



St Paul's Update

18 October, 2017

Week 2, Term 4

Dates for your Diary

- 20 Oct Surf Ed Excursion to Manly - Year 5 & 6
- 20 Oct Year 2 Assembly 2:30pm
- 23 Oct Basketball Gala Day - Penrith Valley Sports Centre
- 24 Oct Kindergarten 2018 Information Night 7:30pm (Year 6 Room)
- 27 Oct World Teachers' Day
- 27 Oct Year 2 Fizzics Incursion
- 28 Oct First Meeting - Confirmation 2:45pm
- 29 Oct Sunday Mass - Years 3 - 4
- 31 Oct Kindy Transition 9:00 - 10:15am - Group 1
- 31 Oct 2G Visiting Woodberry Village
- 1 Nov All Saints Day
- 1 Nov Kindy Transition 9:00 - 10:15am - Group 2
- 2 Nov Kindy Transition 9:00 - 10:15am - Group 3
- 3 Nov Holy Faith Awards - Liturgy 10:15am
- 3 Nov Assembly - Mini Vinnies @ 2:30pm

Crazy Sock Day



Sock it to Poverty Day
Thursday 19 October

Christmas Concert - Wednesday 13 December

This year we are very excited to welcome Mr Andrew Chinn to our School. Since 2000, Andrew has been recording Christian music for children for use in Religious Education and liturgy. He has a Bachelor of Education, a Graduate Diploma in Religious Education, a Masters in Educational Leadership and has taught in Catholic Primary schools in Sydney for over twenty years. Andrew travels extensively around Australia, New Zealand and North America, visiting schools and parishes, sharing his faith through music.

On 13 December, the children will spend the day with Andrew making some wonderful music together and rehearsing for the Christmas Concert in the evening. On the night of 13th, the children will showcase what they have learnt during the day. This will be an amazing experience for all of us. We are all very much looking forward to working with Andrew and sharing the evening with you.

Returning to School in 2018

As you are aware we often have children waiting for places here at St Paul's. If you know that your child is not returning to St Paul's for 2018, we would be grateful if you could contact Mrs Bell, in writing, and let her know as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Year 6 Commemorative Sport Shirts

Just a reminder for Year 5 parents.....

To ensure that we have the Commemorative Sport Shirts for Term 1, 2018, we ask that all orders be sent to school by Friday 20 October. The sample shirts will be in the office until Thursday afternoon, if you would like to confirm the correct size for your child.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Student Leadership

On Friday 13 October, Year Five students participated in activities to begin the process of selecting school leaders for 2018. The fun that they had, working as a team, can be seen on our school's Facebook posts. In the next two weeks, we will be workshoping with the Year Five students what it takes to be a leader. We would like to invite members from our community to speak to the Year Five students about their experiences with leadership. There are many parents, grandparents and friends from our community who would have great insights to share that will be valuable to our students.

Please let us know if you, or someone that you know, would be able to help. We can be contacted by email (addresses below), a note through to one of us or by contacting the school office.

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World Mission Month

This month is World Mission Month. On Friday the 13th of October, Mrs Bell, Mrs Misek, the School Captains and Vice Captains attended the Diocesan Mission Mass. It was held at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta. Many teachers and students were there from schools all across the Parramatta Diocese.

When we arrived different schools had displays of what they had been learning about, relating to "mission". As well as schools there was Caritas Australia and Catholic Mission. After everyone had had a look we starting entering into the cathedral. The mass was a beautiful . The priest was Father Chris D'Souza who was filling in for the bishop. There were spectacular hymns sung by the choir.

When the mass finished, a representative from World Mission spoke to us about what mission meant to her and her experiences. Mission to her was "filling in the gaps" of our global community.

Written by Sophia P, Claudia N, Thomas V and James S.



Just a reminder.....Car Park Safety

Car Park:

- Park only in marked spaces – The small wall along the front of the Church is NOT a marked parking spot. Unfortunately, people often park here when there are still empty spots available
- Drive at 10km per hour
- Avoid double parking anywhere
- Use the disabled spaces legitimately
- Drive around until a spot becomes available
- Delay pick up in the afternoons – children are supervised until 3.40pm



At kiss and drop in the mornings:

- Drive to the end of the area slowly
- Children alight on the passenger side only with their bags
- Parents remain in the car
- Drive off carefully



Happy Birthday to those celebrating birthdays this week –

Owen P, Keira D'S, Gemma S, Nathan K, Milena L,
Marcus V, Nicholas B, Georgia W, Matthew C, Will C,
Daniel J, Blake P, Kayla D, Emily W

Star Spot

A big congratulations to the following children who recently entered a Write 4 Fun writing competition called "Write here, Write Now" Well done, Murphy D, Hannah El-B, Jessica D, Milena L, Thomas H, Connor C, Flynn F, AJ S, Meegan S, George J, Jaida P-J, Sanjana G, Eleanor W, Scarlet D, Johnathon H and Thomas B. Finals to be announced on 25 October. We will find out soon if their writing will be published.

MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE – Children's Meditation Workshop

This fun workshop is for children aged 5-12 years, and aims to build a healthy body and mind. By teaching a variety of simple meditation techniques using breath and visualisation, creating mandalas and moving the body in a conscious way, children are encouraged to find that centre of stillness inside. This can help with anxiety, building confidence and understanding emotions.

Date: Saturday 28 October 1.30pm-4.30pm.

Cost: \$30 BYO Afternoon Tea

Reserve your place by email mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au or ph 9484 6208

Where: 449D Pennant Hills Road. Entrance off Hull Road.

St Paul the Apostle P & F

Upcoming Events

Spring Raffle

St Paul's Super Spring Raffle Over \$1,700 worth of prizes

We hope you had a lovely school holiday break. We cannot believe it is already Term 4!

Please start returning your raffle books

From this week, the P&F will start collecting the raffle books we sent out to each school family at end of last term. We hope that with such great prizes on offer the tickets sell themselves.

Need more raffle books? Please add your details on the ticket return slip and we will send you some more.

**** Tickets are only \$1 each. Buy the book for \$10 ****

Purchase a book as a family or sell to your friends and neighbours. Please ensure that the name and phone number is clearly printed on each ticket in corresponding area. We need to be able to contact our winners, as they do NOT need to be at the draw to win their prize.

Please return all tickets sold/unsold by October 26, 2017

Draw: October 27, 2017

Any questions, please contact your P&F - stpaulspfa@gmail.com

We thank you for supporting St Paul's



Crazy Sock Day Donation for Catholic Mission

★ On Thursday 19 October, St Paul's will be having a

★ **Sock It to Poverty Day Fundraiser**



★ For a gold coin donation you will be able to wear any crazy socks.



★ On Thursday 19 October you will come to school in your normal uniform but any socks you like.



★ This is to raise money for the people who are less fortunate than us.



★ The more money we receive the more it benefits the life of the people living in Uganda.



★ If we raise \$28 it helps to provide religion lessons.



★ \$88 helps build a convent where religious sisters can live, eat and pray.



★ \$272 provides school materials and uniforms for five children in Uganda.



★ \$542 will provide an ambulance for medical assistance so that everyone is safe and healthy in Uganda.

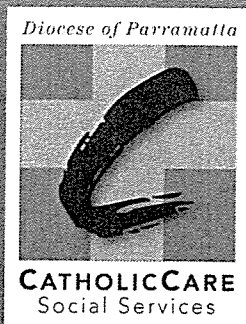
We hope to see everyone in crazy socks!

Thankyou

Shianne and Alegra

From The Mini Vinnies Team





CATHOLICCARE SOCIAL SERVICES

Solo Parent Services

By Your Side

Younger Widowed Support Group



Has your spouse or partner died and are you searching for someone who understands the enormity of your loss and the impact this is having on your life and your children?

Do you long to connect with others who have experienced a similar loss?

Are you unsure of how to assist your children through their grief? Would you like support as you deal with your changed circumstances?

We welcome you to our Monthly Support Group

VENUE: Ann D Clarke Centre, 2A Villiers St, Parramatta

DATE: 3rd Tuesday of each Month (Feb – Dec)

TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

COST: \$5.00

REGISTRATION

Solo Parent Services

PHONE: Rita – 8822 2222

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Visit www.ccss.org.au  www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta

STEPPING BEYOND

A Support Group for Separated or Divorced Adults



STEPPING BEYOND is a Process/Personal Exploration Group. It is a monthly gathering for men and women who are separated or divorced. Through facilitated group interaction opportunity is given to individuals to address issues that arise as a result of changed life circumstances and ongoing adjustments. Emphasis is on personal awareness and self-development.

Date: Last Tuesday of each month - (Jan—Nov)

New Time: 7pm to 9pm

Fee: \$5.00

Venue: Ann D Clark Centre
2A Villiers St, Parramatta

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Solo Parent Services

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Focus Questions for Personal Exploration and Sharing

- How well are you "stepping beyond"?
- What do you want to "step beyond"?
- What are you currently "stepping beyond"?
- What is stopping you from "stepping beyond"?
- What have you learnt as you keep "stepping beyond"?

