



St Paul's Update

25 July, 2018

Week 1, Term 3

Dates for the Diary

23-27 July	Book Fair this week
25-25 July	Year 5 Camp to Bathurst
27 July	10am Open Classrooms, 10:30am Morning Tea, 11:45am Grandparents Mass
28 July	2nd Discussion meeting for Reconciliation @ 2:30pm
29 July	Parish Mass @ 9:30am - invitation to students, parent and grandparents
29 July	2nd Discussion meeting for Reconciliation @ 2:30pm
31 July	ICAS English Competition @ 8:00am
31 July	Captivate Choir Rehearsal - 11 - 2pm Nagle College
1 Aug	Year 2 Excursion to Rouse Hill Farm
1 Aug	St Bernadette's Netball Gala Day
3 Aug	Assembly Year 4
3 Aug	August Census



Staff Development Day
Monday 20 August
Pupil Free Day

Word of the Week
Decide

Try thinking of as many words as you can, together as a family, that have the word 'decide' as their root word.

Welcome Back

Welcome to another term of learning here at St Paul's. Hopefully you have all had the opportunity for some rest and relaxation with your families and are ready for another busy term.

I am currently on camp in Bathurst with the Year 5 students. We are having a wonderful time and the weather is being very kind to us. I am sure the children will have lots of stories to tell on our return this evening.

Just before the holidays we were given access to our new toilet block and canteen area. What an improvement!. You may have also noticed that many of the railings on the upper balconies have been replaced and heightened to meet WHS regulations. We thank the Catholic Education Department Parramatta for the funding to complete these major works.

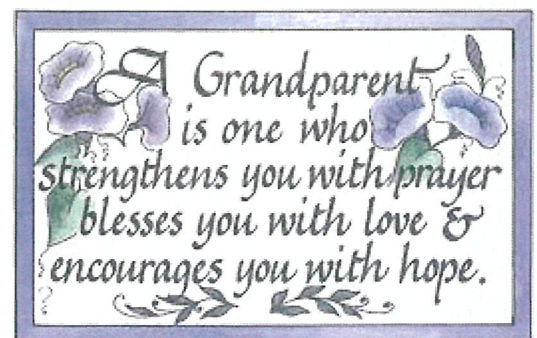
Please join us on Friday for our **Celebration of Grandparents**. The day will begin with Open Classrooms from 10am, this will be an opportunity for our grandparents to see the wonderful work that goes on every day. Between 10:30 and 10:45am, we invite our grandparents to morning tea, which will be provided by the P&F and teachers. At 11:45am we ask that you join us to celebrate Mass with your grandchildren in the Church. Mass will begin at Midday. We are looking forward to a wonderful day and hope to see as many of you as possible.

Have a great week everyone

Marian Bell

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Just a reminder..... Fifth Sunday - Parish Mass

We look forward to celebrating this special Mass with you @ 9:30am on Sunday 29 July, 2018.

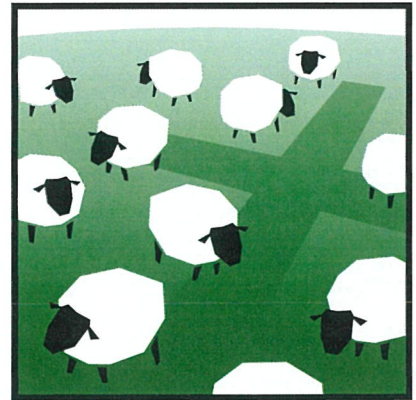
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Jesus tells us to take some time out

In Sunday's Gospel according to Mark (Mk 6:30-34) Jesus saw that his disciples were very busy and they were helping lots of people but he stops them and says, "Come away ... and rest." Jesus reminds them that they are forgetting to take time for themselves to stop, rest, laugh and pray.

In our world today our families calendar can be filled to overflowing with events we are attending. Jesus challenges us to find time to allow God into our busy lives.

Can you find time for prayer in your day?
Can you find time for quiet reflection?
Can you find time to talk to a friend?
Can you find time to spend with Jesus?



St Paul's has got Talent Grand final

Thank you to all our fabulous performers - what a very talented group of children we have here at St Paul's. It is wonderful that the children are willing to share their talents to raise money for people less fortunate than themselves.



The Grand final was filled with laughter, dance, song and acting. Special thanks to our Masters of Ceremonies - Raymond and Elias (Year 2) and Marcus, Ben and Michael (Year 6) you did a great job.

A big thanks to our special guests Anne Stanfield and Janice Stokes. The ladies had a wonderful time and have gone back to St Vincent de Paul Society singing our praises for such a great job. **We raised \$1288.80** - this money will be used to help our local community.

Premiers Reading Challenge

It was great to see so many children finish the challenge over the school holidays. Congratulations to Nicholas C, Christian D, Tyler L, and Ainsley R (Year 1), Zandar S, (Year 2), Marcus P, Cooper S, Marcus T (Year 3), Saskia B, Ciara S Matthew T (Year 4), Matthew E, Alexander M, Harry P, Brock P (Year 5), Zoe A, Chanel E, Carla N, and Deklan Z (Year 6).

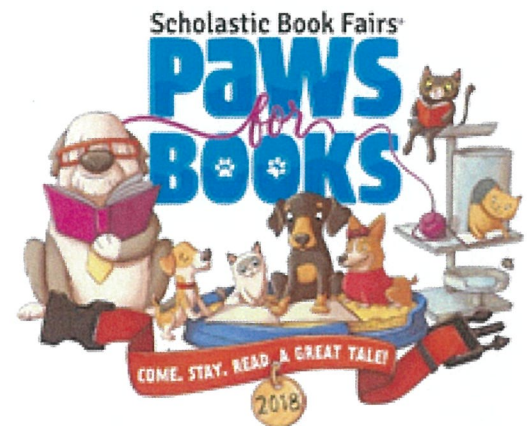
Book Fair in the Library NOW

Just a reminder, the Scholastic Book Fair is happening this week in our school library! The Book Fair will be open each day from 8:25 – 8:55am before school, and after school from 3:15 to 3:45pm. On Friday the Fair will be running during Grandparents day celebrations, so please come and have a look and support our school. Parents and Grandparents are also welcome to donate a book to the school library if they wish.

Children will have an opportunity to visit the Fair during class time this week and complete a wish list to take home of the books they would like to purchase.

There is no obligation to purchase any books, however this is a great chance to pick up quality books at reasonable prices while helping the school raise funds for classroom materials and library books.

Petrina Taylor
Teacher Librarian



Congratulations to Ben C

Earlier this year Professor Michelle Simmons, UNSW Professor of Physics was named the 2018 Australian of the Year. Among the themes of her acceptance speech she advocated for all young people, male and female, to pursue what they love; to set their sights high; to tackle the hardest challenges in life and that they be the creators and not just the users of technology.

In Term One Ben C from Year 5 wrote to Professor Simmons (5JS) telling her about the research project he had been doing. As a result of this email Professor Simmons has invited Ben and his class to an invitation-only Open Day at UNSW that she is hosting on Thursday 9 August.

The Open Day offers students a unique, hands-on experience at world leading facilities to further their love of science and encourage them to explore the skills of the future. The students will meet Professor Simmons and interact with researchers at the Centre of Excellence for Quantum Computation and Communication Technology (CQC2T) at UNSW, Kensington Campus. They will attend presentations and interactive workshops which will include sessions with Professor Simmons, special guest Eddie Woo and CQC2T research team members. School groups will also be given a guided tour of the Quantum Laboratories and see first-hand the technology being used to design a quantum computer in silicon.

This is a great opportunity for Ben and his classmates and a great example of how classroom learning and some initiative from one of our students can open up some great new learning experiences. We will look forward to hearing all about the day in a few weeks time.

Andrew Chinn - Album Recording

During the school holidays Jade & Taylor C in 6L and Amelia M in 3L were invited to record a new album with Andrew Chinn at the Robertson Brothers Studio in Springwood. The Choir consisted of 20 singers ranging from Year 3 to Year 11. We are so proud of the girls who represented both the school and the Parramatta Diocese. It is truly an honour to be invited to participate in this special event.!

Here is Amelia's recount of this very exciting day!

Amelia's Story

During the holidays I was so excited because I was asked to be in Andrew Chinn's choir to sing for his new album. When I got to his recording studio I was very nervous but excited to start. There were about 15 kids from all over New South Wales there and I felt important because I was one of them. I was the youngest one in the choir.

The recording studio had lots of microphones and sound machines all over the place, and we had to sing each song so many times so they were all perfect! My favourite song out of all seven songs I had to learn was "With a Father's heart, with a Mother's heart". I can't wait for everyone to hear this song when the album comes out.

By Amelia M 3L



Sport Days - Term 3

Kindy - Monday & Wednesday
Year 1 - Monday & Thursday
Year 2 - Tuesday & Friday
Year 3 - Thursday & Friday
Year 4 - Tuesday & Friday
Year 5 - Tuesday & Thursday
Year 6 - Monday & Tuesday



**Happy Birthday to those
celebrating birthdays this
week.....**

**Erin L, Samuel M, Deon C,
John S, Nikki R**

St Paul the Apostle P & F

News and Events

27 July – Grandparents at school – P&F Morning Tea

Thank You!

Pyjama Disco Day - The last day of school ROCKED! We had a fabulous disco, dancing and raising money for The Children's Hospital. It was so much fun!



FETE NEWS

It's a sign! It must be fete!



SPONSORS – Get in now and you can be up here!

Some of our sponsor packages include your business logo on our SPONSOR SIGN. This will be printed in the next couple of weeks and will be on the school fence from then until well after our fete. It will be up until mid December. **What a great way to advertise!**

SPONSORS & DONATIONS

We have had some generous sponsors come forward for our fete. We will be letting you know who they are in the coming weeks and what you can do to support their business.

If you believe you may be able to contribute to our fete or have any questions regarding donations or sponsorships, please do not hesitate getting in touch with the fete team, via email - stpaulsfete@gmail.com