Important dates for your Diary

30 July  Incursion NRMA Road Safety – Students to bring bike helmets if they have them.
31 July  Year 4 Assembly
1 & 2 Aug Discussion Group re First Reconciliation Preparation 3:00pm
3 Aug    Skipping Program – All Grades wear Sports Uniform
3 Aug    Incursion – NED Show - Kindergarten to Year 6
3 Aug    PRC Term 3 Meeting 7:00pm DAC Blacktown.
7 Aug    Whole School Mass - Years 1 and 2 Prepare
8 Aug    Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
9 Aug    Cake Stall - Bunnings
10 Aug   Reading – Parent Information Session 9:15am
11 Aug   ICAS Maths Competition – Year 6 Classrooms 7:45am

**Staff Development Day - Friday 21 August - Pupil Free Day**

NRMA Road Safety Show

Thursday 30 July all children will be attending a NRMA Road Safety Show at the school. This program will help students correctly identify safe or unsafe behaviours in all aspects of road safety. **Children are asked to bring their bike helmets to school for this incursion if they have them.** We would warmly welcome parents to attend the 9am session if they wish. We also encourage you to talk to your child about their day and what they learned about Road Safety. When your children bring home their workbooks, look inside for a four-page Parent Insert on child road safety. It is a quick reference guide with tips and hints on how to keep your child safe.

Session Times are as follows:
- Years 3 & 4 9:00am (50 mins)
- Years 5 & 6 11:30am (60 mins)
- Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2 10:00am (40mins)

The “NED” Show (Never Give Up / Encourage Others / Do Your Best)

On Monday 3 August, America’s most popular school assembly ‘All for KIDZ’ will entertain children from Kindergarten to Year 6 with ‘The NED Show’. A 45 minute performance designed to give students the tools they need to become ‘Champions’ at school and in life. Please see the attached note and flyer with more details going home today.
Sacrament of Penance (First Reconciliation)

A reminder to parents and children that Discussion Groups will take place in the church 3pm on Saturday 1 August and Sunday 2 August. If your child is making their Reconciliation this year you are required to attend one of these sessions with your child.

Book Week - “Books light up our World”

Week 7 of this term is Book Week, the theme for this year is “Books light up our World”. Books light up our world in so many ways. Books allow light into dark places by bringing education to many, they bring the world to life for us, enabling us to travel to distant lands, to venture into space, to explore fantasy lands without ever leaving our homes! Books empower us, entertain us, educate us and bring us closer to others. Books help us to grow as human beings.

There are a variety of activities organised to celebrate Book Week. Kindergarten - Year 2 will take part in a Colouring-In Competition and Years 3-6 will be given the opportunity to use their creativity by drawing a picture to highlight the Book Week theme. Entries will close on Thursday 13 August.

Book Week Parade - Tuesday 25 August

Students are encouraged to choose a character from a book that “Lights up their World.” Creativity rather than cost with costumes is the key. Further details about this event will follow.

Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following children who have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge:

Marcus P, Heidi S, (Kindy), Grace L (Year 1), Matthew E, Brock P, Tristian H, Alexander M (Year 2), Zoe A, Chanel E, (Year 3), Lucas E, Timothy M, Emily P (Year 4), Page W (Year 5) and Jake H (Year 6). A reminder to the children who have registered to continue reading their quota of books and entering them on line before August.

Sports News

On Monday July 27, students from St Paul's competed in the NSW Rugby League All Schools Carnival. The students played extremely well on the day, managing to make it all the way to the nail biting Grand Final against St Therese PS. Congratulations to St Therese on their win. The students are commended on the way they conducted themselves on the day and the level of sportsmanship they displayed.

A big thank you to Mr John Moujalli for coaching the team and the parents who supported the team on the day.

CONGRATULATIONS to the
Under 10's Rugby League team who finished up their day at the ‘All School’s Rugby League Competition’ in Penrith, as State Runner-Up Champions.
Reading - Parent Information Session

We will be holding a Parent Information Session on ways that you can help your child with their reading on **Monday 10 August at 9:15am in the staffroom**. This will be a repeat of the session that was presented to parents at the last P&F meeting.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it is complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school office.

At the end of the promotion, we will be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students - including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft and Sport. If you would like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

Thank you from St Vincent De Paul

The blankets and food collected by St Paul the Apostle Primary in our Mini Vinnies Winter Appeal were distributed to many homeless and/or disadvantaged people last week at Parramatta and Mt Druitt. On that freezing cold night, the people invariably asked that whoever donated these goods be thanked “for their kindness and generosity”. So once again thank you to our very generous spirited St Pauls’ Community.

**Happy Birthday** - to all those celebrating their birthdays between 29 July and 5 August.


PRC Event

**Monday 3 August** - General PRC Term Meeting. Diocesan Assembly Centre, Blacktown, Cnr Flushcombe Road and Marion Street, Blacktown at 7:00pm

Topic - Unpacking NAPLAN and a case study for improvement.
SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Save the dates....

1. BUNNINGS CAKE STALL SEVEN HILLS
   Sunday 9 August, 8.00am - 3.00pm

2. MASTERS SAUSAGE SIZZLE NORTHMEAD
   Sunday 23 August, 7.30am - 4.30pm

We are kindly asking for parent and student volunteers to help us out at either of these school fundraisers. Money raised will help our whole school community, so thank you very much in advance. We will need help with baking, serving, cooking and selling, so if you can assist us in any way we would really appreciate it.

We have set-up an hourly roster system, using our on-line booking system www.schoolinterviews.com.au. Please feel free to book in more than an hour if you have the time, plus if you do not wish to use the online booking system and would prefer to let us know directly, please feel free to contact us.

For Bunnings Cake Stall at Seven Hills use the school event code: YFTRB

For Masters Sausage Sizzle at Northmead use the school event code: JJ4ED

If you are unable to come along to help at the stalls, then you might want to assist us in baking or purchasing some sweet treats for the Cake Stall at Bunnings. We are looking to sell biscuits, cookies, slices, cakes and cupcakes (with no fresh cream). If you are able to help us out with any sweets or treats, we would really appreciate it if you could let us know, so we can work out a drop-off day and/or time.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Mirna Jasser 0414 896 037 or Danielle Haddad 0419 440 922.
The NED Show

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The performance centres around a loveable cartoon character NED whose name serves as an acronym:

Never Give Up
Encourage Others and
Do Your Best

During the assembly, children will enjoy an engaging performance that focuses on the importance of persistence, kindness, diligence and excellence. They will learn about NED's messages while also enjoying storytelling, magic, humour and yo-yo tricks.

Following this performance, St Pauls will participate in The NED Show's 'Pay It Forward' sale. This sale is what will enable our school to host the show at NO COST!

For 5 days after the performance, NED-messaged items, such as yo-yos, will be available for purchase. These items will reinforce multi-sensory learning and are tangible reminders that increase the children's ability to retain NED's message.

The sale will take place before and after school. If there are any parent/carer volunteers who are interested in assisting with the organisation of this, please email (enotoli@parra.catholic.edu.au) or let Mrs Bulgeries know by Friday 31 July. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Bulgeries
The NED Show is a character education programme that centres around three important messages that have life-long relevance:

**Never give up • Encourage others • Do your best**

During the assembly, students will learn about NED's three messages while enjoying storytelling, magic, humour and yo-yo tricks.

**THE NED SHOW** PROVIDES...

- **45** free printables for using at home
- **22** child-friendly learning videos
- **1** unforgettable programme that creates champion attitudes!

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**Meet NED in a Video!**

[Link to video](www.theNEDshow.com/PARENTS)

Access 55 mins of yo-yo instruction for tons of old-fashioned fun after the show!

[Link to video](www.theNEDshow.com/KIDZ)

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**use NED at Home**

- Share a story about never giving up on something that was important to you as a child.
- Be your child's #1 encourager! Recognise something that your child is trying to be awesome at and applaud their efforts.
- If your child is excelling in a particular area, identify new challenges that will keep them doing their best!

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**The Pay-it-Forward Sale**

NED gear is available for purchase for 5 days after the show at our school.

Our school gets The NED Show for free because we're hosting a Pay-it-Forward sale. When you purchase a NED item, you help send this assembly on to the next school.

More items at [www.shopNED.com.au](http://www.shopNED.com.au)

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Prices include GST.

Replacement String (10 strings) $5

Yo-Yo Holster $5

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