Dear St Paul’s Community

It has been another busy week at the school, as we draw closer to our Easter celebrations. The school will be having special events in Holy Week with this year being a special emphasis on Palm Sunday. On Holy Thursday, the last day before the Easter break, we will be holding an Easter Hat Parade first thing in the morning. We encourage all students to decorate a hat with an Easter theme. The best hat will win a prize for each class. We encourage parents to stay for this event and take photos.

This week we also had our School Validation. A Validation Team spent Tuesday reviewing the school, interviewing different parents, staff and students. The team will then write a report about the school. This will be used to provide some strategic direction for the next five years. A school goes through the Validation process every five years.

Some things to draw your attention to:

- The school completed our first fire drill for the year last Thursday. The students all moved safely and quietly to our evacuation area. On Tuesday, we actually had a false alarm in our Early Learning Centre before school and our students had to move to our evacuation area, the drill had prepared them well.
- On Monday Year 3 Penny’s class was filmed for the 7:30 report on the ABC. This was a promotion for the CSIRO Science program and our students took part in a robotics lesson. We do not know when it will be shown at this stage, they will let us know. It will be on a Friday night.
- School Board meeting tonight. We have had many interested people wishing to attend.

Parent Learning Tips

- Give time to reading aloud to your child, no matter how proficient he or she may be.
- Have a new word each hour for a week to develop your child’s range of words. How about doing this in both your home language and English? Make a game of it.
- Involve your child in everyday conversations. Ask his or her opinion and reasons for answers.

God Bless – Anthony
The retreat for the children participating in the Reconciliation Program is on Thursday 14th March from 4.30-6.30. Only the children attend this meeting. The Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place Thursday 21st March at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this special occasion.

**Tracy Flynn**  
Assistant Principal/RE

Holy Week – The Week Leading up to Easter  
Palm Sunday – when Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey and palms were laid out and waved on his arrival like a parade.  
Holy Thursday – The last Supper – When the Apostles and Jesus gathered to celebrate the Jewish Passover Festival and have the Seder Meal. Jesus’ last meal with the Apostles.  
Good Friday – The day Jesus was Crucified on the Cross.  
Easter Sunday – the day we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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**St Paul’s Parish**  
Trower Rd, Nightcliff

**Mass Times:**

- Saturday Mass 6.00pm (Vigil)
- Sunday Mass 8.30am and 6.00pm
- 1st Sunday of the month 10.30am
- Syro-Malabar Mass
- Last Sunday of month 8.30am Children’s mass

**BOOK CLUB** Issue 2 closes Tuesday 19th March. No late orders will be accepted.

**ACMA Parent Information Night at St Paul’s Thursday 16th May**

Internet safety awareness presentations offer parents cybersafety information which is presented in an easy to understand, thorough, non-technical and informative manner. Each presentation is approximately 60 minutes excluding question time. These presentations cover a range of issues including:

- The ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- Potential risks faced by students online such as cyberbullying, identity theft, unwanted contact and exposure to offensive content
- Tips and strategies to help students stay safe online.

The presentations are delivered by a team of Outreach trainers, each of whom is an education specialist. Outreach services schools from all sectors.

**Award Winners**

Congratulations to the following students who received Awards at Assembly last Friday

- **Trans Rm 4**  
  - Karsten Van Gurp  
  - Lucy Brand

- **Yr 1/2 Rm 2**  
  - Pheebi Lockley  
  - Max Morgan

- **Yr 2 Rm 8**  
  - Emma Rosenberger  
  - Seth Boettcher

- **Yr 4 Rm 11**  
  - Bryden Adams  
  - Kane Toohey

- **Yr 5/6 Rm 12**  
  - Michael Kudra  
  - RJ Kaluka

- **Yr 6 Rm 14**  
  - Nathan Marino  
  - Jacob Johns  
  - Olivia Burgess

**Leadership Team** ~ Jesse Clark, James Toohey, Michael Mullany, Dominic Coburn, Jacob Johns, Chloe Chapman, Matisse Gabbert, Lara Penney, Bailey Sullivan and Olivia Hatzismalis.
Swimming Program
Nightcliff Swimming Pool
Bus Pick-up

8.30 am  Trans ~ Miss Flynn & Miss Megan
9.15am  Yr 1 & 2 ~ Miss Sally & Miss Jo
10am  Yr 2 & 3 ~ Miss Williams & Miss Lauren
11.15am  Yr 3 & 4 ~ Ms Coburn & Mrs Miles
12 noon  Yrs 5 & 6 ~ Mrs Cotter & Ms Pollon
12.45 pm  Yr 5 ~ Mr Van Gurp

PLEASE NOTE:
The bus will pick students up on Francis Street between the car park exit and the gate nearest the school crossing. This area will be marked with cones throughout the program to allow for the safe collection of our students. We greatly appreciate your co-operation by not parking in this area during this time.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SWIMMING CARNIVAL:
We would love to have parent support on the day. If you can provide shade cloth and set it up or help with marshaling, please contact me at school or via e-mail. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Megan Graham
EC Swimming Carnival Coordinator
megan.graham@nt.catholic.edu.au

CITY CLUSTER DAY – Rugby League
With nine new recruits in the 16-player squad, St Paul’s travelled to Anula Oval last Friday, 8th March, to compete in the annual Rugby League City Cluster Carnival. Conditions were tricky with rain followed by scorching sun. The team’s stamina, focus and determination were tested during the day. St Paul’s started the day in the best possible way with a comprehensive 32-4 victory over St Mary’s. St Paul’s dominated possession and field position for much of the game, laying on eight tries to one in hot conditions before a vocal crowd. St Paul’s started and finished well, ending the carnival in 2nd place only losing one game throughout. Once again the players showed great team spirit and with the team rotation in full effect, each player got a run.

By the end of the competition all team members had scored or assisted in setting up a try. Well done to the team and as always, thanks to the parent helpers for their ongoing support and assistance.

AFL
The AFLNT School Gala Day will be held on Saturday 16th March 2013 from 3pm until 5pm. The purpose of the Gala Day is to reinforce skills learnt by the students during AFL clinics over the last few weeks and to give them an opportunity to be part of the Grandfinal activities. St Paul’s will be entering one team on the day. All students from Year 4-6 are welcome to come down and participate. If your child is interested please advise them to speak to me for further details.

Please remember that event nomination forms need to be returned as soon as possible (no later than Friday 15th March) so that the lists of events can be finalised to ensure a smooth running carnival. Any parent/guardian who is able to spare a few hours for the Primary Carnival to assist our staff with marshaling of events throughout the day.

Draft Timetable

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<td>Welcome and start of main events</td>
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<td>12.20 - 12.30</td>
<td>Clean/pack-up area.</td>
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<td>Dismissal (home or school) - Teachers to be informed.</td>
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Alain Van Gurp
PE Coordinator

MISSING BOOK CLUB ORDER
Zayd Binks is missing 2 books from his order that went home last week. Iron Man 1 Jnr and Infinity Ring Value Pack. If you received these books by mistake - please return them to the office. Thank you.
P & F NEWS

St Paul’s Swimming Carnival
Friday 22nd March 2013 Casuarina Swimming Pool

P&F Fabulous Food Stall and BBQ

Many hands make light work.
The stall relies on food donations provided from classes throughout the school.
Please bring the food to the stall on the day.

Popular food items
Homemade cakes and slices
    Mini muffins
    Cupcakes
    Biscuits
Small bags of chips
    Bags of popcorn
    Small bags of fruit

Sausages in bread, soft drinks, water and ice pops are also for sale.

Years 1 & 2 families are asked to donate drinks to sell on the day.
The Stall will be run by parents with children in Yr1, 1/2 and 2 classes.

A roster will be sent out to plan the sales at the stall and cooking of BBQ.
Darwin Athletics Club
Sign Up Evening
Come along to Arafura Stadium located in Marrara, behind the basketball stadium and see how you can become involved in athletics!

REDEEM YOUR SPORTS VOUCHER
Run, jump and throw with supportive coaches, friends and family in a fun, fast paced environment.

Friday March 15 | 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Training for 6y.o + starts March 19
Comp starts March 22
More info? Monique – 0401 160 039

Also FOR SALE a 4X6ft car trailer $500. Contact Fran Miles 0412900632