



# ST PAUL'S POST

## Newsletter

7 October, 2015

Term 4 Week 1

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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,

**Welcome back** to Term 4 2015. I hope you have been able to enjoy some downtime and relaxed starts to the day with your children. We certainly have come back to school with mixed weather - already two extremes in temperature! When the temperatures are extremely hot, we will keep the children indoors in the air conditioning for lunch and encourage frequent drink breaks. We are looking forward to an action packed term with many opportunities to contribute to this fabulous community. The first being our whole school working bee on Saturday October 17 from 8.00am - 11.30am. There is a repeat note coming home today and I encourage you to attend and extend the hand of friendship and help to each other and the school community.

One of my favourite prayers is **The Prayer of Oscar Romero** and I would like to share it with you and invite you to pray it from time to time. I believe it makes some profound statements while at the same time good sense:

*It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view.  
The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,  
It is even beyond our vision.  
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent  
enterprise that is God's work.  
Nothing we do is complete, Which is another way of saying that  
The Kingdom always lies beyond us.  
No statement says all that should be said.  
No prayer fully expresses our faith.  
No confession brings perfection.  
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.  
No program accomplishes the church's mission.  
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.  
This is what we are about.  
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.  
We water seeds already planted,  
Knowing that they hold future promise.*

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## DATES FOR DIARY

11 Oct – Feast of Margaret  
Aylward  
14 Oct – P&F Executive meeting  
7:30pm  
15 Oct – Debating Celebration  
17 Oct - Whole School  
Working Bee  
17 & 18 Oct – Discussion Groups  
Confirmation (Year 5) 3:00pm  
20 Oct – Kindy Information Night  
20 Oct – Basketball Gala Day  
23 Oct – Year 5 & 6  
Manly Excursion

*We lay foundations that will need further development.  
We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.  
We cannot do everything, And there is a sense of liberation in realizing  
that.*

*This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.  
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning,  
A step along the way,  
An opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.  
We may never see the end results,  
But that is the difference  
Between the master builder and the worker.  
We are workers, not master builders,  
Ministers, not messiahs.  
We are prophets of a future that is not our own.  
Amen.  
-Archbishop Oscar Romero*

On Thursday afternoon, we will have the mannequins displaying our new summer and winter uniform. Please come along and have a look and see what our new kindergarten children will be wearing for 2016. We will be showing the new uniforms at the kindergarten parent information night and also offering appointment times for families to try on and purchase their new uniforms.

As I am sure you are aware, we have quite a few cases of **Chickenpox** running through the school. There are cases of it in every grade. Even though children are immunized for the virus, they may still experience slight cases. For some children they may wake one morning covered in spots but generally it begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose and feeling generally unwell before the skin rash appears. The incubation period for the virus is before the spots appear so it can be difficult to pinpoint when a child has been exposed to the virus. Thank you to all of those parents who have kept their children away from school either suspecting an outbreak or to complete the cycle. If you would like any further information please refer to the NSW Health fact sheet at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/chickenpox.aspx>

Tomorrow we will send home the **term calendar**. As with all publications, it is current at time of publishing but subject to change! Please refer to it each week and we will publish any updates as they occur in the newsletter. I would like to draw your attention to the change in date of the Christmas concert to Thursday November 26 followed by a staff development day the next day.

Finally we ask you to keep Mrs Sargent and her family in your prayers following the death of her grandmother last week. May she rest in peace.

Have a great week everyone,  
Marian Bell  
Principal  
[mbell@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mbell@parra.catholic.edu.au)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Liturgical Events  
Unless otherwise stated Mass  
will commence at 9:10am

Week 1 – No Mass  
Week 2 - No Mass  
Week 3 – No Mass  
Week 4 – Whole School -  
Margaret Aylward Liturgy  
Week 5 – No Mass  
Week 6 – No Mass  
Week 7 – No Mass  
Week 8 - Staff Development Day  
Week 9 – Sunday 29 November –  
Mass organised by Kindergarten  
Week 10 – Whole School Mass  
Week 11 - Graduation Mass  
Tuesday 15 December, 7:00pm

## Assembly

### Term 3, 2015

Assembly – Fridays 2:30pm

Week 1 – No Assembly  
Week 2 – No Assembly  
Week 3 - Assembly - Year 5  
Week 4 – Margaret Aylward  
Liturgy  
Week 5 – Year 1  
Week 6 – No Assembly  
Week 7 – No Assembly  
Week 8 – Staff Development  
Day  
Week 9 – No Assembly  
Week 10 – Leaders' Assembly

## Religious Education

“It is not the healthy who need the doctor, but the sick. Go and learn the meaning of the words: What I want is mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the virtuous, but sinners.” Mt 9:10-11



Pope Francis has proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. This will begin on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - 8 December 2015, ending on the Solemnity of Christ the King - 20 December 2016.

Our leader is calling the whole Church to enter the year open to seeing the face of Jesus and discover the merciful face of God. Through the upcoming year it is hoped we will be moved to conversion so we will answer the call and “go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God!”

Pope Francis has always led his followers to reach out to the less fortunate and he continuously models this by visiting prisoners, opening his doors to refugees and feeding the hungry around the streets of the Vatican. During the upcoming year, he is asking us to open our hearts to God’s Mercy and share it with all we meet by showing compassion and forgiveness.

In a recent INFORM article the author made reference to the two main words in Scripture which mean mercy. ‘The first *hesed*, which means that God does not count our faults against us and the second word is *rahamim*. It is related to *rehem*, the womb of a mother.’ (INFORM, Embracing the Year of Mercy).

In the Parable of the Forgiving Father the *hesed* of God is witnessed when the father asks no questions of his returning son but rather embraces him and welcomes him back into the family. This action is in contrast to the older brother who refuses to join the celebration but rather judges his brother. This year Pope Francis is hoping we will become more like the Forgiving Father and focus on mercy and help us to become less judgemental of others. Jesus said, “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not and you will not be condemned”. (Lk 6:37)

During the Jubilee Year the Office of Worship has placed an emphasis on three liturgical initiatives. *Sacrament of Penance* - parishes will be encouraged to use second Rite of Penance during the Advent and Lenten seasons. *Holy Doors* - Each diocese has been directed to designate a Holy Door at their cathedral. *24 Hours for the Lord* - There will be an opportunity to celebrate “24 hours for the Lord” with around the clock adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. More information will be sent from the parish office informing us of upcoming events at our parish. May the Jubilee Year remind us all of the importance of being merciful to all we meet.

God Bless  
Mrs Leanda Standring  
Religious Education Coordinator



## SPORT DAYS TERM 4

KINDY Monday/Tuesday  
YEAR 1 Wednesday/Thursday  
YEAR 2 Tuesday/Wednesday  
YEAR 3 Tuesday/Thursday  
YEAR 4 Tuesday/Friday  
YEAR 5 Thursday/Friday  
YEAR 6 Wednesday/Friday

### 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

### Library Borrowing Term 3

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 – Wednesday

Please ensure your child brings their library bag on their Class Library day.

## Student Leadership

In the next two weeks we will be workshopping with the Year 5 students about what it takes to be a leader. We would like to invite anyone from our community to come to speak to the Year 5 students about leadership. I am sure that parents/grandparents/friends from our community would have great insights to share with our students. Please let us know if you would be able to help. We can be contacted by email - addresses below or by sending a note through to one of us.

Thank you in advance.

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## Dates to remember...

**Christmas Concert Thursday 26 November**

**Pupil Free Day Friday 27 November**

**Swimming Carnival Monday 30 November**

## Library

Any child that has overdue library books would have received an overdue notice yesterday afternoon. This notice has been generated from the library borrowing system. This notice is a reminder to check at home or school for library books and to return them as soon as possible. If you are unable to locate the overdue books you are more than welcome to visit the library to check the shelves.

If the books are not located the school asks that you replace the book/s or pay for them to be replaced.

If there are any problems, please contact Mrs Taylor. All issues can be resolved.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs Petrina Taylor  
Librarian  
ptaylor3@parra.catholic.edu.au

## New Books - we still need your help!!

Thank you to the many parents who kindly covered books during the holidays, we really do appreciate your help. We still have books that need covering, if anyone would be able to help, please call into the office and we will provide you with the contact and as many books as you wish to cover.

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

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)

## Basketball Trials

On Tuesday 20 October, St Paul's will be competing at the Parramatta Diocesan Basketball Gala Day. We will be holding team selection trials this week on Thursday and Friday at lunchtime. Permission notes for successful students will be sent home on Friday afternoon.

## Sport Days

### TERM 4



KINDY	Monday/Tuesday
YEAR 1	Wednesday/Thursday
YEAR 2	Tuesday/Wednesday
YEAR 3	Tuesday/Thursday
YEAR 4	Tuesday/Friday
YEAR 5	Thursday/Friday
YEAR 6	Wednesday/Friday

## Spring Cleaning - can you help us?

If anyone has any old CD's or DVD's they are willing to part with, Mrs Sargent would love to use them in an upcoming artwork. It does not matter if they are cracked, scratched or written on as they will be cut up anyway.



Also if you have any old crayons, any colour, any size, that you no longer need, Mrs Sargent would gladly make use of them too! Please forward your goodies to the school office in a bag marked 'Mrs Sargent - Art'.

*Thank you in advance.*

## Working Bee

Just a reminder... Our whole school Working Bee will be held on Saturday 17 October from 8:00am - 12:00pm. We have a list of jobs to get through, many hands make light work! The morning will conclude with a sausage sizzle.



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

Please remember some of our children have food allergies, we strongly discourage the inclusion of nuts and nut based products in children's lunches.  
 Help us to keep our children safe

*Happy Birthday* - to all those celebrating their birthdays from 7 - 14 October, 2015

*Lara C, Helena F, Chiara C, Nathan K, Madeline P, Marcus T*



### Star Spot



Congratulations to Stephen Courtney and the Mackillop Boys Softball team who played three days of amazing softball and finished as state runners up! What a credit to Mackillop. Well done all!



### Awards

#### Student of the Week

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

KI	Luke B
KP	Sebastian P
1G	Eli H
1L	Mitchell B
2G	Georgia B
2N	Lucas Mc
3L	Michael D
3V	Ethan F
4J	Alexander K
4P	Sophia B
5S	Nicholas F
5ST	Victoria P
6L	Sophie O
6M	Gabriella W

#### 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	Owen W
KP	Jenna D
1G	Daniel J
1L	Christlan K
2G	Nathan K
2N	Gemma S
3L	Jackson S
3V	Charlie R
4J	Clare G
4P	Isabella M
5S	Jessie H
5ST	Claudia T
6L	Vanessa H
6M	Madeleine I



Dates for your  
Diary.....



Saturday 7 November, 2015

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## P & F News

### The Garage Sale Trail

Mums, dads, uncles, aunties, nannas and poppys' - Get Ready to Declutter! Car Boot spaces and stall plots on sale now for \$25. What an opportunity to sell your no longer needed used toys, clothes, household goods and bric-a-brac. Anything goes! Support the environment by reusing, reducing and recycling - Support your school to raise funds for your kids. Come to St Paul the Apostle Garage Sale Trail - 24 October 2015 from 9am to 3pm.



Email or phone your friendly P&F member - Lauren Alley (lozc12@hotmail.com - 0421 818 606) Alyssa Dwyer - (alyssa\_barry@hotmail.com - 0411 270 296) or Alex Mowbray - (alex.mowbray@ymail.com - 0416 094 454) We are also looking for volunteers to help out at the sausage sizzle and cake stall. (If you have any other ideas drop us a line, we would love to hear them).

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## Mercy Music & Performance Academy

Is your child interested in music or dance? The new Mercy Music & Performance Academy at OLMC Parramatta offers a range of tuition and workshop options for young people from Years 3 to Year 12. A survey is currently being conducted to understand the needs and interests of families in our local area - please help us create a program that best fosters musical and dance talent by completing the following survey [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au/theacademysurvey](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au/theacademysurvey). Your assistance is greatly appreciated. The survey will be open until October 30, 2015.

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## Parent Representative Council - Term 4

The Parent Representative Council (PRC) have arranged Facebook Q and A chats with parents which will feature a panel of CEDP staff and leaders in their area of innovation and learning.

The topic will be '*How do I talk to my teacher about my child's progress?*' and the date is **15 October 7pm - 7:45pm**. The experts will be some of our Team Leaders from System Learning - Tim Hardy, Mary Creenaune and Lisa-Maree Browning.

More information will be available in the coming weeks.

**Saturday 17 October, 2015 - Keynote Presentation**  
Dr Michael Carr-Gregg presents **Strictly Parenting**, Everything you need to know about raising school aged children.  
RSVP's essential to [prcparraevents@hotmail.com](mailto:prcparraevents@hotmail.com)

**Monday 16 November, 2015 - PRC General Meeting**  
**Presentation - All students are gifted & talented...identifying personalised pathways to success.**  
Presenters: Tim Hardy (Team Leader - Numeracy, CEDP) & Anthony McElhone (Principal, St Oliver's PS, Harris Park).

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## POST SEPARATION RECOVERY PROGRAM

CCSS Solo Parent Services is offering its seven week Post Separation Recovery Program. This has proven to be an excellent Program that guides and supports those whose marriage or long-term partnership has ended. Commencing: 21 October for seven Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm - 9.45pm. Venue: Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown. Cost: \$80.00 Registration Essential: Eileen or Rita on 99330205 or [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

