



# St Paul the Apostle School Winston Hills NEWSLETTER

29 October 2014

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

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary** is celebrated annually on October 7. The children and staff have been praying the rosary at various times throughout October - sometimes in the Marian chapel and sometimes in their learning spaces. Perhaps your child could lead a decade of the rosary for your family? We also prayed the following prayer at meetings this week. It is a prayer of aspiration to Mary.

*Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.*

*Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us, and intercede for us.*

*Mother of Sorrows, pray for us.*

*Mother of Mercy, pray for us.*

*Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us.*

*O, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us.*

*Sweet Heart of Mary, be our hope and our salvation.*

*Mary my Mother, my hope. Amen*

Yesterday, today and tomorrow we welcome our newest members of the St Paul's family. Each day 20 kindy children for 2015 have visited in the morning for **Kindy transition**. This is an opportunity to reflect upon our own children's transition to big school. Do you remember the first time you brought them to school? How was it letting go and entrusting your precious children to the care of the staff? I have told the story of my own son's first day at school when he asked me – no told me - to leave! It is a big leap for many and a relief for others. Jane and I had a relaxed chat with all of yesterday's parents where they had an opportunity to meet each other and ask those questions that emerged. Please join with me in welcoming these new children and their families. I pray that they will soon feel a part of this amazing community and call St Paul's home.

Last night we had our **parent discussion meeting on the uniform**. It was well attended by 32 parents with quite a few apologies. Thank you to all of those who came along – I think the discussion was excellent and we have some good ideas to move forward. Please look further into the newsletter for the ideas about what must stay, what must go and other suggestions.

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, **Year 5** are having quite a few visits from various members of the community to talk about **leadership**. Thank you to Mrs Hill and Mr Irving for coming along to speak to the students. There is a report from the Year 5 students about the visits further in the newsletter.

Remember the Trivia Night on Saturday November 8. It is not too late to purchase your tickets.

Have a great week,  
Marian Bell

## **Religious Education**

***You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself. Mt 22:34-40***

This Friday 31 October at 10:15 am, we will be celebrating our Holy Faith Liturgy in the church. On this day we remember Margaret Aylward, foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Faith and express our gratitude to this religious order, which was responsible for our school for many years. All families are welcome to attend this celebration.



During the Liturgy, nominated children from Kindergarten to Year Five will be presented with a Holy Faith Award. The recipients of the Holy Faith awards have been nominated by the other students in their grade because they display the values of faith, empathy, leadership, integrity and commitment, just like Margaret Aylward. The Liturgy will be followed by a morning tea for the recipients and their families, in the school library.

Friday's award ceremony recognises students in Kindergarten to Year Five however, one Year 6 student will receive the Margaret Aylward Medallion at the Year Six Graduation Ceremony. Their name will be recorded on the school honour board, which is permanently displayed in the library.

This year the Margaret Aylward Liturgy happens to fall on the same day as World Teachers' Day. As we remember the life of Margaret Aylward and her efforts as a teacher on Friday, please remember also to pray and be thankful for all the wonderful teachers who have touched yours and your children's lives. Happy World Teachers' Day to all the teachers out there who have made a difference to the lives of so many.

Also on Friday, the Year Four Religious Literacy Assessments are on display in the Parish Centre all day and those in digital form, from 12:00 in the Library. All are welcome to come and have a look.

This weekend, the Catholic Church celebrates All Saints and All Souls' Day. During this time we remember and celebrate the lives of those who blessed us with their example and goodness and have gone before us. On All Souls' Day we are encouraged to pray and remember our loved ones not with great sadness, but with hope and confidence in the knowledge that they are in God's care and that He will lead them to peace. This is also a time to reflect on the Beatitudes and our own life choices. Included is St Francis' Prayer, which you might like to pray as a family.

***The Prayer of St Francis***

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love;*

*where there is injury, pardon;*

*where there is doubt, faith;*

*where there is despair, hope;*

*where there is darkness, light;*

*where there is sadness, joy.*

*O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek*

*to be consoled as to console;*

*to be understood as to understand;*

*to be loved as to love;*

*For it is in giving that we receive;*

*it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;*

*it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.*

*St Francis*

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

## **MINI VINNIES UPDATES**

Last week, in Year 4, we raised money for a special cause. Over the years, many people have suffered and died from Leukaemia, which is a type of cancer. We decided to raise money by becoming artists and then sold the cards and bookmarks we had all made in the Undercroft before school.

Parents and children were allowed to buy 1 card for 30c, 2 cards for 40c and there was even a special offer of 4 cards for \$1.00. All bookmarks were 50c. In total, Year 4 raised \$118.00. A special thank you to everyone who bought the cards and bookmarks. Hopefully we can find a cure for this terrible disease!

*Written by Giada Lazzaro and Claudia Farran Year 4 Mini Vinnies members*



On Thursday 23 October, Year 5 students and their teachers wore different and crazy socks for 'Socktober'. This was to represent the different nations suffering from poverty and as a grade we were aiming to help 'sock it' to poverty. All money raised will go to Catholic Mission to support the excellent

work that they do in the fight against poverty. To raise extra money for Catholic Mission Year 5 also did extra jobs around the house.

In 2014, Catholic Mission's focus has been on reaching out to help children trapped in the dangerous ghettos of Jamaica, and around the world. Their aim is to get a proper education for all so that they can have better opportunities to be 'alive' when they grow up and achieve their dreams.

In total \$632.20 was raised, so well done to the Year 5 students and everyone who contributed. Great work Year 5!



Written by Laura S and Scarlett B Year 5 Mini Vinnies members

## **THIS WEEK'S PRAYER**

Dear Almighty Father,

Please bless the people who are suffering from Leukaemia and the families who have lost loved ones from this cancer. We remember the people who are feeling great sadness from this sickness. Please keep them in your prayers and help us to find a cure by spreading the word and donating generously. Thank you for the priests that have blessed the sick and the doctors who have treated them. Amen

Jenny Grubba & Haylee Shelton

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who bought cards and donated to Year Four's Leukaemia foundation Fundraiser. The children raised \$118.00. They enjoyed the experience of making the cards, selling them and counting the money afterwards!

Year 4 teachers

## **Year 5 Leadership Talks.**

**Mrs Hill and Mrs Irving came to speak to us about leadership. We asked several questions and we have included a few in this article and their responses to them.**

Mrs Hill

1. What is your responsibility as a leader? " I have worked in leadership for about 20 years and I have learnt to serve others, to listen to others and to work with a team. We have 2 ears and one mouth – listen before talking!"
2. What motivated you to become a leader? " When I looked around and I could see that things were not working and people were not being listened to, I decided to do something about it."
3. Is there anything else you would like to say? "Good leaders should become good servants."

Mr Irving

1. What is your responsibility as a leader? "To ensure that the team enjoys the environment and is achieving their best."
2. What motivated you to become a leader? "I was ready for the responsibility and I wanted the responsibility in my role abroad."
3. Is there anything else you would like to say? " Compassion: put yourself in someone else's shoes. This is just as important as the other leadership values".

We want to thank Mrs Hill and Mrs Irving for coming to speak to us. We learnt a lot about different leadership styles but there are some common words that they both used. Words like listen, respect, assist, responsibility, fair, trust, support and compassion.

By Lara, Charlie, Christian, Tristen, Tamara and Alana.

## Parent information evening on uniform.

There were 3 aspects to this meeting. Participants were asked: What must stay? What must go? Further suggestions. Below is *some* of the comments from the meeting. It is *not* a summary of the whole evening but if you would like to make a further comment, please email me at [mbell@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mbell@parra.catholic.edu.au)

What must stay?	What must go?	Suggestions?
School Crest/emblem Ties Sport socks school/sport uniforms to remain separate Hats Zippers on pockets School bag Individuality – eg yellow colour Collared shirt Winter style tunic	Girls summer uniform – too thin Sport jacket – not matching school uniform Design of school bag Change style of dress More stylish winter tunic Sport shirt – better fabric Brown shoes Brown socks Yellow hat Different colour scheme Coloured bibs at sports carnival Brown tights Material of track suits and sport shorts	Change hat style Introduce a skirt Cardigan/jumper Better fabrics Replace brown with black/navy 2 jackets – sports and uniform 'feet' on bags uniform shop open more stronger hem on tunic light but not see through girls summer uniform uniform length of uniform A receipt each time we purchase Bibs More branding on clothes – boys shirt Change colour of uniform Fleecy vest/jacket Redistribute the colour Sport socks worn with girls summer uniform Colours – charcoal /yellow Rugby top for winter School scarf

## STAR SPOT



On Sunday October 26, two of our St. Paul the Apostle students competed in the Gymnastics NSW 2014 Junior State Championships with outstanding results.

Jamon Abeywickrama, (5N), received a gold medal in Level 5 Open individual placings and 4th place overall team.

Lucas Engesser, (3S), received a silver medal in Level 4 U/9 individual placings and 2nd place overall team. Both boys trained very hard for these results at the Sydney Hills Gymnastics Centre at Castle Hill. Well done Jamon and Lucas!



On Saturday 26 October, Jesse (5N) and Shianne (2S) Massoud competed in the 2014 Australian Mulimpia Martial Arts Championships in Penrith. They train in The International Taekwon-Do of Australia.

**Jesse** won Bronze 3rd place in Sparring. Sparring is two people fighting each other to get points for tagging certain parts of the body. You can only hit above the belt. Jesse beat 4 other competitors to get 3rd place.



**Shianne** won Gold 1st place in Patterns. Patterns is a set of movements which are executed using hands and feet. The shortest pattern has 19 moves. You are require competitors to get gold. Well done Jesse and Shianne!



## MANLY BEACH

Last Friday, Years Five and Six went to Manly Beach where we participated in a Surf Life Education program. We did various activities such as body surfing, identifying rips and general water safety.



I believe the day was beneficial to all the children and made us feel more aware about rip safety. I strongly believe that this program should run in further years to widen the understanding of safety whilst at the beach.

My favourite part of the day was going to Shelley Beach for a swim. We all had a great day.

Georgia Beeche,



## BASKETBALL GALA DAY

On Tuesday 21 October, students from years four, five and six represented St Paul's in the Basketball Gala day at Penrith Basketball Stadium, Cambridge Park.

All students are to be congratulated for their cooperation and efforts on the day. In particular, special mention must go to the Year Five girls' team who came first in their division.

Also, a huge thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who assisted with coaching, scoring and managing the teams, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Fiona Lambert, Margaret Govender and Angela Dunn.



## Dates to Remember

### October:

- 30 Kindy 2015 transition morning 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

## OLMC PARRAMATTA ORIENTATION DAY – YEAR 7 2015

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta will be welcoming future Mercy Girls who will be starting Year 7 in 2015 to Orientation Day on Wednesday November 12, 2014.

The College is now enrolling for 2015 and 2016.

Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can be a Mercy Girl.

# Cake Day and Ice-cream Spiders

**Tomorrow, Thursday 30 October**

The P&F social committee are holding a Cake stall at recess and selling ice-cream spiders at lunch.



At recess we will be selling a variety of cakes for \$1 -\$2 and bags of fairy floss and popcorn for \$2.  
We will then be serving ice-cream spiders at lunch time

Lemon, orange and red flavoured soft drink with a scoop of ice-cream for \$2.

We will need the help of parents from **K-2 to donate** some cupcakes, slices, lamingtons or biscuits, that we can sell at the stall. Any donations should be dropped off to the school office on the morning of the 30 October.

We will also need **parent helpers** on the day to sell at the stalls, any parents that can help from 10.30am- 11.30am for recess and/or 12.30- 2.00pm for lunch we would love to see you there. Your children would love to see your smiling face at the stall.

Any enquiries to Jaye Harkin 0433282890

## 2015 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials



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Any 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. Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

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](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au). 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.

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.**

**Please contact your school sports coordinator for any further information.**

Yours In Sport,  
Margaret Thornton  
Teaching Educator – Primary Sport  
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# Team Sport Trials

## Parramatta Diocese 2015 Information For Parents of **current** **Year 4 and Year 5 students**

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 <sup>th</sup> February 2015
Basketball	Open boys & girls	18 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2014
Cricket	Open boys & girls	12 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> February 2015
Golf	Open boys & girls	Term Three 2015	Registration via CSSS in 2015
Hockey	Open boys & girls	Term One 2015	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2015
Netball	Open girls	Term One 2015	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2015
Rugby League	Open boys & 11yrs boys - NB. No State team selected for 11 yrs	Term One 2015	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2015
Rugby Union	Open boys	Term One 2015	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2015
Softball	Open boys & girls	20 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2014
Tennis	Open boys & girls	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2014
Touch	Open boys & girls	Term One 2015	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2015

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**\$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.**