



St Paul's Post

At St Paul's we are Safe, Respectful, Learners

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Term 3, Week 2

31 July, 2020

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin Term 3, we do so in a time where there are a number of COVID19 clusters in Sydney. The second reading this Sunday reminds us that regardless of what is put before us that nothing can come between the love of Christ and ourselves. In these sometimes uncertain times, we can take comfort that Jesus loves us all and we can have hope that He will answer all of our needs.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. Rom 8:35. 37-39

At this time, school remains open for all students, as it was at the end of last term. Our response to COVID19 requires us to continue to place on hold assemblies, whole school gatherings and many of our usual activities such as excursions and sporting days/events. However, we are continuing to develop new and exciting ways for the students to engage in a variety of learning activities onsite. These include our Mini Writing Festival this week, incursions related to learning, inquiry 'ignite' opportunities and our upcoming NRMA Road Safety (virtual) program. The staff have been working creatively to continue to find ways to support learning in Term 3.

For the foreseeable future, we will continue to ask parents and caregivers to please utilise Kiss and Drop to drop children off in the morning and when collecting children in the afternoon that you do so promptly so as to leave the school grounds as soon as possible. It is important that you also continue to socially distance yourself from others and follow strict hygiene practices so that we can strive to keep everyone safe in our community. Our "one way" entrance through the school double gate and along the verandah and "one way" exit from the school playground up the stairs or ramp and through the single gate continues to be an important way of socially distancing at St. Paul's.

Reports

Today, you will have received your child's Semester One report. As previously advised, our reports for Semester One focus on three of our Key Learning Areas - Religious Education, English and Mathematics and also include a General Comment and Next Steps. As we continue to respond to the challenges that COVID19 has brought about, we will not be holding our usual student-led conferences. Rather, you are invited to make comments about what you may have noticed about your child's learning strengths and challenges during their "learning @ home" time in Term 2. This optional parent observation and feedback form has been included in your child's report and may be sent back to your child's teacher. Should you wish to discuss your child's report with their teacher you are very welcome to do so. Please make enquiries via the office and a mutually convenient time for a phone meeting will be arranged.

Thank you!

A very big thank you to all in our community for the wonderful way in which Term 3 has commenced.

We are very blessed at St. Paul's to have such a compassionate and supportive parent community and such dedicated staff. I'd like to sincerely thank everyone for supporting our continued response to COVID19. May the good Lord, in whom we place our trust and hope, continue to provide everyone in our community with good health.



Peace and Joy!

Mrs Megan Baird
Principal

*Stay Safe
and
Healthy*

From the Assistant Principal

In this week's newsletter you will see many photos and lots of information about the great learning that our students enjoy every day - there are even photos of our teachers engaged in some new learning. This year has certainly been a big year of learning for all of our staff. As you know we have learnt new ways of teaching via Google Classroom, new ways of communicating via Zoom and new ways of collaborating with social distancing in place.

Each year we also have a number of professional learning expectations that we are required to meet to ensure the safety of all of our students. Annually, we review our child protection practices (which we did online this year) and all staff must also undertake 2 hours of CPR training every year. Every two years we complete Emergency Care First Aid.

On Tuesday this week, we all took part in a two hour asthma and anaphylaxis training workshop where we reviewed the management of asthma and anaphylaxis risks and emergencies in the school. This year due to COVID 19 we were only able to practice with the tester epipens on ourselves and we could only test out asthma puffers and spacers on imaginary patients but the trainer did a great job of keeping us all on task and ensuring that we all knew the importance of prompt medical attention. One of the crucial points that the trainer reminded us of is the importance of up to date medical information for any of our students with a known risk of asthma and/or anaphylaxis. All students with asthma or anaphylaxis need to have an action plan signed by a medical practitioner and medicines such as asthma relievers and epipens need to be regularly checked that they are within their use by date. If you are unsure about your child's action plan or medication please contact the office.

At all times ensuring a safe learning environment is a priority for the staff at St Pauls. With this in mind can I please thank all parents who have already completed the NEW Building Child safe Communities undertaking online. This is a revised undertaking and all visitors to the site (volunteers and contractors) are required to complete this by 30 September 2020. Further details can be found in this newsletter.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge all of our wonderful grandparents who support the students and families in our community. Sadly, we were unable to have you all for morning tea this year (an event the staff always look forward to) but I hope that the message came home that you are all truly appreciated and that we love having you as part of our St Paul's community. As a working Mum I know how wonderful the support of a grandparent can be. My own parents have been a great help to me and now have a very special bond with my son. It is heartening to see him wanting to spend time with them and appreciating the role they have played in his life. Listening to the children talk about you all last week and seeing the work they prepared showed us all just how special you are.

Regards

Jane Misek

Assistant Principal

Religious Education - What a great start to learning!



The staff and students of St Paul the Apostle have started new learning in Term 3 in Religion. They are engaged in many different activities including listening and reflecting on Scripture, role plays, praying and learning about Jesus and the gospel values. On Wednesday, 29 July the Stage 3 teachers with Mrs Brackenbury, Miss Amanda Bentley (Catholic Education Office Mission Leader) and supported by Mrs Julie Hooper and Mrs Kathy Ireland worked together to explore the New Draft Religion Curriculum. Stage 3 will be participating in a new inquiry starting in Week 5 based on this new curriculum. The teachers are looking forward to presenting this new inquiry to the students of Stage 3 to now see what they know and what they want to know about the new inquiry.

Dear Lord our God,

Thank you for a new day for great new adventures and journeys to come.

Thank you for protecting me, thank you for loving me and thank you for guiding me.

Please ensure a safe future for my family and make sure everyone stays safe and may we continue to have a joyful smile on our faces.

In Jesus name, Amen.

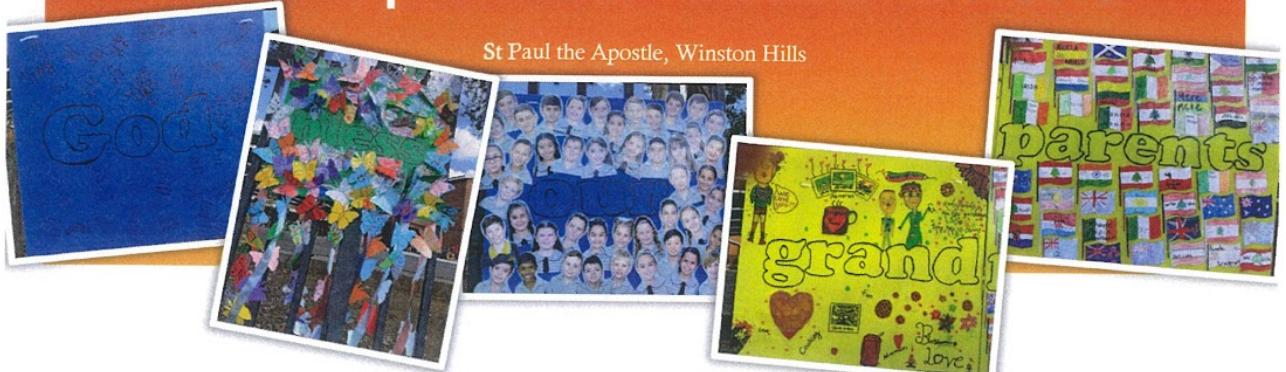
Written By Olive (Member of the Mini Vinnies Team 2020)

Mrs Johra Brackenbury

Religious Education Coordinator

Grandparents Celebrations

St Paul the Apostle, Winston Hills



Celebrating Grandparents

Sunday 26 July is the feast day of St Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. At St Paul the Apostle has always celebrated Grandparents near this date. To help keep our grandparents safe, from COVID 19, we celebrated differently this year. As a school we place a sign on our gates to "God bless our grandparents." As we remember how important grandparents are to us, we remembered that they read us stories, so each student wrote a story for their grandparent and was sent home on Friday. We hope you enjoy our stories.

Let us join together in prayer:

Let us praise Joachim and Anne, to whom, in their generation,

the Lord gave him who was a blessing for all the nations. Amen.

A grandparent is

A grandparent is

A little bit parent,

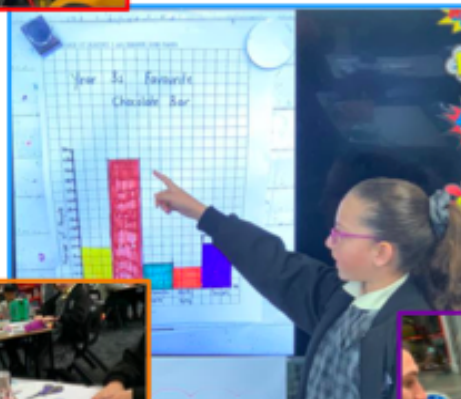
A little bit teacher,

And a little bit best friend.





**Numeracy:
What a
great start
to learning!**



Numeracy
Mrs Kieran Jackson
Leader of Learning

Inquiry - What a great start to learning!

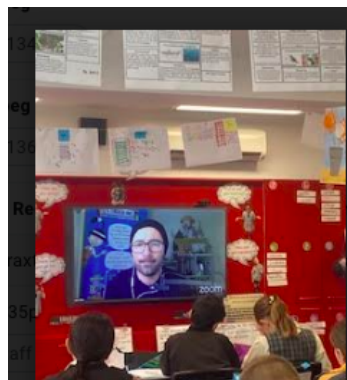
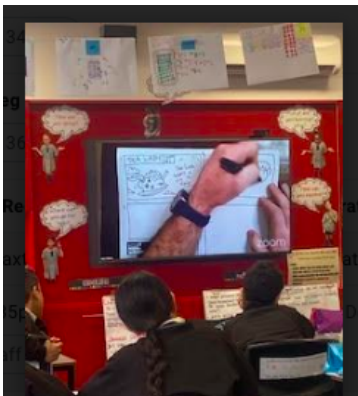
Term 3 inquiry has begun with curiosity and interest for all of our students at St Paul's. Across the school, students have been involved in 'ignite' opportunities to spark curiosity and wonder about learning this term. There have been a range of activities happening including incursions, immersion experiences and exploration activities. Here are some photos of the exciting experiences the students have been involved in across the school, Kindergarten to Year 6.

Mrs Julie Hooper
Leader of Learning



Literacy - What a great start to learning!

All of our students have had the opportunity to engage with some Australian authors in The Mini Writing Festival. They have watched James Foley, author and illustrator create pictures and comic strips to match the stories the authors were creating. The students have been challenged to create their own stories, comic strips, informative reports and diaries and news articles as a follow up to the presentations.

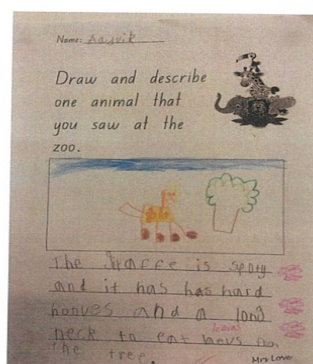
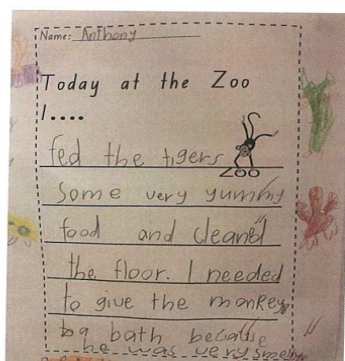


Mrs Margaret Ferguson
Leader of Learning



Kindy Learning Pods

Kindy have been busy exploring our Zoo and Vet Learning Pods. They have had fun taking on the roles of zookeepers, tour guides, visitors, vets, receptionists and pet owners. The Learning Pods provide opportunities for students to enhance their talking and listening skills as well as engage in a variety of purposeful reading and writing tasks.



Patient Record	
Name: <u>Mr. Whiskers the cat</u>	
Temperature: <u>30.2</u>	Weight: <u>20 Kg</u>
Veterinarian Notes: Today I have checked: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ears <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> eyes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mouth <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> paws <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> coat <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>leg</u>	
My diagnosis is: <u>Mr. Whiskers has a small leg</u>	
Treatment: <input type="checkbox"/> X-Ray <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vaccination <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bandages	
Ariana	



General School Information

Term 3 Overviews

Term 3 Overviews have been shared with you today via Skoolbag. In this time of COVID-19 we know that things are subject to change. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during these difficult times.

School Photos

School photographs have been rescheduled to be taken by **advancedlife on Wednesday 19 August** subject to COVID 19 restrictions and guidelines. A photo envelope was distributed to students last week and it is the preference of the company and the school that ordering be completed online. This is aimed at reducing administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day. Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's **unique 9 digit advanced order code - R1E 42W Q8C**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day. Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photo day. Sibling photos will only be taken if an order has been placed. Should you have any queries concerning school photos or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

No CEDP Zone or Diocesan Athletics Carnivals 2020

The Parramatta Diocese Sports Council has made the difficult decision to cancel the Zone and Diocesan Sports Carnivals for 2020. Thank you for your understanding.

Grounds Update

The new access ramps have almost reached completion. Council inspections are required and there are a few minor tweaks to them prior to them being officially handed over to the school. Once this occurs, we will be looking at ways in which we can provide greater security and safety to our school community.

Once the ramps have been handed over to the school gate on Buckley's Road closed to all but those students who catch a bus in the afternoon. This will mean that in the morning and afternoons, pedestrian access to the school will only be available via the new ramp. Children arriving late must be accompanied to

the office and signed in by a parent - as per our usual practice and legal expectations for maintaining an accurate roll.

In the past fortnight, we have continued to meet (virtually) and work with CEDP personnel and the architects to develop plans for the playground enhancements. Unfortunately, due to COVID19 restrictions, this process continues to be delayed. Please be assured that it remains a priority and that planning continues despite these hurdles.

ACARA Collection Student Background Data Notice

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.

Parents and caregivers must advise their school if they don't want their child's data included in this report by 28 August 2020. Copies of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Standard Collection Notice and Privacy Policy can be obtained from the school office.

Catholic Education Office leaving the school policy

If you are leaving the school, one term's notice in writing is required (except for those graduating Year 6), otherwise you will be charged the term's school fees as per the enrolment agreement. Thank you for your understanding.

Work, Health and Safety Reminders

Social Distancing

Thank you for all that you are doing to keep your social distance when collecting your child in the afternoon.

Children who are collected by parents will be lined up in their class groups at different points under the COLA. We respectfully ask that you refrain from entering the COLA area and instead wait on the outside of the COLA for your child to come to you. In this way, we can strive to ensure that we are continuing to respond to social distancing guidelines in our community.

We also ask that when entering the school grounds that you continue to maintain your social distance from others - especially when using the stairs and ramp.

Thank you for helping to keep everyone in our community safe.

COVID-19

We continue to follow COVID-19 health and safety guidelines and follow advice received from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. We will update our families via our Skoolbag App as new information is provided to us.

- Additional cleaning is taking place on a daily basis.
- Our staff are reminding students how and when to wash their hands.
- There are soap dispensers in the toilets, and these are topped up regularly.
- Signs have been placed in classrooms and toilets to remind the children and to demonstrate to them appropriate hand washing procedures.
- Each class has been provided with hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes and additional paper towels.
- All learning spaces have designated "used tissues only" bins with lids which are emptied daily.
- Our staff continue to be vigilant with monitoring and acting regarding children who appear to be unwell. If a child presents as unwell at school, they will be isolated from other children and staff in the sick bay or an area of the office. Parents will be contacted to collect their child.
- The school has discouraged handshakes, hugs and kisses.
- Please limit the number of people in the foyer to five - if there are 5 or more, please wait outside.
- Our amended line up afternoon dismissal procedures are in place and we ask that parents do not enter the space under the COLA, please wait on the outer area for your child.

Thank you all for continuing to keep our community safe.

Reminder

**Please remind your children to wash their hands.
Help us to keep them safe.**



URGENT REMINDER NEW Building Child Safe Communities - Volunteer Undertaking

All Volunteers have until 30 September 2020 to submit a **new Undertaking in the new system.**

In Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP), we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. Parents and carers are encouraged to become involved in our schools in many important ways such as supporting classroom learning, being part of advisory groups, mentoring programs, coaching sporting teams and supporting other extra-curricular activities, canteen support and other kinds of help. A range of checks and undertakings are required for people who work for or provide services to CEDP. These checks reduce potential risk and form part of our strategy to build child safe communities.



CEDP has launched a new *Building Child Safe Communities* form and online training module that all volunteers are required to complete.

The purpose of this training is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when volunteering for CEDP.

The undertaking should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and the training module approximately 10 minutes. Once the form and training modules are submitted, an automated email will be sent to you within two business days to confirm the status of your submission.

The undertaking form will expire within two years or when your Working With Children Check expires (if applicable), whichever is sooner. At that time you will need to complete the undertaking form and training module again. You will receive an automatic reminder email when this occurs.

Further information on the new online form and training module can be found at www.parra.catholic.edu.au and clicking on *about us/building child safe communities*. Within the form you will also find help sheets and a video tutorial to assist you.

Thank you in advance for your support.



The Challenge is quickly drawing to a close, with less than a month left before all student entries are to be finalised. Closing date for the 2020 Challenge is Friday August 28:

Congratulations to the following students who completed the challenge this fortnight.

Savannah G (Kindy), Braxtyn W (Year 1), Amarlee G, Samantha U, (Year 2) Siarra B, George H, John L (Year 3), Lilly G, James M (Year 4), Ellie G, Joseph N, Marcus P, Rebecca U (Year 5), Millicent P (Year 6) .

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to all those who celebrated their birthdays recently and who are celebrating in the next few weeks.....

Heidi S, Felicity C, Ashton A, Beatrix C, Taliya W, Nellie H, Audrey B, Emerald C, Grease F, Chase D, Zoe H.



Sport Days - Term 3

Kindy - Monday and Wednesday

Year 1 Tuesday and Friday

Year 2 Thursday and Friday

Year 3 Monday and Friday

Year 4 Monday and Thursday

Year 5 Thursday and Friday

Year 6 Tuesday and Thursday



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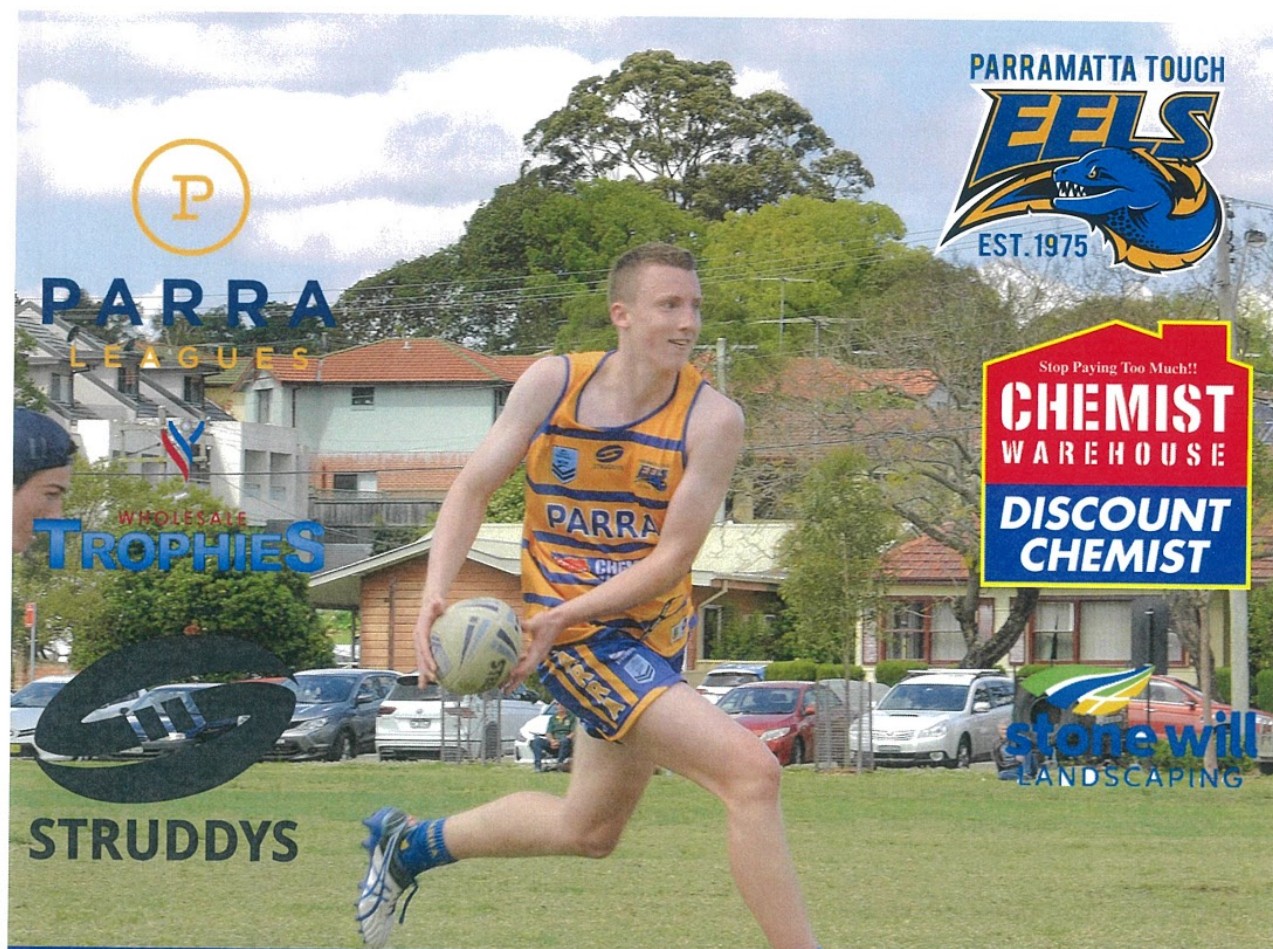
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Cost U11-U17= \$80.00 (10 Player Min)

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