open boys & girls	Term One 2015	Friday 6 th February 2015
Golf	Open boys & girls	Term Three 2015	Registration via CSSS in 2015
Hockey	Open boys & girls	Term One 2015	Friday 6 th February 2015
Netball	Open girls	Term One 2015	Friday 6 th February 2015
Rugby League	Open boys & 11yrs boys - NB. No State team selected for 11 yrs	Term One 2015	Friday 6 th February 2015
Rugby Union	Open boys	Term One 2015	Friday 6 th February 2015
Softball	Open boys & girls - NEW DATE	2 nd December 2014	Friday 7 th November 2014
Tennis	Open boys & girls - NEW DATE	1 st December 2014	Friday 7 th November 2014
Touch	Open boys & girls	Term One 2015	Friday 6 th February 2015

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au ~ Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the **SPORT** you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form".

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2015 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport and when completed, click SUBMIT.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST** be approved by your child's school. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience"**.

Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

\$5.00 trialling fee is payable on the day for after school trials & \$8.00 trialling fee is payable on the day for half day and full day trials.

– This is to be paid upon registration at the trials once your child has been approved to attend the Parramatta Diocesan Trials.

It is very important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in years 5 & 6 in 2015 be invited to attend.**

Please note that the full day trials will be for boys soccer, girls and boys cricket.

Due to the popularity of boys cricket, boys soccer and girls netball a maximum of 2 children only are eligible to trial from each school. Selection of the 2 boys and girls will be made jointly by the school sport coordinator and principal.

Half day trial for tennis and netball... all other trials will be held after school beginning at 4pm.

MACKILLOP TRIAL

It should be noted that the main purpose of the Mackillop trial is to select a team to compete at the NSW PSSA Championships. The Inter-Diocesan MacKillop Trial is not a competition although a round robin format is often used to facilitate the selection procedure.

NSW PSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Children who are successful at being selected in the Mackillop Area teams will compete at the N.S.W. P.S.S.A. Championships. These championships involve three or four days of competition at various locations in NSW. Children selected in these teams may also be required to attend training sessions. At the NSW PSSA Championships a State team will be selected to participate at the School Sport Australia Inter State Exchange.

Please note the following information:

- Parents are responsible for all transport and supervision arrangements and **must remain to supervise their child at the trial at all times.**
- Children need to generally be of representative standard.
- Attendance at training days, where applicable is compulsory.
- The selector's decisions are final.
- **Parents will need to make their own travel arrangements for children representing Parramatta at Inter-Diocesan MacKillop trials. This may mean travel to Sydney, Wollongong, Canberra, Wagga or Forbes.**
- Please be aware that the teacher conducting the trial and accompanying the team to the venue is a "Team Manager" – not a coach.

If you would like your child to participate in one of the Parramatta Diocesan trials **please complete the Team Online Registration Form** that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au ~ Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the **SPORT** you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form".

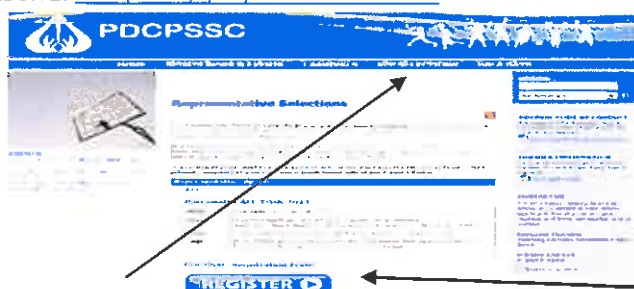
**NOMINATIONS close Friday 7th November 2014 for the sports of Basketball, Cricket, Softball & Tennis
and entries close Friday 6th February 2015 for all other sports.**

Kind Regards,

Margaret Thornton

Teaching Educator Primary Sport ~ CEO Parramatta

WEBSITE: www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au



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SWIMMING LESSONS

At the Royal Academy Swim School

Royal Life Saving's Swim and Survive program is a swimming and water safety program that seeks to increase the swimming and water safety skills of all Australian children. This program teaches children a range of skills to encourage a lifetime of safe participation in recreational activities in, on, or around the water.

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