



# ST PAUL'S POST

## Newsletter

9 September, 2015

Term 3 Week 9

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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,

Next Sunday's second reading is from the letters of St James – ***Faith without good works is dead.*** I write about this reading because it has struck a chord with me reflecting on our wonderful community. Over the past few weekends many of our families have participated in the St Vincent de Paul drive. To me this absolutely demonstrates faith in action. Congratulations to all those who made this action of faith a priority in their busy lives.

Others in our community have also demonstrated faith in action by their involvement in the **Fathers' Day celebrations** here at St Paul's last Friday. From 7am in the morning Mirna Jasser and Danielle Haddad and their wonderful crew began to cook the sausages and eggs for our special guests. Many of them continued to be of service throughout the day selling the gifts from the Fathers' Day stall. Thank you to everyone who helped in whatever capacity on Friday – it was a great team effort! Your generosity is very much appreciated by the staff and children of St Paul's.

If you have not had the opportunity to demonstrate your faith in action yet this year, never fear there are two opportunities to do so next term! We will be holding two working bees, Saturday 17 October and Friday 13 November. The **twilight working bee on 13 November** coincides with the disco. Why not drop your children at the disco and come down and assist for an hour and a half? We realise that Saturday is difficult for many families so we thought in daylight saving time, we would trial the twilight session. We are also holding another working bee on **Saturday 17 October** to complete our tasks before the end of the year. The jobs that need attending to will be outlined in future newsletters. I urge all of those families to consider helping at either of the working bees if you have not been able to assist at other events this year. When you enrolled your children at St Paul's, you promised to assist the school and this is your opportunity to fulfil that promise.

I am sure you have all heard of Fred Hollows. Fred was an ordinary person with an extraordinary dream. He was an internationally recognised eye surgeon and dedicated humanitarian who championed the right of all people to access high quality eye care. He was proof that one person can really make a difference in the world. The Fred Hollows Humanity Award recognises Year 6 Students who reflect this in their own lives. The Award encourages students to show care and compassion for others and make a positive impact in their school or community. I am proud to say that two of our students, Louis Bahan and Quinn O'Reilly were nominated for this Award and on Monday travelled to Parliament House to receive the Award from Mrs Gabi Hollows and the Hon Mike Baird, Premier of NSW.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

9 Sept Confirmation - Parent Talk @ 7:30pm  
10 Sept Surf Ed Talk  
10 Sept Confirmation - Parent Talk @10:30am  
11 Sept NSW CCC Athletics Championships, Homebush  
12 Sept Enrolment Mass for Confirmation - Vigil 6:00pm  
13 Sept Enrolment Mass for Confirmation 9:30am  
14 Sept Skipping concludes  
15 Sept Athletics Carnival  
18 Sept Assembly Year 2  
18 Sept Term 3 Ends  
5 Oct Public Holiday  
6 Oct Term 4 Begins

## Term 4 Children return in Summer Uniform

Congratulations boys, what a wonderful recognition of your beautiful ways and your value to our community.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the **Skip-a-thon** performance on Monday afternoon. It was for a good reason – I was with Quinn and Louis and their families to see them receive their Fred Hollows Humanity Awards. I was at school throughout the day and witnessed lots of skipping and lots of smiles! What a beautiful day! Thank you to all of those who have already brought back their Skip-a-thon sponsor sheets and money. We are well on the way to a massive total. I am not sure if you know, but Jane and I are going to hold a cooking session with the winning class! It should be a lot of fun but I think we will need a lot of help especially if a kindergarten class wins! Thanks to our Skip-a-thon committee – Lauren Alley, Alyssa Dwyer, Kieran Jackson, Amber Paul and Jane Misk. The day ran so smoothly and I know the children enjoyed themselves. Special thanks to Alyssa and Lauren for staying around all day and providing fruit to the children following their skipping lesson. We will have a special assembly in the playground next Monday afternoon at 2.45pm to draw the Skip-a-thon prizes. So hurry and get your money in!

As this is the last piece I will write before the holidays, I wish you all a relaxing Spring break as we move into the last term for 2015. Please encourage your children to read regularly during the holidays to keep up their skill levels!

Have a great week everyone.

*Marian Bell*

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Principal  
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## Religious Education



**“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35**

Over the last few days, I, like many, have been listening to the eyewitness reports about the tragedy facing the Syrian refugees. The difficulties these people face in their everyday is so hard for Australians to fathom; we seem so far removed from such heartbreak and misfortune. And yet the message from our great leader, Pope Francis, is clear when he encourages all Christians to provide tangible demonstrations of help. What does that mean to you? The answer lies in the words of Australia's first Saint – Saint Mary of the Cross, “never see a need without doing something about it”. Reflecting on the current situation, it is time we put these words into actions. Our children need to see how we **live** our faith, so their faith continues to grow and develop into one that they will feel proud and passionate about so they too will pass it on to their children.

Just as Francis reminds us, we are called by Jesus to stand up for the less fortunate, to live of faith so people recognise we are followers of Jesus by our actions. Since



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Liturgical Events

Unless otherwise stated Mass will commence at 9:10am

Week 1 – No Mass

Week 2 – Grandparents Mass  
Year 5 & 6

Week 3 – No Mass

Week 4 – Whole School Mass  
Year 1 & 2

Week 5 – No Mass

Week 6 – No Mass

Week 7 – Sunday Mass 9:30am  
Year 3 & 4

Week 8 – Fathers' Day Mass  
Kindergarten

Week 9 – No Mass

Week 10 – No Mass

Reminder.....

**Christmas Concert**  
Thursday 26 November

**Pupil Free Day**  
Friday 27 November

**Assembly**  
**Term 3, 2015**

Assembly – Fridays 2:30pm

Week 1 – No Assembly

Week 2 – No Assembly

Week 3 – Assembly - Year 4

Week 4 – No Assembly

Week 5 – Assembly - Year 5

Week 6 – Staff Development Day

Week 7 – Book Week Incursion

Week 8 – No Assembly

Week 9 – Assembly - Year 6

Week 10 – Assembly - Year 2

the beginning of his papacy, Pope Francis has spoken about the "globalisation of indifference" to the plight of refugees by rich countries and unfortunately Australia fits into this category. Thankfully during August many of the children and parents from our community lived their faith by coming together to raise money for St Vincent de Paul.

Thank you to the wonderful Mini Vinnies team who helped raise awareness of this fundraising event. John Neylan and Debrah Scerri extend their thanks to all of the families involved in this year's collection. Included below is a word of thanks from them:

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## Vinnies Doorknock 2015 - It's a new record!

*Thank You St Paul's Primary Volunteers! Thank You Mini Vinnies!*

*Over 200 inspiring parishioners, including the biggest ever contingent of St Paul's Primary parents and children, supported by our invaluable coordinators and administrators, spread the Lord's message of love and compassion for the disadvantaged throughout our local community! \$21,000 was collected by these selfless volunteers...the biggest amount ever!!*

*We are hoping to get the thank you letters and prize-winners letters out next week.*

*Thanks again for all of your support. The feedback that we received was that the Doorknock was really well promoted throughout the school this year. Many parents, particularly those who were new this year, told us how their children came home telling them that they wanted to take part.*

Mrs Leanda Standing  
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## Confirmation

This week there will be two parent talks for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The first will be held **tonight, Wednesday 9 September at 7.30pm, the second, tomorrow 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.

## SPORT DAYS TERM 3

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

### 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 - Thursday

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

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## Skip-a-thon News: We Skipped and We Survived!

On Monday of this week the children and teachers had a fabulous day of skipping. Each grade incorporated skipping into their maths time and was able to enjoy the beautiful spring weather outside. Children also participated in a half hour skipping lesson and were treated to some fresh fruit (kindly donated by Natures Fresh 4 Less, Blacktown) and bottled water afterwards. We are very grateful to Alyssa Dwyer and Lauren Alley who generously spent the day serving our red faced and excited children their fruit. The day culminated in a display of the skills the children have been learning and parents and teachers were able to join in the fun. A great day was had by all.

To date, we have gathered over \$13,300 in pledges. Thank you so much to those families that have already brought in their money. **The raffles will be drawn next Monday (Week 10) at 2.45pm.** This will allow a few extra days for those children who have not yet brought in their pledges to do so and to have raffle tickets in the draw. **You have to be in it to win it!**

**Reminder...**the class raising the most money will participate in an afternoon of cooking with Mrs Bell and Mrs Misek!

The Skip-a-thon Team

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## Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival will take place on **Tuesday 15 September at Gooden Reserve, Gooden Drive, Winston Hills.** The carnival will commence at 9:30am and will finish at approximately 2:30pm. Children need to be dropped off at school in the morning for normal morning routine. After teachers have taken the roll, they will walk with their class to the park. This year, if it is more convenient, we are also giving you the option to transport your child to the park. If you wish to transport your child, he/she will need to be at Gooden Reserve by 9:20am for roll call. The carnival will commence at 9:30am.

The carnival format will involve all students moving in their age groups through rotational activities. As we have already had our Zone and Diocesan Carnivals, this day has now been designed as a fun day for the students.

The children will need to wear their sport uniform and a school hat on the day. To support their house colour, they may wish to substitute their school sport shirt with a T shirt in their house colour. The children will need to take plenty of water, morning tea and lunch in a labelled bag. Please do not forget to apply sunscreen to your child in the morning and send some with them for re-application during the day.

As the carnival was previously scheduled for 19 June, we are aware that circumstances change, therefore we ask that you complete the tear off slip at the bottom of the note

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)

that was sent home yesterday and return it to school no later than **Thursday 10 September**.

We ask that Parent Helpers meet us at Gooden Reserve at 9:00am for allocation of jobs for the day. We thank you for your cooperation and are looking forward to a fun-filled day.

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## New Books - we need your help!!

Mrs Misek has purchased lots of new books for the school and they need to be covered before the children can use them. 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

*Happy Birthday* - to all those celebrating their birthdays  
from 10 - 16 September, 2015

*Joshua F, Joshua L, Shianne M,  
Samantha E, Matthew E, Isobel C,  
Olivia S, Lucy S, Amelia S, Olive A.*





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 are a  
NUT FREE school.  
Help us to keep our  
children safe

## 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 or 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 the meeting but would still like to be a part of the team please email

loz12c@hotmail.com OR 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 OR alyssa\_barry@hotmail.com





## Star Spot

Congratulations to Eden Boisse together with the Winston Hills Tigers U10 Div 3 footy team on winning their **GRAND FINAL** against the Rouse Hill Rhinos on the weekend. It was a very exciting game to the very end with a score of 28 - 24. Eden scored 4 tries and was awarded "Man of the Match". We are so very proud of the whole team. They worked so hard throughout the season and the win was well deserved. Well done Tigers!!!





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## Parent Representative Council Term 4

### 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).