



St Paul the Apostle School Winston Hills NEWSLETTER

3 September 2014

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

Congratulations to the children who made their **First Reconciliation** last Thursday night. It was a full church of families that came together to support each other as the children take this important step in their faith journey. Thank you to Father Raning, the sacramental team and the teachers who supported the children in the preparation for the sacrament.

Last Sunday we celebrated the gift of **Grandparents** in the Eucharist. It was beautiful. I was moved to tears when the children were reflecting on their grandparents and praying for them. It was so lovely to see so many of our children praying with their grandparents and giving thanks for their love and support. The parish liturgy team, music ministry, Mrs Standring, Mrs Foster, Mrs Lambert, Mrs Govender, Mrs Spencer and Mrs Tedesco should all be congratulated and thanked for preparing the mass and the children. After mass we shared a delicious morning tea organised by the parents of Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2). Thank you to all who set up, who served and cleaned up. This is a great example of parish and school working together and I am so happy to be a part of this community.

Our **EXPO** performance last Wednesday night at Hornsby RSL was incredible. Congratulations to everyone involved. It was thrilling to see our students in the band, the choir and dance performance. I am so grateful to the whole staff here at St Paul's. It is times like this when I am the proudest principal in the Parramatta Diocese. So many of our staff were involved in the preparation for the evening and on the night we had so many helpers, we nearly did not have enough jobs for them all! Can I make a few special mentions to Miss Natoli, Miss Galera, Miss Veling, Miss Paul, Mrs Foster, Mrs Tedesco and Mrs Taylor for their tireless work? As well as the teachers, there was an amazing group of parents who helped with every aspect of the preparation from props to hair and make up and everything in between! Thank you all so much for the many hours of help and support. It was such a successful night because of each and every one of you.

On Friday we will be celebrating **Fathers' Day** with a cooked breakfast from 7.45am, open classrooms from 8.30am and mass at 9.10am. We are really looking forward to seeing as many dads or representatives of dads at all or part of the celebrations. If you have not RSVP'd to the breakfast – please do so tomorrow morning. We do not want to disappoint anyone.

Have a great week everyone.
Marian Bell

Religious Education

Let us go off by ourselves to some place where we will be alone and you can rest awhile. Mark 6:31

Spring has arrived! All around us there are signs of new life: flowers blooming, young birds tweeting and baby animals being born. In our busy lives it is easy to miss the wonder of God's creation around us.

Everyone needs 'Spring time' – rebirth, time to step aside from a busy over-stimulated life to have a break. We all need a certain amount of space, uncommitted time in our life; we all need time for thinking or listening or just being in quietness. It is when we stop dashing about, that we see our world more clearly. When we stop doing things, we are open to having things done for us and to us by other people.



Do you need to stop and find some time for yourself where you can be alone and reconnect to our Lord?

A few points to consider:

Are you taking the time to reflect on the readings at Mass or do you find yourself thinking about the jobs that are waiting at home instead of listening to the Word of the Lord?

Do you listen to Father's homily and think about how you can make changes to the way you live or is your mind replaying the disagreement you had with your husband or teenager during the week?

Do you spend time praying to God and asking for guidance or have you forgotten what it means to let Jesus into your life and let him lead you?

Jesus fully realised that, tired or not, needs are always there. He also realised that you cannot do everything; unless you come apart and rest awhile, you may truly come apart. How lucky are we to have the knowledge that God will always be by our side, that he will never stop loving us. I wonder if he can say the same thing about us?

Maybe this Spring we can create some quiet time which will allow you to realise the natural flow of life by giving the right amount of attention to all aspects of our day to day living.

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the First Reconciliation on Thursday night.

Last Sunday our Parish Community celebrated the 'Great Presence of our Grandparents'. Thank you to all the families who joined our parish community and participated throughout the mass. I look forward to the next liturgy.

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

Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus,

We pray for the health of all of our Grandparents, for the grandparents who are feeble in hospital, or too unwell to get out of bed. When I think of my grandparents, they always have my happiness in their minds and bring love and courage into my heart. We pray for the grandparents who are in heaven and still think of us. We still remember their smiling faces and wisdom.

Thank you, Lord, for giving us our wonderful grandparents who love and care for us.

Thank you, Grandparents. Amen.

Alyssa Dib 4P

STAR SPOT

Annika Milinkovic 3V

On 21 August, when Annika was at the AFL training afternoon, she found a \$50 note. She gave it to her Aunty Kate who was able to find the owner. He was very happy. Thank you, Annika!



Under 10 Hawks



This team, Ryan Wendell, Jacob Frangi, Lewis Duncombe, Samuel Byrnes, Jordan Bugeja, Callum Thistlethwaite, Aiden Hart, Trent Mulheron, Jack Beeche, Stephen Courtney, Nikolas Forrest, Louka Soldatos, Ashton Franklin, Jack Wardini, Matthew Apps and special guests Under 9's Charlie Egan and Aaron

Byrnes, played their **first ever grand final** last weekend. Congratulations, boys!

Others on the journey through the season with this team are: Coach Michael Forrest, Trainers George Frangi and Paul Wendell, and Manager Natalie Madafiglio.

Thank you team, coaches and trainers for a great 2014 season. Even though our boys did not come away with a win, they make us proud to say we are part of the HAWKS family. Thank you for believing in the dream!

Romina Frangi on behalf of the HAWKS family.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the Jardak family (Samuel 2G and Daniel KP) and to the Alley family (Charli 1L) on the birth of baby Harriett.

A NOTE FROM THE LIBRARY

During library next week, the children will be attending to participate in a literacy based activity, but will not be borrowing any books. Please ensure that all library books are returned next week. Some children have had library books overdue for a long time. It is very important that these are found. The school asks that you pay for, or replace any lost books. Please look carefully at the overdue notices that will be sent out shortly. Thank you.

Parent helpers are urgently required for book covering. This can be done at home. Plastic is supplied. Your help would be greatly appreciated. I have new books that the children are busting to borrow.

During week 10, the last week of the term, I would love to have a library working bee. If you are available to help for any amount of time on Tuesday 16 Sept or Thursday 18 Sept, I would love to see you. The list of jobs include - book repairs, book culling, book covering and shelf tidying.



Congratulations to the following children from Kindergarten to Year 2, who participated in and won the Book Week Colouring – In Competition: Riley Power, Grace Love, Gabrielle Alamsyah, Daniel Jardak, Isabella Pace, Rachel Agius, Sophia Howes, Lucas Scuderi, Chanel Elias, Nicole Barker, Will Casey and Matthew Courtney. Congratulations also to the students from 3 – 6 who participated in and won the Book Week Drawing Competition: Claudia Nguyen, Sophia Poole, Kaitlyn Lafferty, Jacob Cacciola, Isabella Dominello, Callum Thistlethwaite, Samantha Ellis, Thomas Ng, Amy Harkin, Mia Pillay, Isabella Zahra, Gisella Valore, Genevieve D'Silva and Thomas Reid. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Book Week Activities. A great deal of fun was had by all.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Taylor.

RAFFLE – BASKET OF NUTRIMETICS

Fundraising in conjunction with the P & F Movie Night .

View basket of goodies and purchase tickets at the office. \$2.00 per ticket.

Donated by Connie Debono-Cullen.

Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Year 3 excursion to Featherdale Farm
- 5 Fathers' Day Breakfast 7.45am, Open classrooms 8.30am,
Whole School Mass 9.10am. Fathers' Day stall commences after Mass
- 7 Fathers' Day
- 8 Feast Day of the Birth of Mary; Kindy incursion; CSIRO Mini beasts
- 11 Surf Education Awareness & Rip Survival. Yrs 5 & 6 - 9.00am-11am.
- 12 Infants Assembly – Year 2 prepare. **P & F Movie Night.** 5.30pm onwards.

ADVANCED LIFE PHOTOGRAPHY



Once again you will be given the opportunity to purchase a family portrait with Advanced Life Photography. The session will be held on a Sunday in the Father David Scott Parish Centre, probably in November. More news next week from our co-ordinator, Megan.

FATHER SCOTT'S ANNUAL GOLF DAY

This annual parish event will be on
19 September at Fox Hills

Golf and Lunch at a cost of \$50
8am start.

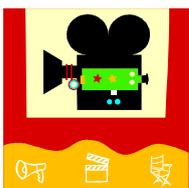
Please phone Mary at the Presbytery 9639 6516 or Kors on 9639 9192. We required numbers and payment as soon as possible.



WOODBERRY VILLAGE & WINSTON LODGE ANNUAL FETE

Saturday 6 September 2014
9.30am – 2.30pm
129 Lanhams Rd. Winston Hills

Plants, Bric a brac, BBQ, Craft, Books, Devonshire Tea, Cakes, Choc Wheel, Candles and a lot, lot more!!



MOVIE NIGHT 2014 THE ST PAULS MOVIE NIGHT IS ON FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Tickets are \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child

Toddlers and preschoolers are free

The movie with the majority vote as decided by the students of St Pauls is

MONSTERS UNIVERSITY

Please fill out form below and return to office, with correct cash, marked 'Movie Night 2014'. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please

bring low chairs or bean bags to sit on. Any enquiries please contact

Sean McIntosh 0416 144 759 or Jennifer McIntosh 0414 401 682

Gates open at 5:30pm Movie Starts approximately 6:30pm

Family Name - _____

Number of tickets required - _____

Eldest Childs Class - _____