



# St Paul the Apostle School Winston Hills NEWSLETTER

10 September 2014

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

This week we celebrate **National Child Protection Week** (NCPW). The key messages for NCPW 2014 continue to be "Protecting Children is Everyone's Business" and "Play Your Part". The campaign invites all of us to get involved in promoting the wellbeing and safety of children and young people. I invite you to go to <http://napcan.org.au/ncpw/> for further information and ideas on what is happening in our world to protect the safety of our young people. It is vital that all parents who assist in any way at school complete the online child protection tutorial. Please go to [kidsguardian.nsw.au](http://kidsguardian.nsw.au) Once you have completed the tutorial, we will receive an email confirming that you are now able to work in a voluntary capacity at our school.

*Heavenly Father,*

*Grant that the children in our community as in all communities around the world, grow up with the freedom, love and safety that being a child demands.*

*Please ensure that the leaders everywhere implement policies and procedures to protect children, young people and the vulnerable in our society. May they grow up to be people of peace and love and*

*may they always know of your great love for them.*

*Amen*

Last Friday's **Fathers' Day celebrations** were a great success thanks to the hard work and generosity of many people. Congratulations and thank you to Jane Misek and Mirna Jassar for coordinating the BBQ; Shirley Massoud and Veronica Brogden for coordinating the stall and Leanda Standring, Amber Paul and Kathy Ireland for preparing our beautiful mass. Of course there were so many other mums who supported our celebrations. It was a very early morning start for many but I do know that the dads appreciated the breakfast and the beautiful gift bought from the stall. We also need to thank Marcel Rizk for her very generous support, not just by cooking but also the donation from IGA. Well dads – what are you going to do for the mums for Mothers' Day in 2015? I think the challenge has been issued!

Next Monday September 15 following the morning assembly, I would like to invite anyone who has helped this term at St Paul's for a **morning tea** hosted by Jane and myself. I know the usual practice is to wait until the end of the year, but I think we need to thank and honour those who have given so much to the various activities this term. Thinking back over the term we have had support from parents for: Netball; Grandparents celebrations; EXPO - working bee, sewing, props, makeup; Infants athletics carnival; zone carnival; excursions; St Vincent de Paul door knock appeal; Father's Day breakfast and stall and not to mention our regular classroom helpers. It would be great to see as many as possible attend the morning tea and toddlers are of course most welcome. No need to RSVP – just come along!

Have a great week everyone.  
Marian Bell

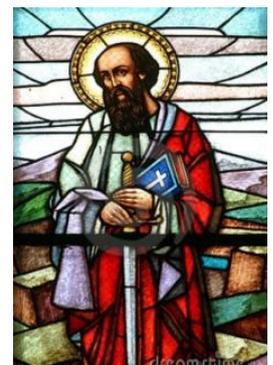
## *Religious Education*

### **Fan into a flame the gift that God gave you. 2 Timothy 1:6**

Every year, in Term 4 during our Margaret Aylward liturgy, our school celebrates the contributions to our school by the Holy Faith Sisters and in particular the wonderful example Margaret Aylward set for all to follow. The Holy Faith Sisters contributed a great deal to our school community and their legacy is still seen in our school values today:

#### **Faith**

Demonstrates an interest in learning about our Catholic faith.



### **Leadership**

An advocate for Social Justice.

### **Empathy**

Empathises with others and responds appropriately.

### **Integrity**

Personal Integrity and courage of their convictions.

### **Commitment**

Maintains a positive attitude, tenacity and commitment in the face of adversity.

The staff decided upon our values of Faith, Leadership, Empathy, Integrity and Commitment after reading Margaret Aylward's life story. The children are encouraged to live out these values through their everyday interactions. Throughout the year the teachers highlight the meaning of these values and use the criteria to decide who will receive the St Paul's Award at our weekly assemblies. Each week the recipients of the St Paul's Award will now be listed in our newsletter as an example of Christian living.

Currently the teachers are asking for nominations for the Holy Faith Awards. During this time the teachers discuss the criteria with the children in their grade and allow the children to think about members of their grade that they believe live these values. Then the children privately nominate a peer. The students with the highest amount of nominations will be awarded this year's Holy Faith Award and will be announced during the Margaret Aylward liturgy. Their names and pictures will be added to our school scrapbook, which will be on display in our school foyer after the liturgy.

God Bless, Mrs Leanda Standing (Religious Education Co-ordinator)

### ***Prayer:***

#### **A Prayer for Peace**

Dear Lord Jesus

We pray for World Peace in our unpredictable world.

We feel extremely sorry for all the adults and children living in war and poverty.

We need to raise awareness for the people in Jamaica, Afghanistan and Israel by donating money to help purchase clothing items, food and water for the homeless and sick people.

We pray that the world's leaders make better decisions to help bring peace to those countries that are fighting.

We thank you God for keeping us safe in Australia and help others stay safe.

Amen.

*Riley McIntosh 4TL*



### ***St Paul Award Recipients:***

The following children received the St Paul Award at last week's Primary Assembly:

3V – James Brogden, 3S – Thomas Valjak, 4TL – Annabelle Malouf, 4P – Jack Beeche,  
5N – Laura Campbell 5M – Mia Pillay, 6J – Sophia Magri, 6G – Julian Eltakchi

Congratulations to these children for living out our school values.

### ***Mini Vinnies Report:***

Catholic Mission is an organisation that focuses on reaching out to people in our world that are less fortunate than ourselves. This year their focus is on the ghettos in Jamaica, where children often experience violence and shootings. Their theme this year is "When I Grow Up I Want to be Alive".

On 17 September, Catholic Mission will be visiting our school to help raise awareness of the plight of the people of Jamaica. Children from Year One to Year Six will participate in workshops highlighting the problems children suffer in the world.

Year Five will be raising money for the organisation by participating in Socktober. During the month of October the children will be reaching out at home by doing extra chores for money. All the money raised will be brought to school on the day the children wear colourful socks to help raise awareness of the work of Catholic Mission.



Written by Thomas Reid, Quinn O'Reilly, Jackson O'Brien

## COMPLAINTS HANDLING

Are you aware that there is a process for complaints handling here at St Paul's? It may involve referral to the Principal or Assistant Principal. If you would like more information, please enquire at the school office.

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

As indicated on your School Calendar our next Staff Development Day will be held on **Tuesday, 7 October, first day of Term Four**. On this day the teachers will be working on Key Learning Area of Literacy. Children do not attend school on this day.



## WINTER UNIFORM

**Winter uniform is to be worn until the end of Term 3.**

## SPORTS UP-DATE

Next Monday, 15 September, we will have 3 students from our school representing Parramatta Diocese in the NSWCPSS Mackillop Track and Field Championships at Sydney Olympic Park. **Good luck to Nicholas Long (800m), Charlie Egan (9yrs 100m) and Jennifer Grubba (Shot put & Discus).**

## OVERDUE SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all those families who have paid their fees for 2014. Unless you are paying by instalments the fees really need to be finalised by this week.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty please email Gail Caruana at [gcaruana@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:gcaruana@parra.catholic.edu.au) and advise when the payment will be made or when you are available for an interview with Mrs Bell.

If you are paying by instalments please make sure these are regular.

We thank you for your cooperation as following up is quite a time consuming exercise.

## A NOTE FROM THE LIBRARY

Please ensure that all books are returned to the Library this week. Overdue notices will go home next week. It is very important that these overdue books are found. The school asks that you pay for or replace any lost books. Please look carefully at the overdue notices and if you are unable to locate the books at home then you are always welcome to come into the library to check the shelves as sometimes the books are returned to the shelves by the children before they have been returned at the circulation desk.

A reminder, that next week we will be having a library working bee. If you are available to help for any amount of time on Tuesday 16 September or Thursday 18 September I would love to see you. The list of jobs include: – book repairs, book culling, book covering and shelf tidying. If you are unable to attend on either of these days then we are happy for you to take some books home to cover. Plastic is supplied. We have many new books that the children are eager to borrow.

Thank You!

Petrina Taylor  
Teacher Librarian



## Dates to Remember

### SEPTEMBER

- 11 Surf Education – Years 5 & 6 – Parish Centre  
2nd Confirmation Preparation Meetings 4pm and 5pm
- 12 Infants Assembly – Year 2 prepare - 2.30pm Parish Centre  
Movie Night. Gates open 5.30pm
- 13 3rd Confirmation Preparation meeting 4.30pm
- 14 3rd Confirmation Preparation meeting 10.45am
- 15 Mackillop Track and Field Championships, Olympic Park, Homebush  
Parent helpers morning tea
- 17 Catholic Mission Workshops – Years 1-6.
- 18 3rd Confirmation Preparation meetings

- 19 Term 3 ends 3.20pm
- 20 4th Confirmation Preparation meeting
- 21 4th Confirmation Preparation meeting

**OCTOBER**

- 6 Labour Day Public Holiday
- 7 Staff Development Day
- 8 Term 4 commences for students; summer Uniform to be worn.

Dear Parents,  
MSP Photography took individual, group and performance photos throughout the night at The Creative and Practical Arts Expo on Wednesday 27 August. These photos are now available to view/purchase on line.



**Cut-off date will be Friday 19 September 2014 (last day of term)**

To view/purchase the photos, please follow these guidelines. Go to:

[www.mspsydney.photomerchant.net](http://www.mspsydney.photomerchant.net) **(do not enter in google search)**

You will need to use the following access code to gain entry into the portfolio of photographs:

**Code: STA8G2L5**

The cost of each photo is **\$10.00**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**When creating your order, please ensure that you include your child's name and school in the Special Instructions area of your order.**

**The website offers an option to send to home address but all photos will be delivered to your school office.**

If you require any further information please contact **MSP Photography - Sydney on 9499 6555**