



# St Paul's Update

13 March, 2019

Week 7, Term 1

## Dates for the Diary

11-15 Mar	Student Led Conferences - Goal Setting Meetings
13 Mar	Parent talks - Sacrament of the Eucharist 7:30pm in the Church
14 Mar	Parent talks - Sacrament of the Eucharist 10:30am in the Church
15 Mar	Celebrating St Patrick's Day - <b>Wear a 'Touch of Green' with your uniform</b>
15 Mar	<b>Green Cake &amp; Jelly Stall @ 1pm - see note attached</b>



For the most up to date Parent Calendar information, please see the 'Events' section of our Skoolbag app or our website [www.stpawinstonhills@parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stpawinstonhills@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Dear Parents,

## Working in Partnership with you

We appreciate and thank you for your attendance at the student, parent and teacher goal setting meetings this week. It has been wonderful to see the students, teachers and parents working in true partnership to set learning goals together. Thank you to our dedicated staff for giving so generously of their time to meet with you this week. The learning spaces were certainly alive with a buzz of conversation. If you haven't yet set a time with your child's teacher, please contact the office to make a mutually convenient appointment.

## What is PBS4L?

It stands for Positive Behaviour Support For Learning and is an evidenced based framework (as opposed to a program) that looks a little different in every school setting. This means by we can make it more relevant to our school community and continue to personal the learning for students. PBS4L was introduced to St Paul's in 2018 and we are working towards full implementation this year.



The purpose of PBS4L is to develop effective school wide systems and practices that are informed by data to get more positive outcomes for students both socially and academically. The basic principle behind PBS4L is that behaviour is learnt and therefore can be taught.

It is important to understand that PBS4L is for everyone! It is not just for children with challenging behaviours. Implementing PBS4L at St Paul's means that the expectations of behaviour are made very clear to all in the community and these expectations are actively taught, positively reinforced by staff when these behaviours are observed, and corrected and re-taught by staff when problem behaviour arises.

PBS4L is a transparent framework that encourages parent, student and teacher voice. It is a collaborative community effort aimed at encouraging more positive behaviours within our school community to maximise student wellbeing and learning outcomes.

Families are important members of our school community and we know that when schools and families work together toward a common goal of helping all children and young people to be successful, it is much more likely to happen. At St Paul's we believe that families have valuable insights and information about how their children learn best and what help they need.

We are looking forward to continuing the work regarding PBS4L for the remainder of the year and excited about the difference this framework will have. More information will follow in upcoming newsletters and Skoolbag posts.

Peace and Joy!  
Megan Baird  
Principal

## Prayer for Lent

*Dear Lord,*

*Help me to*

*Fast from hurtful words and say kind words.  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.  
Fast from worries and trust in God.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
Fast from words and be silent so I can hear your words.*

*Amen.*

**May you walk with Christ,  
Johra Brackenbury  
Religious Education Coordinator**

## Cross Country

Our Cross Country is fast approaching. It is to be held next **Tuesday 19 March 2019 at Gooden Reserve.**

Please ensure that your child has handed in their note, and if it has not been done yet, please make sure it is handed to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. If you are available to assist on the day, please contact the school office or Miss Paul on [winstonhillssports@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:winstonhillssports@parra.catholic.edu.au) to advise. We thank those who have already volunteered but as always we would be very grateful for any extra help. As you know events like this cannot run smoothly without your assistance and we appreciate your continued support.



**Reminders for the day** - your child will need to bring with them:

- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Water
- Asthma Puffers (If relevant)

Please note that if the Cross Country has to be postponed for any reason, our back-up date will be the following **Tuesday 26 March 2019** at the same location.

### **Do you need to contact us?**

A reminder that if, at any time, you have a concern with any aspect of our school, you are encouraged to contact us and, as the first point of call speak with your child's teacher/s to identify your concern. The reason for this is that your child's teacher is best positioned to assist you. Should your concerns not be resolved, or are unrelated to the learning spaces, please contact one of our coordinators, Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Johra Brackenbury, our Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs Misek our Assistant Principal or finally, Mrs Baird our Principal. It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure that we do the very best to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and a professionally fulfilling experience for our staff.

Parents are also reminded that if you need to email your child's teacher please do so via the school email address [winstonthills@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:winstonthills@parra.catholic.edu.au) We ask that all parents use this as your first point of email contact (unless you have made a prior and agreed arrangement with the teacher). This email address is checked regularly and matters can be dealt with more efficiently and passed on to the relevant personnel. The reason for this is that are teachers are engaged in teaching and learning activities during the school day and as such, they are not expected to be checking emails. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

### **Uploading of Photos onto Social Media sites**

A reminder to all of our community, that pictures of students, who are not your own child, are not to be uploaded to any social media site including Facebook, YouTube, Instagram etc. This includes all school related functions, excursions, liturgies etc. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

### **NAPLAN**

In 2019, all CEDP students will complete NAPLAN Online during the **14-24 May** test window. This will impact only the students in years 3, 5, 7, and 9.

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process - it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and



governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Here is a helpful video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3S1z6kUnRRE&feature=youtu.be>

and some information for parents

<https://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-online-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf?sfvrsn=4>

## How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability. If parents would like to familiarise themselves and their children with the look and feel of the NAPLAN online test a public demonstration site with sample questions is available here

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>



## Work Health and Safety Reminders

### Parking

Thank you to all of those parents who park in the marked spaces in the car park.

A reminder that we do share the car park hence we ask that you only park in designated parking spaces. Please **DO NOT PARK** along the wall near the church, especially when there are empty spaces available.



### Kiss 'N' Drop

Thank you also to the many parents who are using the Kiss and Drop zone correctly.

Just a reminder that if you are using the Kiss 'n' Drop Zone

- Drive right to the end of the paved area
- Allow children to have their bags with them - if they do not, please park in a designated space
- Drivers should remain in the car at all times
- Children are required to alight on the passenger side only
- Exit the area slowly to rejoin the traffic.

### Playground Update

Thank you to all those who have submitted their suggestions for updating the play equipment area. If you haven't yet submitted your suggestion, please drop it off in the office or email to the school.

## PBS4L Update

Just a reminder that as part of our PBS4L program the identity that has been chosen for our school is a Lion. St Paul was often referred to as being 'As brave as a Lion.' The image of the lion will be used as part of our positive reinforcement for students who are showing that they are **SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS**. We ask that you continue to encourage your child/ren to submit their ideas. We have received some fabulous suggestions and look forward to receiving many more.

I am Safe

I am Respectful

I am a Learner



## Our PBS4L expectation of the Week is -

*"At St Paul the Apostle we use manners, a friendly voice and kind words to show respect to all people in our school community.*

*When we use manners, a friendly voice and kind words we are showing respect to others and ourselves."*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

Ainsley R, Rachael B, Oliver E, Amelie S, Tania T, Dylan B, William M, William G, Serenity H, Abigail D, Callum H,



## Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day  
just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just  
missing,

That equals ..

Which is ...

and over 13 years  
of schooling that's ...

10 minutes per day

50 minutes per week

Nearly 1.5 weeks per year

Nearly half a year

20 minutes per day

1 hour 40mins per week

Over 2.5 weeks per year

Nearly 1 year

Half an hour per day

Half a day per week

4 weeks per year

Nearly 1 and a half years

1 hour per day

1 day per week

8 weeks per year

Over 2 and a half years

every learner  
every day



## St Paul the Apostle Parish Sacramental Program

### Eucharist Program

Parent talks for the Sacrament of the Eucharist will take place in the Church tonight, Wednesday 13 March at 7.30pm or Thursday 14 March at 10.30am. The resources required for preparing your child for the Sacrament of the Eucharist will be available for collection at these talks.



**Enrolment forms** for the Sacrament of the Eucharist must be lodged at one of the enrolment Masses. The dates for these are:

**6:00pm Vigil Mass Saturday 16 March**

**or**

**9.30am Mass Sunday 17 March**

The enrolment form you receive will show the date your child has been allocated for their First Holy Communion. Please note that any requests for swapping of days will only be considered after all enrolment forms are received and only if someone is willing to swap.

The dates and time for First Holy Communion this year are:

**Sunday 19 May @ 9.30am Mass**

**Sunday 26 May @ 9.30am Mass**

**Sunday 2 June @ 9.30am Mass**

**Sunday 9 June @ 9.30am Mass**

If you have not received your child's enrolment form, please contact the Parish Office.

### First Reconciliation

In April an invitation to attend a meeting to find out about the Sacramental program will be sent to parents of children in Year 3. The invitation will be sent via your child's home folder.

If you do not receive a letter and would like your child to prepare for their First Reconciliation, please contact the Parish Office.



### Confirmation

Confirmation will take place on Thursday 24 October and Friday 25 October at 7pm. The celebrant for both Confirmation Masses will be Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen, Bishop of Parramatta.

If you are new to the school and you would like your child to prepare for any of the Sacraments, please contact Sandra at the Parish Office.



Sandra Sheehan  
Sacramental Coordinator  
Parish Office 9639 6516 or 0405 085 457



## **“Young Bereaved Spouses” Support Group**



**The “Young Bereaved Spouses” (YBS) Support Group aims to provide therapeutic support to young men and women, as they adjust to life following the death of their spouse or partner.**

- Together with trained facilitators, the group shares their experiences, challenges, achievements and most importantly, their hope as they continue their journey.
- The group is open to anyone who has experienced the death of their spouse or partner, with an age guideline of under 55 years old, whether they are parents or not.
- Through the support of others, individuals learn to reconnect with life after experiencing the loss of their spouse or partner.
- Monthly meetings provide a safe supportive space to share grief and the realities of life in a non-judgmental way.

**You are warmly welcomed to join our YBS Monthly Support Group**

**Registration Essential:**

**Please call Rita PH: 8843 2575 or**

**E-mail: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)**



**VENUE:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta  
**DATE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each Month (Mar –Dec)  
**TIME:** 7.00pm – 9.00pm  
**COST:** \$5.00



# ST PATRICK'S DAY

## Green Cake & Jelly STALL

### Friday 15 March

The P&F are again holding the St Patrick's Day GREEN cake and GREEN jelly stall at lunchtime on Friday 15 March. This has always been a popular and exciting event for the kids where we sell a variety of cakes and jelly cups ranging from 50c - \$1.00.

We will need the help of parents or carers from **Kindergarten & Year 5 to donate or bake** some cupcakes, slices, biscuits or jelly with a **touch of green**, that we can sell at the stall. Any donations should be dropped off to the school office on the morning of the 15 March.

Please remember that we are a nut free school. Gluten free is welcome!

We will also need **helpers** on the day for set-up and selling, so if you can assist us anytime between 12.30pm - 2.00pm, we would love to see you there. Please sign-in at the school office. Your children would be thrilled to see your smiling faces and feel free to dress with a touch of green! Thank you in advance.

### **PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

FOOD ALLERGY WARNING: Food prepared or purchased for this event may contain wheat, fish, eggs, soy, nuts, or dairy products.