



# St Paul's Post

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Term 2, Week 6

7 June, 2019

## ***From the Principal***

Dear Parents,

It's been such a pleasure to attend Mass on Sundays to celebrate with families as many of our students receive their First Holy Communion. The promises made by parents at Baptism to raise their children in their Catholic faith is an important one. Holy Communion is the receiving of Jesus Christ in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Just as it is necessary to nourish our bodies with material food, so it is also necessary to nourish our souls with spiritual food. Congratulations to all of our students who have recently made their 1st Holy Communion.

## ***Playground update***

A tremendous thank you to our community of learners who have offered so many thoughtful and creative suggestions for improvements to our playground. Mrs Misk and I have been in consultation with the Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Parramatta to utilise their skills and expertise to ensure that the decisions made with regard to the playground are safe, student-centred, sustainable into the future and cost-effective. Over the past few weeks, we have met with architects, builders and landscapers. Last week, surveyors came to take measurements and over the rest of this term, this consultative process will continue. We are hopeful that there will be some visible changes to our playground spaces next term.

## ***Staffing update***

This week we welcomed Miss Marissa Mentis who has joined the St Paul's community for the remainder of 2019 in the role of Year 6F teacher. Mrs Margaret Ferguson and Mrs Mary-Lourdes Tedesco will transition to Year 3 in the coming weeks. Thank you for your support and understanding with this staffing change.

## ***School Fees***

School fees are now overdue. If you are having difficulty paying fees, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange a meeting. We are here to help.

## ***A Community of Learners***

Today our teachers have been involved in a whole day of learning about Positive Behaviour Support and also Inquiry/Project Based Learning. I would like to congratulate our staff who are working hard each and every day and collaborating with others in their school environment to facilitate wonderful learning opportunities for the students.

## ***Chatterbox Live with Greg Whitby***

Parents are invited to a live Q&A session with the Executive Director of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, Mr Greg Whitby. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions on the issues that matter to you when it comes to learning in today's world. The event will take place from 7pm on June 13 with light refreshments followed by the Q&A.

To register for a free ticket before they are all reserved, please visit this [link](#) and click REGISTER. If you have any questions, please contact Lachlan Andrews from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta on 9840 5790.

Peace and Joy!  
Megan Baird  
Principal

**St Paul the Apostle Primary School is a community of Safe, Respectful, Learners**

## **Dates for your Diary**

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

## **Sport Uniform Term 2, 2019**

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

## **Staff Development Days 2019**

No students at school on the following dates:

- Friday June 7
- Friday 27 September
- Thursday 19 December
- Friday 20 December

**Our attendance rate to date is 94%**

## ***Dr Michael Carr-Gregg    How to raise resilient children***

On Monday night, the Parent Representative Council for the Parramatta Diocese hosted a talk by the renowned psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. I attended this talk because, as many of you would know, I am trying myself to raise a happy and resilient teenager. It was great to see so many of our parents also in attendance.



One of the points that really spoke to me from Dr Carr-Gregg was the need to be really present for our children. One on one time is priceless. He spoke about nurturing the bond between parent and child as it is the greatest insurance policy we can have in raising resilient children.

It is often difficult to communicate with our children - especially as they become teenagers, with the busy lives we lead and with the ever increasing dependency on digital technologies.

The following are some tips for communication with young people taken directly from Dr Carr-Greggs presentation.

- Keep Calm
- Don't talk too much and listen more
- Speak only two sentences at a time and keep it short
- Use humour (but not sarcasm)
- Set very clear limits and boundaries
- Avoid confrontations or ultimatums
- Only argue over things that matter (tidy rooms don't matter)
- Give them Vitamin 'N' (It's ok to say NO)
- Be the world expert on them
- Have rituals and traditions (nurture and honour these)
- Do not give them everything they want
- Keep them busy
- Let them experience adversity.

As a parent and educator I found the presentation to be very affirming of the role that we play in our children's lives.

Happy parenting,  
Jane Misek  
Assistant Principal

## ***Religious Education News***

Congratulations to all of our students and parish members who have received their first holy communion over the past couple of Sundays. The celebrations have been wonderful and thank you to Sandra Sheehan and the Sacramental team for all their work to prepare and organise these celebrations. We have one group still to celebrate. Please join us this Sunday at 9:30am Mass to congratulate these children on their special day.



## ***Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus***

As part of the social justice team the Mini Vinnies team have listen to the winter call for help from St Vincent De Paul. They have decided to collect food hampers for St Vincent de Paul. Attached is a list of recommended items St Vincent de Paul are looking for to add to their winter food hampers. Food items will be collected in baskets in our classrooms. We are collecting from Monday 10 June to Friday 28 June. Please give generously to those who are in need this winter.

## **St Peter and St Paul's Feast Day Celebrations Week 9, Friday 28 June 2019**

9:00 - 10:00am	"St Paul's has Got Talent" Finale, with a special guest performance.
10:00 - 10:45am	Creative representation of a phrase or part of the story of St Paul.
10:45 - 11:15am	Recess (this is a little earlier than usual so that we can all be at Mass on time)
11:30 - 12:30pm	Mass - all welcome.
12:30pm	Students will move back to classes be called out for sausage sizzle and lunch. P & F organising. \$2.00 a sausage all profits going to St Vincent De Paul.
1:15 - 1:45pm	Lunch
1:45 - 3:00pm	Walk around classroom spaces and look at creative presentations. Parents are warmly invited to view the presentations.

### **St Paul's has got Talent**

The Mini Vinnie team have been working through many of their lunchtimes and the performances have been very entertaining. We have raised over \$700 so far for St Vincent de Paul. We still have 5 lunchtimes to go. Come and join in the fun, do not forget to bring your gold coin. See attached sheet for updated heat sessions.

Congratulations to the finalists so far -

Heat 1 - Sushi Hub is closing

Heat 2 - Baby Talk

Heat 3 - Spiderman

Heat 4 - Teacher's Logies

With the postponement of the Athletics Carnival Heat 7 has moved to Thursday 20 June.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

### **Work Health and Safety Reminders**

#### **KISS 'N' DROP - IMPORTANT REMINDER**

We have recently been approached by a number of parents using Kiss 'n' Drop in the mornings and asked to remind you of the procedure. Parents using this procedure correctly are becoming increasingly frustrated by the hold ups caused by parents getting out of the car to assist their children. If you need to get out of the car to assist your child, please park in the allocated spaces and walk your child into school.

- **Drive right to the end of the paved area - leaving room for cars entering the zone behind you.**
- **Children are to have their school bags with them - getting bags out of the boot causes delay and is unsafe.**
- **Drivers are to remain in their cars**
- **Children are to alight on the passenger side of the car with their bags**
- **Drivers are to exit the area slowly to rejoin the traffic.**

**Kiss 'n' Drop does not operate in the afternoon - Children must be collected from the stage area**

We are very fortunate to have the Kiss 'n' Drop facility available in the mornings, please be considerate of other people. Our aim is to keep your children safe, please help us to do so.

### **Child Protection**

**A reminder for parents who are required to 'UPDATE' their child protection and for 'NEW' parents to the school.** It is the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) requirement that parents who volunteer at school must complete the Child Protection Module ONLINE together with the Building Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers. This training is available online at:

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training> and **MUST** be completed every two years. All parents must have completed the above **prior** to helping in the classroom, on excursions, sport days, canteen or any help around the school.

### ***Athletics Carnival - change in date***

Thank you for your patience and understanding with regards to the change of date for our Athletics Carnival. Our new date is Thursday 13th June. Please see the note that was sent home this week.

### ***Change of School for 2020***

To estimate enrolments for 2020, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving St Paul's at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6. Thank you.

### ***PBS4L Logo and Mascot Competition***

Thank you for your votes - we have heard your voice! We will be announcing the winners of PBS4L Logo and Mascot competition next week.

A mascot is a fun way for us to promote our Positive Behaviour Support and make sure that we all know exactly how to be Respectful, Safe Learners.

The student artists who have created the most popular entries will be working with a graphic designer to combine the ideas that best represent the values of our school and create our PBS4L mascot.



Thank you for your continued support.  
St Paul the Apostle Primary School PBS4L Committee

### ***Attendance at School when your child is sick***



### ***Premier's Reading Challenge***

There are thousands of fantastic books to engage with, so make sure you get involved. Read as many books as you can before 23 August. Visit the PRC website where you will find everything you need to take part.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Congratulations to Josephine R (Kindy), Kayla F (Year 1), Archie F (Year 2), Emma D (Year 3) and Ellie G (Year 4) for completing the Premiers Reading Challenge this week.



# YEAR 6 GRADUATION FUNDRAISER

## FOOD & COFFEE STALL @ ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Year 6 Graduation Committee have organised a **Sweets & Treats Food Stall** plus a **Coffee Van** at our school Athletics Carnival on **Thursday, 13 June 2019**.

The profits from the day will be used towards our Year 6 Graduation Celebrations, which will be held later in the year.

On behalf of the Graduation Committee and our Year 6 students, we thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

*Please note: Purchase of hot drinks is restricted to adults **ONLY**.  
Please do not purchase on behalf of your child*



**Happy Birthday**  
to all those celebrating in the next two weeks ..

Joshua G, Annabelle J, Sienna C, Archie F, Hannah El-B, Mackenzie N, Emme A-L, Leon M, Aniella T, George H, John N, Zara F, Sienna F, Michael R, Mikaela K, Gabriel S.

### **Woolworths Earn and Learn**

The Woolworths "Shop For Your School" is back. The program runs until 25 June 2019. Bring your stickers earned, from what you spend at Woolworths, to school and place them in your classroom office bag, the box on the stage or in the box labelled St Paul's at Woolworths Winston Hills. Please encourage your family and friends to collect on our behalf, the more stickers we collect, the more wonderful equipment we can purchase for the the school.



### **St. Paul's Netball Club**

What a wonderful start to the season! This year we are lucky enough to have teams in Under 10s, 11s, and 12s, and for the first time there is an Under 7s team! All of these teams comprise of students from St. Paul the Apostle.

Our Under 7s team takes part in a modified version of the game called 'Net Set Go', which enables the players to hold the ball for a little longer, the goal posts are lowered and a little stepping is allowed. This year's team consists of 10 players, many of whom are our Year 1 students, with some girls from outside the school also joining the team. Hopefully next year some boys will be part of the team too. The Friday night games, at Kellyville, are the highlight of the week. The girls thoroughly enjoy themselves and have displayed substantial growth in their skills. Their sportspersonship is commendable as they treat their teammates and the opposition alike, with respect and support.



Melanie Fletcher

### **Entertainment Books are still available - please contact the office P & F Fundraiser - Entertainment Books**

If you are interested in purchasing, you may order your Membership securely online by visiting: <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/21524p7>

or

Entertainment Books will also be available for sale in the school office until Week 9 of this term. Payment may be made by Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS. You may also send your payment to school with your child and your book will be sent home through the office tubs.

Thank you again for your continued support of our P&F fundraising.





every learner  
every day ☒

# When is sick too sick for school



## Send me to school if ...

- ✓ I have the symptoms of a cold or hayfever
- ✓ I have a sprain, strain or pain and I can function (walk, talk and eat)
- ✓ If I have asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc - school personnel are trained to manage my condition. Talk to the school about my health plan
- ✓ I haven't vomited or had diarrhoea for 24 hours



If I am sick please call the school or write me a note to let the school know why I am not at school.

## Keep me home if ...

- ✓ I have a temperature higher than 37 degrees
- ✓ I am vomiting or have diarrhoea
- ✓ My eyes are red, and crusty (conjunctivitis)
- ✓ I have influenza (flu) - combination fever, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches
- ✓ I have the symptoms of an infectious disease. Go to NSW Health - A-Z of infectious diseases for more information



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4 June 2019

Dear Parents

This year we will once again be using our online booking system for parent/teacher/student Learning Conferences to be held Week 10, Monday 1 July until Friday 5 July. Due to Mrs Govender (2G) taking Long Service Leave in Week 10, 2G will be conducting their Parent/Teacher/Student meetings in Week 9 Monday 24 June until Friday 28 June. The process for booking a 15-minute interview with your child's teacher is outlined below. Parents choose the teachers and times that they want, removing any chance of timetable conflicts. Parents receive an emailed confirmation of their interviews, and can confirm, cancel or re-schedule on the internet at any time up until Friday 21 June at 9:00am.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions

**BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 21 JUNE AT 9AM.**

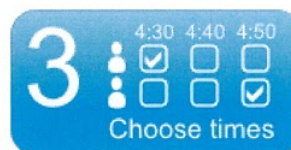
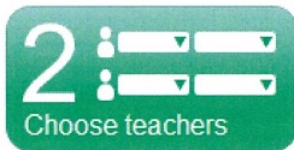
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Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)  
<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code>

Enter e63mc school event code.  
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

Parents who do not have access to the internet are welcome to contact the school office from 4 June onwards, and we will assist you with your booking.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 8841 3800.

Yours sincerely

*Megan Baird*

Mrs Megan Baird  
Principal

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# ST PAUL'S HAS GOT TALENT

Heat 5 Tue 11 Jun	Shadow show Isla, Ciara 5 Puppets	Hallelujah Annabelle 4 Singing	Beauty and the beast Isabella K Song & Dance	Rewrite the stars Felcity 2 Dance	Kathryn and Kayla's Duet 6 Singing + Ukulele	The Jokers Imogen, Christina, Rachael, Kelly 2 Comedy	Fight song Lara, Rachael & Ciara 5 Dance
Heat 6 Wed 12 Jun	Jordyn 5 Singing	Funny dress shop Bonnie, Ella, Olivia, Isabella 2 Comedy	Fortnite dances Riley 5 Dance	Taliya and Annabel K Dance	Eliose Squad Eliose 4 Singing	The witches castle Kiera, Lucy, Evanna, Anthony 2 Play	Magic show gone wrong Jackson, Eli, Isla, William, Matthew 5 Comedy
Heat 8 Tue 18 Jun	River flows in you Heidi 4 Keyboard	Sunflower Tania 2 Singing	Extreme dares Alice, Brooke, Caithlyn, Olive 4 Comedy	Don't Hustle me! Jessica 1 Dance	Audition Time Thomas, Jaida, Sophia, Ben, Charli 6 Comedy	Closer Selena 2 Singing	Fight Song Amarlee & Lilly 1&3 Dance
Heat 9 Wed 19 Jun	No One has talent Charli, Hamish, AJ, Eleanor, Kenzie, Zac 6 Comedy	Jas magic show Jasmine 4 Magic	Epic soccer fails Harry, Ayden, Nathan, Ethan, Leon 2	Ellie sings Mercy Ellie 4 Singing	The amazing Hula Hoop Show Bella 1	Comedy Triplets Kayla, Ciara, Isla 5 Comedy	
Heat 7 Thu 20 June	St Paul's world news Thomas, Michael, Nathan, Joseph 4 Comedy	Double Magic Zara Blake 3	The 3 tigers Sienna, Eliza, Zaya 1 Hula Hooping	Final Countdown Chloe & Chelsea 2&4 Dance	Jokes Nicholas, Archie, Scott, Tyler 2 Comedy	Granny Falls Frankie, Blake, Tyson, Tom 4 Comedy	Singing with Jaida and Charli 6





# St Vincent de Paul Society

*good works*

<b>Kinder</b> Tinned spaghetti Weet-Bix Corn Flakes Cereal	   
<b>Year 1</b> Pasta Sauce Muesli bars Health bars	  
<b>Year 2</b> Tea bags Small Coffee Savoury biscuits Crackers	   
<b>Year 3</b> Tinned vegies Rice Beetroot	   
<b>Year 4</b> Chunky soup Tinned fruit Snack packs Cup of soup	   
<b>Year 5</b> Small or large Tuna Long life milk Noodles	   
<b>Year 6</b> Shampoo Conditioner Deodorants	  

We need your help! St Vincent de Paul society and Mini Vinnies are asking you to donate some food for others for our Winter appeal. Send your donations your classroom from Monday 10 June until Friday 28 June. If you would also like to donate the reusable bag it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your cooperation the Mini Vinnie Team and Mrs Brackenbury.