

## St Paul's Post

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#### From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Over the past two weeks our Stage 2 & 3 teachers have guided our Year 3 & 5 students through NAPLAN assessments. Catch up tests for those students who missed tests in week 3 were held this week. Thank you to these teachers and support staff and congratulations to our Year 3 & 5 students, who have approached these assessments with confidence and understanding. Whilst important, please keep in mind that these tests are simply a snippet of one moment in time. It is vital that we all understand that our students work hard all year round and that their capabilities and achievements are certainly not limited to one set of tests!

The teachers have also been very busy beginning the process of writing student reports. Reports will be sent home on Friday June 21st. Interviews will be available with your child's teacher in Week 10 - Monday July 1st to July 5th. Details on how to book a 15 minute interview will be sent home soon.

#### Tell Them From Me Survey

Shortly our teachers, students in Years 4, 5 and 6 and parents, will have the opportunity to take part in a survey called Tell Them From Me (TTFM). This survey is being administered in every school in our diocese. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Paul the Apostle Primary School. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Please keep an eye out for further information and the URL link to access the survey coming home soon.

Peace and Joy! Megan Baird Principal

#### **Religious Education News**

Our Year 4 students are celebrating their First Holy Communion. We pray for them and their families as they invite Jesus to be within them for the first time.

Thank you everyone for wearing blue mufti and donating to support Catholic Care in response to Bishop Vincent's call. It was a sea of blue and together we raised \$776.35.

#### Allergies and Anaphylaxis

St Paul the Apostle Primary School is an allergy aware school.

Many of our students have food allergies and are anaphylactic.

We remind you that children should not be sharing their lunches, or bringing food to school to give to other students.

Please do not send any products to school that contain nuts.

Anaphylaxis can be life threatening and it is our duty to keep students safe at school.

Thank you for your cooperation and helping us to keep your children safe.





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

#### **Dates for your Diary**

- 29 May Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day
- 31 May Year 6 Debate St Paul's V St Angela's Castle Hill
- 5 June Year 2 Excursion to Rouse Hill House & Farm
- 5 June Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
- 6 June Athletics Carnival

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

#### Sport Uniform Term 2, 2019

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#### Staff Development Days 2019

No students at school on the following dates:

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

#### Staff Development Day

Friday, 7th June, is our Staff Professional Learning Day. The focus of the day for our staff will be on Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PSB4L) and Inquiry/Project Based learning. Thank you for making alternate arrangements for your children on that day.

#### Kindergarten Enrolments 2020

Our first round offers of enrolment for Kindergarten 2020 have been posted to families. Please ensure that you secure your child's place by paying the \$100.00 deposit by Friday 31 May.

#### No Dogs on School Premises

A reminder that as part of NSW law it is unlawful to bring a dog onto the grounds of any school, regardless of whether the dog is restrained by a leash, chain, rope, cord or similar device

Dogs are only allowed on school grounds as an exception under the following circumstances:

- While serving as a guide dog for the blind, deaf or physically disabled.
- While assisting a peace officer engaged in law enforcement duties.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

#### **Athletics Carnival**

Our Athletics Carnival is fast approaching - Thursday 6 June at Gooden Reserve. A note has been sent home this week outlining details of the day. Please ensure this is returned to your child's class teacher by the due date. Athletics Carnivals cannot be successful without your support - we are looking for a team of parents to assist with the organisation and running of the day. If you are able to assist please indicate this on your child's permission form or email the school office. Looking forward to a fun filled day of Athletics!

#### Coding returns to St Paul's

Coding and Robotics are back! This term a group of 10 students have the privilege of investigating and learning about three various forms of coding and robotics. We will be looking at online coding using a variety of web-based sites; OZObots; and Makey Makeys. Each of these forms of coding/robotics challenge the children to use their mathematical and scientific investigative skills to solve problems. After only three weeks these students have shown great skill and perseverance to begin to understand how use







each of these items. Here are a few snapshots from last week's lunchtime session.

Miss Amber Paul (Sport Coordinator/Special Projects Teacher)

#### Year 6 Debating

On Friday 31st May Year 6 will be competing in our first debate for the year against St Angela's, Castle Hill. The topic of the debate will be 'It is more fun to go to a camp than a resort.' The affirmative side will be travelling to St Angela's while the the negative side will be debating here at school in front of a captive Year 5 audience. We wish all of the debaters the best of luck!

#### PBS4L Update - We need your voice!

We have had so many wonderful entries to our PBS4L Logo and Mascot competition! 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.

Eleven student artists have had their artwork chosen and now the fun begins. In the link below you will be able to view the students artwork. Your job is to choose your favourite three.

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. We are looking forward to getting feedback from our community. Comments about what you would like included are most welcome.



Thank you for your support.

St Paul the Apostle Primary School PBS4L Committee

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#### Student Leave—Reminder

As part of the implementation of the formulated National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school holiday periods are now to be included in Student Attendance Data as absences and noted on student reports. Parents are requested to complete an Application for Extended Leave form for absences of 5 school days or more for all leave apart from sick leave. This form is available on our website. Please submit this form together with a copy of your travel documentation (e-ticket/booking form) at least three weeks prior to the proposed leave date. This Application for Extended Leave will then be responded to by Mrs Baird. Thank you for your assistance.

#### Late Arrivals / Early Departures

Prompt arrival at school in the mornings is very important for your child. It ensures that your child is settled and ready to begin a day of learning. Being continually late for school amounts to a considerable loss of learning time. School commences @ 8:55 am and finishes at 3:15 pm and we ask that you endeavour to have your child at school during these times. Supervision is available from 8:25am when the gates are opened and continues until 3:45pm.



If you need to take your child for appointments, you are asked to collect them in break times to minimise disruption to the classroom.

Your continued support is appreciated.

#### St Paul's Facebook

St Paul's Facebook page is continuing to grow in popularity every month. Each week, staff members share a variety of images with you via Facebook. This is one of the many ways we communicate and capture the wonderful things happening from K-6. Please note we have only one official Facebook page. There are no official grade Facebook pages. Please be aware some grades have formed a closed group. These pages are not to have a school crest/logo etc., as they are not endorsed, contributed to or seen by the school. As a result, there can often be inaccurate information regarding uniform changes, questions about learning etc. Parents are always encouraged and welcome to ask questions directly to the school. We would like to thank all the parents who continue to share such lovely, positive comments via our school Facebook page, and we invite those new to our school to have a look! There is always something to see. Feel free to share, like and tag in order to spread the great work happening at our fantastic school. A reminder that as parents, you should not post, on any social media, photos of other students at an event, eg; carnival, excursion, etc. Many parents object to this when done without their permission.

## Work Health and Safety Reminders 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. This training is available online at: <a href="http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training">http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training</a> and MUST be completed every two years. All parents must have completed the above <a href="prior">prior</a> to helping in the classroom, on excursions, sport days, canteen or any help around the school.

#### Year 4 - Maths

In Year Four we have been exploring two-dimensional shapes. We have been combining and splitting two-dimensional shapes to create other shapes. We have been naming the shapes formed from combinations and the common shapes that make up a larger shape. Year Four have been investigating what shapes tessellate and creating tessellating patterns. We have been working on using the appropriate terminology to describe and name mathematical ideas and aspects of shapes.

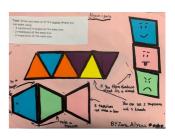


Here are some examples of our work.









#### Woolworths Earn and Learn

The Woolworths "Shop For Your School" is back. The program runs until 25th 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.

#### **Library News**

Don't forget about the 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. <a href="https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html">https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html</a>

Congratulations to Sienna H, Olivia H, Jesse K (Kindy), Mikaela K (Year 1) Joseph N (Year 4) and Zac B (Year 6) for completing the Premiers Reading Challenge this week.

#### **Book Covering**

We have quite a few new books that need covering before they go on the library shelves for borrowing. 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.

# 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, 6 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 S, Marcus B, Georgina M, Mitchell B, Declan A, Jackson E-B, Allanah C, Zed C, Noah B, Taylor B, Jamie P, Patrick McK, Kayla W, Ethan A, Alexander B, James McC, Matthew T, Noah S, Nicholas C, Christian D, Loretta B, Lily B Joshua G.

#### 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.



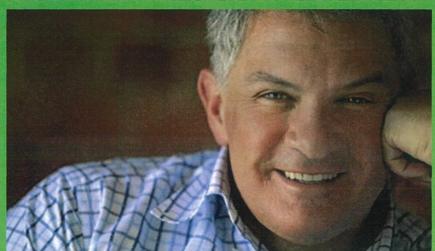


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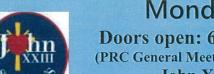
Hear about the latest news from the science of positive psychology and how its applied to bringing up children and teenagers.

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

## Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

**Adolescent and Child Psychologist** 

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au



## Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

Doors open: 6:15 pm for 7:00pm (2 hours) (PRC General Meeting - will be held prior to guest speaker John XXIII Catholic College



160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens, NSW, 2768

Light supper and refreshments will be provided, and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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#### Scouts and Girl Guides Cumberland Gang Show

We have 4 St Paul's students who have been rehearsing for the Scouts and Guide Cumberland Gang show. Scouts and Guides within Western Sydney work together each year to form the Cumberland Gang Show. Cumberland Gang Show is a musical comedy theatre for all the family. It's packed with loads of fun, fantastic sets and costumes and some wonderfully catchy songs and dances.

Eleanor Waciega and Erin Lafferty are performing of the Sullivan cast and Isabella Pace and Jasmine Pace are performing in the Gilbert cast. They have put in many hours of hard work at rehearsals and practicing singing, dancing and remembering their lines for their performance.

It's on a Riverside Theatre this July school holiday. Please come along and support our performances.

