



**Week 1  
Term 1  
2nd February  
2012**

# ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From Darkness to Light

Our Vision Statement: St Paul's Primary School is committed to Christ-centred education, inspired by the vision of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions and the teachings of St Paul, empowering us to seek the truth and grow in knowledge from darkness into the light of Christ.

### COMING EVENTS

#### WEEK 2

**Wed 8/2**

Parent Information  
Night @ 6.30pm.

**Thurs 9/2**

Opening School  
Mass @ 9.15am

**Fri 10/2**

Year 6 Assembly  
@ 8.45am

#### WEEK 3

**Tues 14/2**

P&F AGM @7pm  
Board AGM @8pm

**Thurs 16/2**

All sacraments  
information night  
@6.30pm

**Fri 17/2**

P & F Welcome  
Night @ 5pm

#### WEEK 4

**Wed 22/2**

Ash Wednesday  
Mass @ 10am  
Years 3 to 6

**Fri 24/2**

Year 4 Assembly  
@ 8.45am

### *Thank you God, for fresh starts...*

*Bless this brand-new backpack, filled with survival gear for the year to come. Bless the pristine paper, the uncreased texts, the pencils whose erasers have yet to be rubbed raw. Bless the workbooks and the notebooks, both the three-ring binder and the spiral variety. Bless the pencil case and protractor, the sharpener and the compass. Bless the thermos and the sandwich bags and the unbruised apple, gleaming and firm. Bless all 84 crayons, each with its own contribution to make. Bless the hands that will use these tools and the minds that will imagine how. Bless the hearts that will guide our children—and the ache in our own hearts as we watch them leave yet one year more.*

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## Principal's Report

### Dear Members of the St Paul's School Community

Welcome back to the start of the new school year. It was heart-warming to see our wonderful students arrive at school this Wednesday, bright-eyed and refreshed after the summer break. There is always a magic feeling in a school on the first day back and this year was no exception, despite the intense heat.

A special welcome is extended to the new students and families at St Paul's this year. We hope to see you all at the **St Paul's Welcome Night on Friday 17 February** starting at 5pm. Please come along with a picnic dinner and enjoy the disco, while getting to know the other families in the school community (see attached flyer).

We are still updating this year's parent email distribution list, so today's newsletter is coming home in hard copy as we wanted to draw your attention to the busy schedule of events planned to start off the 2012 school year. Once we have the email list up and running again we will revert to sending the newsletter home by email. The newsletter will also be posted on the school website for your reference every Thursday afternoon.

- On Wednesday 8 February, the **Parent Information Night** will commence at 6.30pm in the Barbier Hall, with a general address and introduction of the staff. We will then break into class groups and the teachers will run two identical 30 minute sessions in their classrooms, so that parents can attend two different class sessions. (Parents with more than two children may need to make another time to meet with their class teacher).

- On Thursday 9 February, our **Opening Mass** will take place at 9.15am at the Parish Church. All parents are welcome to attend.
- Tuesday 14 February will see both the **AGM for the P&F, and the Annual School Community Meeting**, take place at 7pm in the Barbier Hall. All are invited to attend the P&F AGM followed by the Annual School Community Meeting.
- On Thursday 16 February, the **All Sacraments Parent Information Meeting** will take place and will be presented by Fr Timothy Deeter at 6.30pm at the school. Parents of children in Years 3, 4 and 6 who will be preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation respectively, must attend this introductory meeting for their child to receive the Sacraments in 2012.
- Saturday 25 & Sun 26 February will be when the **Sacramental Commitment Masses** are held. Families of students preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation must attend **one** of the Masses on this weekend if their child is to receive the Sacraments in 2012.

### **Assemblies for 2012:**

This year the **Friday** assemblies at 8.45am will be held each fortnight on the *even* weeks of the term, (ie. Week 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10). During this assembly the Student Merit Awards will be issued and each class will take turns in presenting an item. On Friday, 10 February, Year 6 will be presenting an item.

Every **Monday** at 8.45am we start off the week with a brief prayer assembly for Years 1-6, during which we pray the school prayer, acknowledge the children who have birthdays and announce the events for the week. All parents are encouraged to attend *both* the Monday and Friday assemblies.

Please note that on the school website, there is a copy of the year's calendar of events, which will be updated as the year progresses.

### **Pupil Free days**

Catholic schools are allocated several Pupil Free Days each year. These dates are set aside for staff professional development and one day of leave is allocated in recognition of staff commitment to Church activities outside school hours. We have been directed to schedule these days to adjoin school term holidays or a long weekend if possible. The staff attended two professional development days at the start of the school year on January 30 and 31 (see next page for the remaining pupil free days). Please mark these dates on your calendar and remember that on these days you will need to arrange alternative supervision for your children.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Calum Braham for winning the WACE Beazley Medal for 2011. We are very proud of Calum, as he is a past student who attended St Paul's throughout his primary school years before attending Trinity in secondary school. Calum's parents, Dr Robert Braham, Dr Kate Hammond and his sisters Imogen and Iona (Yr 6) must also be very proud of his achievements. The Beazley Medal is an award made by the Curriculum Council of Western Australia to the Yr 12 secondary student with the highest Curriculum Council award score. The award is the highest profile and most prestigious academic award for secondary students in Western Australia.

May God bless us and guide us on this journey through the 2012 school year.



Joanna Noonan  
PRINCIPAL

## 2012 Term Dates

Term One  
**Wed 1st Feb to  
Thurs 5th April**

Term Two  
**Thurs 26 April to  
Fri 6th July**

Term Three  
**Mon 23rd July to  
Fri 28th Sept**

Term Four  
**Mon 15th Oct to  
Wed 12th Dec**

### Pupil Free Days:

Term 2 **Monday 23 April (week 1)  
Tuesday 24 April (week 1)  
Friday 25 May (week 5)**

Term 3 **Monday 30 July (week 2)  
Tuesday 31 July (week 2)**

Term 4 **Monday 5 November (week 4)**

Birthday wishes to the following children who celebrated their birthdays in January:

Mohammad Jafarlou  
Behzad Jafarlou  
Leila Jafarlou  
Peter Brandon  
Charlie Hampson  
Sophie Gazia  
Sean Robinson  
Ashleigh Hugo  
Reilly Cooper  
Skylar Chong  
Matilda Fletcher  
Jasmin Collard  
Eve Chatzimichail

## 2012 School Fee Statements HEALTH CARE CARD

School fee statements will be issued shortly. Parents who have a current Health Care Card, and wish to claim the discounted fee rate, are required to bring their Health Care Card to Administration prior to Friday 10th February.

Parents are also reminded that the Education Tax Refund (ETR) may be available to eligible families to assist in meeting the cost of primary and secondary school education. Check the Australian Tax Office website:

<http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/content.aspx?menuid=0&doc=/content/00174278.htm&page=1&H1>

for more details.

# Sport News

Please put the following event in your diaries:

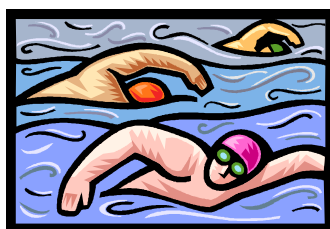
Swimming Carnival  
Friday 9th March 2012  
4pm to 7pm  
Bayswater Waves

Letters will come home this week with the children's choices of events. Please take the time to check their selections and then sign the form.

If you wish to contact me regarding their events, please see me before school on Thursday or Friday, or email me at [goode.julie@cathednet.wa.edu.au](mailto:goode.julie@cathednet.wa.edu.au).

Please return your child's forms by Friday 17th February at the latest.

Julie Goode  
Physical Education Specialist



**It's been confirmed!!**

We are delighted to announce that our final tally confirmation for the Coles "Sports for Schools" for 2011 was **52 570 vouchers**.

Thank you to everyone who so eagerly supported St Paul's Primary with collecting the vouchers. Our sports equipment order should be received within the next few weeks.

# Parish News

## Altar Server Roster

### 4th and 5th February

**6pm Mass**      Harrison Fletcher  
                         Jack Fletcher

**8am Mass**      Nicholas Yozzi  
                         Tony Yozzi

**9.30am Mass**   Daniel Barrie  
                         Madeline Biagioni



## Community News

### Keyed Up Music

Keyed Up Music will be holding piano, guitar, violin and saxophone lessons at St Paul's Primary School. Come along and learn after school at St Paul's. Lessons start from \$14.

Contact Therese on 1300 366 2443 or email [enquiry@keyedupmusic.com.au](mailto:enquiry@keyedupmusic.com.au). You can also enrol online at [www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolments.html](http://www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolments.html).

Violin will start once we have enough interest.



### Learn to play tennis and have fun at Leederville Tennis Club

- Programs include Kindy tennis 3—5 years
- Junior Coaching 5—18 years
- Squad training
- Junior competition/social
- Adult coaching/private lessons

For more information call Peter Gerrans on 9381 7756 or visit [www.tennislessonsperth.com.au](http://www.tennislessonsperth.com.au).

## P & F News

# St Paul's Primary School



## Welcome Night

An evening to welcome new families into the St Paul's community

Featuring

# DJ Wazz

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

5pm to 8pm

BYO comfy chair/blanket, picnic dinner and drinks.  
Picnic in the school grounds & disco with DJ Wazz