



# St Paul's Update

13 February 2019

Week 3, Term 1

## Dates for the Diary

14 Feb	Valentine's Day
18 Feb	Dance Fever continues - Sport Uniform
18 Feb	Hills Zone Swimming Carnival - Hawkesbury Pool
22 Feb	Diocesan Swimming Carnival - Blacktown
22 Feb	Assembly Year 2 - 2:30pm on the top playground
22 Feb	Family Fun Night P&F Event 5:30 - 8:00pm



For the most up to date Parent Calendar information, please see the 'Events' section of our Skoolbag app.

Dear Parents,

Last week, we commissioned our 2019 school leaders at our beginning of the school year Mass. It was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate these young men and women who have committed themselves to a year of service to the St Paul's community. Whilst these students are privileged to wear a badge denoting their title, I would encourage all of our senior students to continue to see themselves as leaders in our school community.

## Meet our SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2019



**Harry**  
School Captain



**Emily**  
School Captain



**Hannah**  
Vice Captain



**Brock**  
Vice Captain



**Tony**



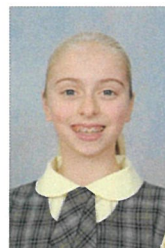
**Scarlet**



**Zac**



**Isabella**



**Zoe**



**Alex**

It was lovely to welcome our Kindergarten 2019 parents to the Kinder Parent Information Evening last night. A huge thank you to the Kindergarten team for preparing such a wonderful welcome and an informative evening. Soon, the team will answer all those questions from the night and these will be sent home to all Kindergarten parents.

**Peace and joy!**

**Megan Baird**  
**Principal**

## **Playground equipment update. Thank you for your ideas - keep them coming!**

As our playground equipment no longer meets Australian Standards and requirements and is thus deemed unsafe, we have called for the ideas for what we could do in this area once the equipment is removed. Please keep your ideas coming as we'd love to have as many ideas as possible. To submit your ideas, students, parents, carers and staff are encouraged to have a voice. Please forward your ideas to the school office via email or pop your suggestion in the letterbox just outside the student window.

## **PBS4L Update**

At St Paul the Apostle we care for and look after people, our environment and the equipment and resources we use. By caring we demonstrate respect for the community we belong to here at St Paul's.

## **Work Health and Safety Reminders**

### **Child Protection Requirements for Volunteers**

It is most important that all Volunteers complete the volunteers training on the Catholic Education Department of Parramatta (CEDP) website. This is a requirement of the CEDP.

**'Building Child Safe Communities'** has been developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that all volunteers complete an online 'Undertaking Form' that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering at schools, Catholic Out of School Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare they do not have a criminal history involving children.

***Step 1 – Building Safe Communities Undertaking for Volunteers;***

***Step 2 – Online Training Module.***

Please ensure both these modules are complete **before** volunteering. You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted and the school will receive notification that you have completed the online training. Specific details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering. A new form is required for each location that you are a volunteer or if any of the details you have provided on the form change.

**Volunteers** – please click on ***'Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers'*** or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage [www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au), then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms; (half way down the page on the right hand side). You will find the online training for volunteers in the same area.

We look forward to working with you as volunteers and thank you for your support of Catholic Education.



## Kiss 'n' Drop

Please take extra care at Kiss 'n' Drop in the mornings. **Children are to exit the car on the passenger side, with their bags and walk straight into school using the gate near the office.** Children using Kiss 'n' Drop are **NOT** to enter the school using the gate that leads directly to the playground. We also ask that parents do not get out of the car as this slows down the process. If you are concerned that Kiss 'n' Drop is not the best option, please know that you are always welcome to park and walk your children in.

Please help us to keep our children safe. Your cooperation is appreciated.



## Afternoon pick up - Car Park Safety Reminders

- Park in marked spaces only - NO DOUBLE PARKING
- The speed limit is 10km/h - stick to the speed limit
- If there is no space available - please drive around until a spot becomes available
- Be careful - our children are precious
- Be thankful - many schools do not have the 'safety net' our school car park provides!
- **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE YOUR CHILDREN TO MEET YOU IN THE CAR PARK - THE GATES OPEN AT 3:10PM, PLEASE WALK TO THE PLAYGROUND TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN FROM THE STAGE AREA. CHILDREN ARE SUPERVISED UNTIL 3:45PM**

## School Attendance - Leave from school within School Terms

Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during official school holidays. A Leave period of between **one and four (4)** school days will require a notification to the class teacher **prior** to the planned leave. If the leave is for **more than 5 school days** parents are asked to complete an Application of Extended Leave Form A.1 which can be obtained from the school office. Once the leave is approved a certificate of permission will be sent home for you to take with you on your travels as proof that the leave from school has been authorized.

## Student Absence from School

If your child has been unwell and absent from school it is **essential** that a letter explaining the absence be forwarded to your child's teacher when your child returns to school. The school now has the Skoolbag App which can be downloaded to your phone and used to notify us of an absence. The Class Roll is a legal document and as such it is the school's responsibility to monitor student attendance. It is very important that the information in the Class Roll is accurate as this information is **reportable to the Department of Education**.

As you can imagine it is very important that we follow the above procedures and we do appreciate your cooperation.

## eLIBRARY

All school libraries across the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta allow students and parents to access the school's online library catalogue, databases and ebooks from school or home. Students can download and enjoy many digital learning tools and resources available through eLibrary including books, ebooks, audiobooks, databases and videos.

Students can access eLibrary through [classm8.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://classm8.parra.catholic.edu.au) and enter their username and password, this will direct them to their individual school e-library.

Attached is a hard copy with step by step instructions of how to access ebooks.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

Andrew D, Christian B, Brock P, Cooper P, George C, Ethan S, Isabella M, Josip K  
Filip K, Harrison C





# Family FUN NIGHT

Friday 22 February 2019, 5.30pm - 8.00pm  
St Paul The Apostle School grounds.

Your P&F Committee has organised a night for all families of St Paul's  
to come together, celebrate the year ahead  
and **WELCOME** our new families into the St Paul community.

Come along and chill-out or join in on the music, fun and games  
that we will provide throughout the evening!

Wood fire pizza, ice blocks and drinks will be available to purchase on the night.  
Please feel free to bring a picnic basket, blanket and some fold-up chairs.

All Welcome! Looking forward to an enjoyable night.



**Please Note: All children must be accompanied  
and supervised by their parents.**

**This is a free entry event.**

**There will be no access to bottom playground.**

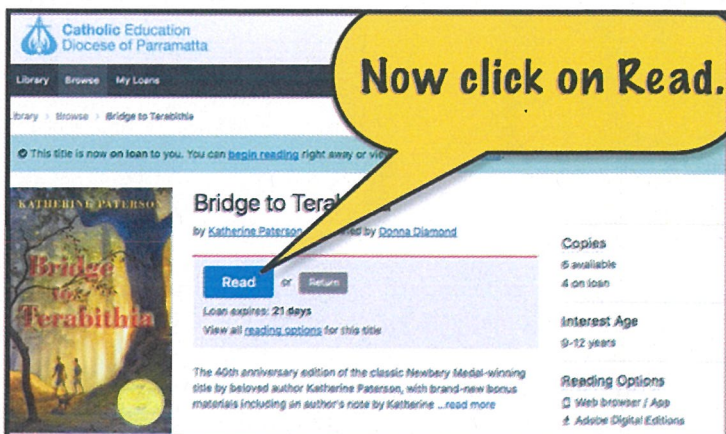
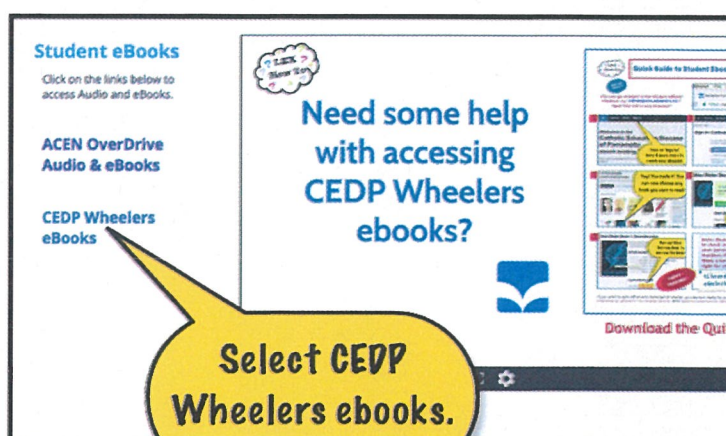
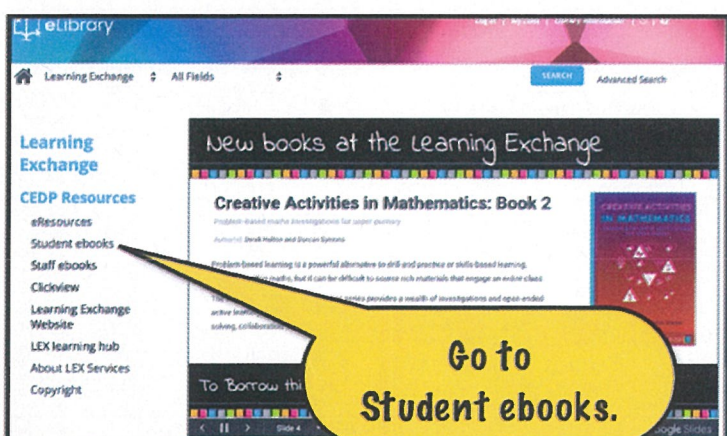
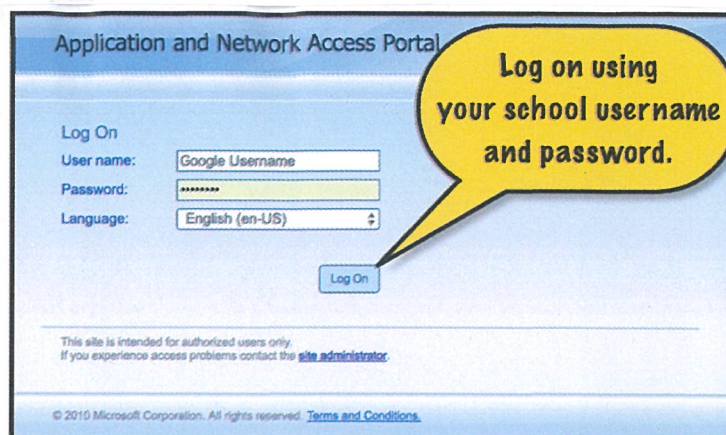
**This is a NO ALCOHOL event.**






Students, If you would like to borrow digital ebooks to your device at home,  
please follow these instructions.

## Student Guide for CEDP Wheelers eBooks





# Student Guide for ACEN OverDrive eBooks & Audio



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### Application and Network Access Portal

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Log on using your school username and password.

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For further information about the Diocese of Parramatta [click here](#).

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