



# St Paul's Update

2 September, 2015

Term 3, Week 8

## Dates for your diary

- 4 Sept Fathers' Day Breakfast 7:30 am 8:30 - 8:50am Open Classrooms  
Fathers' Day Whole School Mass 9:15am in the church
- 4 Sept Fathers' Day Stall
- 6 Sept Fathers' Day
- 7 Sept SKIP-A-THON  
Louis B & Quinn's presentation of The Fred Hollow's Humanity Award,  
Parliament House
- 10 Sept Surf Education Talk - Years 5 & 6
- 11 Sept Year 6 Assembly 2:15pm Parish Centre (Please note change of time)
- 14 Sept Skipping continues
- 15 Sept Athletics Carnival - Gooden Reserve, Gooden Drive, Winston Hills
- 18 Sept Term 3 Ends

**Christmas Concert - Thursday 26 November, 2015**  
**Staff Development Day - Friday 27 November, 2015**

## Message from the Parish Sacramental Coordinator

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Reconciliation last week. It was a memorable Liturgy and the children sang beautifully and made their responses clearly.

## Confirmation

Next week there will be two parent talks for the Sacrament of Confirmation as follows:

**Wednesday 9 September at 7.30pm or Thursday 10 September at 10.30am**

It is important that a parent attends one of these talks as the resources needed to prepare their child will be available for collection and the new process will be explained.

Following the parent talks there will be two Enrolment Masses. Enrolment forms are to be lodged at one of these Masses, as they will no longer be accepted at the school or parish office.

The dates and times of the Enrolment Masses are:

**Saturday 12 September 6:00pm Vigil Mass or Sunday 13 September 9:30am Mass**

Children who are making their Confirmation will receive a booklet on the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit and a St Paul Holy Card at these Masses.

## School Fees

There are still some families who have outstanding fees for 2015. Unless you are paying by regular instalments please email Gail Caruana at [gcaruana@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:gcaruana@parra.catholic.edu.au) and advise your availability for a meeting with Mrs Bell to discuss.

We look forward to your cooperation.

## Protective Behaviours

Many of the classes have been looking at Protective Behaviours as part of their learning this term. As part of this, the children develop a safety network where they nominate people they know and trust to keep them safe. Soon your child will bring home slips to be signed by people who they have decided they would like in their network. These slips are to be signed by those nominated and returned to the class teacher as soon as possible to assist with the completion of their safety network. We thank you in anticipation of your assistance.

## Personalised Plans (PP) Reminder

Thank you to the parents and carers of children who have received a Personalised Plan (PP) as part of the ongoing collaborations between home and school and have returned these plans to school, signed on the front page.

If you have not already done so, please return the plan to the school office by Friday 11 September so it can be photocopied and returned to you before the end of term. Thank you for your cooperation.

## New Books

Mrs Misek has been at it again!!! She has purchased lots of new books for the school and guess what? They need to be covered. 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.



Thank you in advance for your help.

## Sports News

On Friday 21 August, the following students represented our school at the Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival - *Brock P, Clare G, Jenny G, Eden B, Charles E, Jacob V and Charlie R* - Congratulations to each and every one of them, all have progressed to the next level and will be representing St Paul's at the Mackillop Track and Field Championships on Monday 14 September at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre, Homebush. This is a fantastic achievement, we are all very proud of you and wish you the very best of luck!



## Athletics Carnival - Tuesday 15 September, 2015

Our Athletics Carnival will finally take place at Gooden Reserve, Gooden Drive, on Tuesday 15 September, 2015. If your circumstances have changed since last term, for example, if you have decided to go directly to the oval instead of bringing your child to school for roll call please inform us of this change in writing. Permission slips from the previous carnival will suffice unless your emergency contacts have changed. At this stage, we will assume that all offers of assistance from the previous carnival are still relevant unless we hear otherwise.

## Reminder... Skip-a-thon - Monday 7 September

Our Skip-a-thon is almost here... Only 5 sleeps to go! Thank you to those families who have already sent in their money for the Skip-a-thon. We are hoping that all families are really getting behind the school's main fundraiser for the year and signing up lots of sponsors. Once you have collected all pledges, please deposit your sponsorship card and the money in the mailbox outside the office window. **Remember you can bring your sponsorship money in as soon as you have collected your pledges.** The class raising the most money will be treated to a fun afternoon of cooking with Mrs Bell and Mrs Misek!



## Fathers' Day Celebrations

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our Fathers' Day celebrations on Friday. The morning will begin with breakfast from 7:30am, followed by open classrooms until 8:50am. At 9:15am we would love you to join us at the whole school mass in the church. The mass has been lovingly organised by the kindergarten teachers and children and will no doubt be a beautiful way to celebrate with our fathers.

## Just a reminder....Fathers' Day Stall

The Fathers' Day Stall will be held during the day on Friday 4 September. Children will have the opportunity to purchase up to 3 gifts. The teachers will take them to the stall at a scheduled time during the morning. Limited gifts per class will be available but we will endeavour to please each child. Gifts range in price from \$1.50 - \$7.00. A few gifts were left off the list that went home, the following gifts are also available - Dads Clock \$5.00, Car Care Kit \$5.00, Fedora Hats \$5.00, Gripco Phone Holder \$5.00, Dads Watch \$7.00

We are in need of helpers to assist with the sale of gifts between 9:30 and 1:00pm. If you are available, even for a short time, we would love to see you. (Toddlers welcome)

Thank you for your support we really do appreciate it.

## P & F News

### Stop, collaborate and create!

#### Calling Year 4 and 5 It is your turn to collaborate and create!

This year, years 4 and 5 will be joining forces to create and run the trivia night. We are seeking a team of dedicated and creative ladies and gents to work together to run trivia.

If you are interested in running and joining the team for this event please meet us in the undercroft on Thursday 10 September at 9:00am for a handover meeting.

If you cannot make this but still would like to be a part of the team please email [loz12c@hotmail.com](mailto:loz12c@hotmail.com) or [alyssa\\_barry@hotmail.com](mailto:alyssa_barry@hotmail.com)



## We need your help - 'The Garage Sale Trail'

Parramatta Council is bringing the Garage Sale Trail to our area on Saturday 24 October, 2015 and the school has registered to be involved. A national program all about sustainability, creativity and fun, the Garage Sale Trail aims to reduce waste to landfill, strengthen community connections and inspire creativity. It's also a great way to fundraise.



We are putting together a team to organise our garage sale, this is a fantastic way to make money for the school. If you would like to be part of the organisation of this fun event, please meet on Thursday 10 September at 9:00am in the undercroft and we can get plans underway.

If you cannot make it to the meeting and would still like to participate, please email [loz12c@hotmail.com](mailto:loz12c@hotmail.com) or [alyssa\\_barry@hotmail.com](mailto:alyssa_barry@hotmail.com)

*Happy Birthday* - to all those celebrating their birthdays from 3 - 9 September, 2015

*Ben B, Gabrielle A, Zara B, Kaitlyn L, Alexander M, Clara G, Jack O, Lara L*



## Star Spot

Connor B competed in his tennis winter comp semi-finals over the weekend. He played amazing tennis that thoroughly entertained the spectators. He won his singles 6-1 and together with his team mate, finished 3rd in their division. Well done Connor!



Congratulations also to Monique C Year 4 who has been cast as Mathilda and will be performing in the City Kids Theatre production of Alice in Wonderland JNR at the end of September, good luck Monique!



## Jersey Day for Organ Donation



On Friday 4 September the whole school will be wearing jerseys in memory of Nathan Gremmo who died and donated organs to help save others, and to support organ donation. You do not have to wear a football jersey, you can wear any type of jersey but it has to be respectful as it is the day that the Fathers' Day Mass will be held. We request that any fathers that are attending Mass or participating in the breakfast BBQ wear their own jersey. This is not a fundraiser; it is just a way to raise awareness of the importance of organ donation.

Students will wear their sports uniform with a jersey or sport shirt on top. If you do not have a jersey or sport shirt to wear, you can just wear your school sports top.

Thanks Kate and Haylee (Year 6 students)

## Lost Property

A beautiful little girls' cardigan has been handed into the school office, it is cream with gold dots, please contact the office so that we can arrange for its safe return.

There are several school jackets currently in lost property. Please have a look if your child is missing a jacket.