



St Paul's Update

2 August, 2017

Week 3, Term 3

Dates for your diary

2 Aug	Year 3 & 4 Soccer Gala Day
2 Aug	First Reconciliation – 7:30pm
4 Aug	Year 4 Excursion to Mitchell Park
4 Aug	CENSUS 2017
8 Aug	Whole School Mass 9:10am
11 Aug	Kindy Assembly 2:30pm
14 Aug	Voice of Youth Cluster Final – Year 6 @ St Angela's
15 Aug	Feast of the Assumption – Whole School Mass 9:10am
17 Aug	Hills Zone Athletics Carnival – Eastern Creek
18 Aug	Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day

**Staff Development
Day**

Friday 18 August

This will be a pupil free day

Ann D Clarke Lecture

Last night many of our teachers attended a lecture at Penrith. The speaker was Pasi Sahlberg who is a Finnish educator and Scholar. Pasi has written a book *Finnish Lessons 2.0 What the World Can Learn from Educational Change in Finland*.

Pasi outlined the differences between the Educational System in Finland and Australia and he highlighted many of the strengths within our own system.

Pasi left the staff with three main points:

1. **Don't just download. Discover!** We should be teaching our kids to investigate, question and understand rather than just taking the easy way of downloading chunks of information.
2. **Don't Imitate! Create!** - what works for one school community does not necessarily mean it will work for another and as a school we should be looking for ways to create a learning environment that suits our unique students.
3. **Teachers matter, but not as you think.** - This is about how we connect as a community to work together for the best outcomes for all of our students.

As a staff we are always looking for ways to improve the way we work together with each other, (teachers, parents and students) to improve what we are doing. As a parent I also take advice from these three points. We want our children to discover and learn about life themselves, we want to give them opportunities to create their own pathways and to be themselves and we need to work together as a wider community to ensure that we provide our children with safe and secure environments to do this in.

We are happy to be able to share in this journey with you and your child.

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Reconciliation

This term, we have two grades focusing on Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Penance.

Year 3 and other children within the parish have completed the preparation for their First Reconciliation which will take place tonight at 7:30pm. They have attended the discussion meetings after completing their workbooks. The students that were in my group were eager to share their responses. Please pray for them.

Year 4 and Year 6 are completing their Religious Literacy Assessment (RLA).

This assessment of religious literacy focuses on students' knowledge and understanding of the key concepts that are being addressed by the RE program and the student's ability to communicate within their religious tradition. Year 4 and Year 6 complete an online multiple choice quiz to demonstrate this understanding.

Year 4 also have a Part B section to complete. This is focused on the unit **24C9 Reconciliation: God's Forgiveness and healing**. During this unit they explore two main scripture stories: The Parable of the Forgiving Father and Jesus and Zacchaeus. On the completion of the unit they are required to produce a piece of work to demonstrate their understanding of the scripture and link it to the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Pope Francis calls us:

to be 'ambassadors for Christ' (2 Cor 5:20). Ours is a ministry of reconciliation ... To be an ambassador for Christ means above all to invite everyone to a renewed personal encounter with the Lord Jesus.

We are called to see Jesus in everyone we meet and feel God's love through forgiving others and being forgiven.

May you walk with Christ

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Grandparent's Mass – Thank You

The grandparent's Mass and celebration was a very special day for both young and old. It was an opportunity to recognise the importance of family, our heritage, our community, and relationships across generations.

We were thrilled that so many grandparents were able to join us on Friday to celebrate. We hope it was as enjoyable for you as it was for us.

A huge thank you to our wonderful P&F for providing a beautiful morning tea for us to share. We are so grateful for your generosity of spirit and time.



Urgent Reminder - Learning Conferences

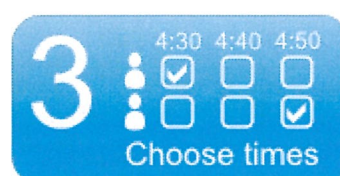
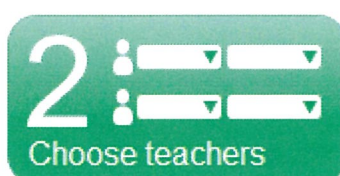
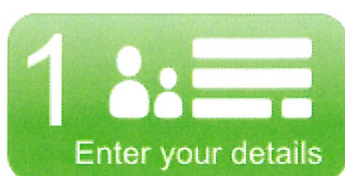
For those of you who have not done so already, please find below information about how to book an appointment to discuss your child's learning and set goals for the second half of the year. It is important that your child is present with you at these meetings.

Teachers interviewing in Week 4, Term 3 are KI, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6.

When booking, please take note carefully of the date that each teacher will be holding their learning conference. **Bookings will close on Friday 4 August at 4:00pm**



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Woolworths Earn & Learn Program 2017

From 26 July until 19 September 2017, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school and drop them into our collection box.



Library News

Congratulations to George A (Year 1), Nathan B (Year 2) and Daniel J (Year 3) for completing the Premiers Reading Challenge this week. There are only 23 days to go before the challenge closes. Remember your online entries need to be completed before **25 August**.

Book Covering

We would appreciate any parents who would like to do some book covering to come and see either Mrs Taylor or Mrs Nobili in the library. We will provide contact for the books and are happy for you to take the books home to cover.

Mrs Taylor
Teacher/Librarian

Star Spot



Following her successful clinic in Auskick at school last year, Kleo H signed up to Parramatta Lions Club as an Auskicker and has played all season every Sunday morning. On Saturday, her team were selected to play a game at Spotless Stadium at the half-time break between GWS and Fremantle Dockers. She played brilliantly and it was such a great thrill - congratulations Kleo, keep up the good work!



Happy Birthday to those celebrating birthdays this week –

Heidi S, Samuel J, Eleanor W, Nicole B, Felicity C, Claudia N,

AWARDS

Student of the Week

Student of the Week is awarded to the child who demonstrates outstanding application across all Key Learning Areas

KI	Ella W
KL	Nellie H
1F	Christian B
1S	Isaac D
2G	Annabelle C
2P	Joshua C
3L	Ava S
3P	Eli H
4G	Milena L
4J	Gabriela C
5B	Oscar H
5M	Alegre F
6JS	Daniel O'B
6LS	Angelina R

St Paul's Award

St Paul's Award is given to the child who demonstrates our five school values – Faith, Commitment, Leadership, Integrity and Empathy in their interactions with others

KI	John S
KL	Harry McC
1F	Isabella M
1S	Summer J
2G	Myles C
2P	Sienna A
3L	Markus M
3P	Lola H
4G	Jessica D
4J	Zachary B
5B	Abbey C
5M	Zoe A
6JS	Thomas V
6LS	Jorgia E-B

St Paul the Apostle P & F



News and Events

Thank you! 🌸

Grandparents Day

What a GRAND Grandparents day at school!

Thank you to our wonderful school community for coming together to celebrate grandparents. We were overwhelmed with how many fabulous grandparents and parents were able to join us for morning tea. Thank you to our volunteers and for the sweet contributions to the morning tea. It was the biggest morning tea our team has seen! We do hope everyone enjoyed some sweet treats and tea.

National Tree Day at St Paul's

What a fabulous day last Friday was for St Paul's Potters and Friends to make a start on creating a beautiful new garden – Grandparents Garden. With the amazing support of the school and leaders, Penny Wallace and Bethany Power-Jones, we were able to source materials, with donations from community and also Bunnings Seven Hills to get our garden going.

The children were all so keen to dig up the barren area and plant our tree, supporting National Tree Day. The children all had such fun together and were really enjoying being part of this process. They make you smile and really are infectious with their giggles and fun.

The garden is a work in progress, so come and have a look, but please be careful as it will need time to establish itself.



ST PAUL'S HAS GOT TALENT!

**St Paul's Community! We are proud to announce that we have got
a new show on our hands, called *St Paul's Has Got Talent!***

**This is a social justice initiative of
the Mini Vinnies team to raise money for St Vincent De Paul.**

TIMETABLE:

WEEK 4:

- **Entry forms available on Monday.**
- **Mini Vinnies team to deliver entry forms to class teachers during Monday morning assembly.**
- **Entries close on Thursday.**
- **Participants - please write your name, class and performance item on an entry form and hand into the office.**
- **Date and time of your performance will be given to you on Friday.**

WEEKS 5 - 9:

- **Performances held in Father David Scott Parish centre each Thursday at lunchtime.**
- **All students are welcome to participate as an audience member with a gold coin donation. You will be able to watch performances and vote for your favourite!**
- **Parents are very welcome, with a donation.**

We hope to see many people enter!

Kind Regards

Mini Vinnies Team

