



# St Paul the Apostle School Winston Hills NEWSLETTER

22 October 2014

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

Yesterday Australia lost one of our greatest leaders, a former Prime Minister – **Gough Whitlam**. He was a man of vision and made some significant changes in his short time in office that still impact on us today. Gough Whitlam's government introduced Medicare, he abolished university fees in 1974 and continually sought a better way for school funding; he introduced the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and made beginning approaches to deal with Aboriginal Land rights; he was appalled by the Vietnam war and abolished conscription; he introduced Advance Australia fair as our National Anthem in 1974 and was always a great supporter of the Arts by increased funding and creating the Australian Council for the Arts. As I grew up in the 70's, Gough Whitlam for me was a man of strength and character – not afraid to make mistakes but always true to his beliefs. Vale Gough Whitlam.

In year 5 we have been working with the students around the qualities of **leadership**. It was a moving moment this morning, that I shared with some of the students the qualities of Gough Whitlam. We have had a great response to our request for members of the community to come to speak to the students about leadership. This afternoon we welcome Emma Hill to speak about her leadership role. We thank you Emma for coming to St Paul's and look forward to your presentation.

Lara, Charlie, Christian, Tristen, Tamara, Alana and I have been working together to construct some questions for our **guest speakers**. They will be responsible for interviewing, recording and typing up the responses for each of our guest speakers. The following are examples of the questions:

- What are your responsibilities as a leader?
- Can you talk to us about the way you came to leadership?
- How does it feel to be a leader – at first and now?
- Do you enjoy being a leader – do you have fun?
- What motivated you to become a leader?
- What sustains you in your leadership role?
- What are the challenges of leadership?
- How do you get through the tough times?
- What are your own expectations of being a leader?

I am sure you would agree that these are great questions and I congratulate these students for their hard work. I am wondering what your responses might be to the questions? If you would like to respond, please feel free to email me on [mbell@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mbell@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Finally, I encourage you to come along to **St Paul's Trivia Night** on Saturday November 8. We are trying to raise money for computers in the classrooms. We are in desperate need to update our computers, so please think about coming along. It is going to be a great night and there is a team of people working behind the scenes to ensure the success of the night. I believe that there are some wonderful prizes and I issue you with a challenge – try and beat the staff table!

Have a great week everyone.

Marian Bell

## Religious Education

**We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.** 1Thes 1:1-5

Last Thursday night and at 9:30 mass on Sunday morning, the Year Five students along with other candidates from our parish community made their Confirmation. It was a great privilege for the candidates and their families to have Bishop Anthony Fisher present to celebrate such a special sacrament with them. Bishop Anthony spoke about how the sacrament of Confirmation is the progression into the next phase of the faith



journey, as each of the candidates renews independently the promises made on their behalf at Baptism. As a faith community, it is now our responsibility to support these candidates as they continue on their journey to spread the word of God and keep the flame alive.

We congratulate all the candidates and in particular we acknowledge the following students from St Paul's: Lachlan B, Elizabeth B, Taylah P, Jake H, Scarlett B, Tahlia P, Sophie O, Lara C, Haylee S, Lachlan P, Alana A, Annabelle H, Gabriella W, Jesse M, Madeleine I, Amy H, Sophie R, Jordan B, Joshua M, Christian S, Jennifer G, Quinn O, Jackson O, Jacob V, William G, Stephen C, Louis B, Jamie M, Mia P, Nikolas F, Tienna B, Tristen N, Mervyn V, Tobias M, Joshua B, Kate S, Tamara W, Joel I, Joshua S, Joshua F, Adam D, Charlotte M, Laura C, Laura S and Kiarna M who received a special blessing from Bishop Anthony.

On Thursday 23 October the Year 5 students will come to school wearing crazy socks, in support of Catholic Mission's 'Socktober' fundraiser. On this day the children will bring in their container with the money they have raised from jobs they volunteered to do. All the money raised will go to support the work of Catholic Mission.

During Term Three, the children in Year Four and Year Six completed an online Religious Literacy Assessment. As part of this assessment, the Year Four students were also required to complete a sample of work that reflected their knowledge and understanding around 'Reconciliation: God's forgiveness and healing'. On Friday 31 October, after the Margaret Aylward liturgy, these work samples will be on display in the Parish Centre and those presented on digital media from 12:00pm in the library. Please feel free to come and view these wonderful samples of learning throughout the day. In particular, I encourage the parents of Year Three children to visit the display as it might assist to gather some ideas for next year.

The Year Four students are very excited to have their work viewed publicly and we are proud of what they have achieved.

God Bless, Miss Gemma Natoli (Acting Religious Education Coordinator)

Thursday



Sunday



## STAR SPOT



Moran are excited to announce the 2014 Student Moran Contemporary Photographic Prize Semi Finalists. Amy Harkin (5N) entered a photo called "Reflecting at the farm" into the primary school aged photographic entries that interpret "Contemporary life in Australia". Of over 3000 student entries Australia wide, Amy's photo was placed into the Semi-finals. Her photo was of her sister, Jessie, sitting overlooking her Uncle's farm at sunset.

Congratulations Amy,.



## LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION FUND RAISER

Year 4 have made beautiful handmade cards to sell to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. The cards will be sold before school in the undercroft area on Thursday and Friday next week. All monies raised will go to this worthwhile organisation which funds research and offers support to cancer sufferers. Any donations will be gratefully accepted. Thank you for your support.  
Mrs Paul, Mrs Tedesco and Mrs Lord. Year 4 Teachers.

## It's Disco Time

**When:** Friday 7 November, 2014  
**Where:** Father David Scott Parish Centre  
**Times:** Drop off for Infants 5:30pm  
Pick-up 7:00pm  
Drop off for Primary 7:30pm  
Pick-up 9:00pm



**Cost: \$5:00 per child**

We will be having a guessing competition - \$1:00 per guess for each of the Infants and Primary Disco.

*Please note: Pre-schoolers and Primary Students do not stay for the duration of the Infants Disco and Infant Students do not stay for the Primary Disco.*

Please do not bring lollies or money for drinks – they will be provided by the Organising Committee. All money raised will go to World Vision for the children we sponsor and other charities.

Enquiries to Leanne Rodriguez – 0412 110 207

## OLMC MERCY SCHOLARSHIPS

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta is now accepting applications for Mercy Scholarships for Academic Excellence and Music Excellence. Girls entering Years 7, 9 or 11 in 2016 are invited to apply. Visit the College website [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) for more information.

## Dates to Remember

### October:

- 24 Years 5 & 6 Surf Education Excursion to Manly
- 28 Parent Meeting re Uniforms 7.30pm - library
- 28, 29 & 30 Kindy 2015 transition mornings 9.15am – 10.15am
- 31 Holy Faith Awards 10.15am  
World Teachers' Day

### November

- 1 Feast of All Saints
- 2 All Souls Day
- 4 Melbourne Cup Day - Pink Day for Years 1 & 2
- 5 Catherine McAuley Open Day for Year 7 2016 enrolments
- 6 Science Incursion – Electricity – Year 6
- 7 Catherine McAuley Orientation Day - Year 7 2015  
School Discos
- 8 P & F Trivia Night; doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start
- 10 Swimming program commences for Kindy – Year 4
- 11 Remembrance Day



ST PAUL THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# TRIVIA NIGHT

## MASK FUNdraiser

SAT 8<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2014

DOORS OPEN 7.00PM  
FIRST QUESTION 7.30PM



\$15  
PER PERSON

VENUE: FATHER SCOTT PARISH CENTRE

BRING YOUR PARTNERS, BRING YOUR FRIENDS & COME WOW US WITH YOUR MOST CREATIVE THEMED GROUP MASKS, FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

FORM YOUR TABLE OF 8 OR  
WE CAN HELP YOU OUT - NOTE: ADULTS ONLY

GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES, LIVE AUCTIONS & MORE...

PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH YOUR BOOKING SLIP BELOW.

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I WOULD LIKE \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS TO ST PAUL'S TRIVIA NIGHT - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ENCLOSED @\$15ea

I WILL BE SITTING WITH THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE

1.	5.
2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	8.

OR  PLEASE PLACE ME/US ON A TABLE WITH OTHER TRIVIA BUFFS

NAME/S: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CHILD'S CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

A BOOKING CONFIRMATION WITH INFO WILL BE SENT TO YOU ONCE ALL PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.





**SYDNEYHILLS  
YOUTH  
CHOIR**

***SING WITH THE SYDNEY  
HILLS YOUTH CHOIR***

STUDENTS (AGED 8-18) ARE INVITED TO AUDITION  
FOR THE SYDNEY HILLS YOUTH CHOIR. REQUIRED COMMITMENT  
IS WEEKLY REHEARSALS - 5PM WEDNESDAY  
AT BAULKHAM HILLS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE  
390 WINDSOR RD, BAULKHAM HILLS

***AUDITIONS***

WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2014 | 6PM  
THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL | COMMITTEE ROOM 1  
3 COLUMBIA COURT, BAULKHAM HILLS

***APPLICATIONS & MORE INFORMATION***

RAQUEL - 9843 0237 OR [RRICAFORTBLEZA@THEHILLS.NSW.GOV.AU](mailto:RRICAFORTBLEZA@THEHILLS.NSW.GOV.AU)  
*APPLICATIONS CLOSE 27 OCTOBER 2014*

AN INITIATIVE OF THE HILLS YOUTH AMBASSADORS