Dear St Paul’s Community,

Term One has nearly finished. It’s hard to believe! It has certainly been a busy term for me starting at the school. Thanks to all who have helped the school this term, whether it be by listening to readers, providing feedback, working at a stall at the Swimming Carnival or being part of the School Board, it is certainly appreciated and valued. It all makes our school a better place.

Some things to draw to your attention:

⇒ Holidays begin next week. The school office is still open for enquiries and uniform purchasing.

⇒ The ABC has contacted to let us know that the school will/should feature on Friday 12 April at 7:30. This is yet to be confirmed, but it would be too late to contact the students next week. The ABC recently filmed Miss Lauren’s class having a lesson from the C.S.I.R.O.

⇒ Well done to Ms Peyton’s and Miss Lauren’s classes. They had their first Learning Expo for the year. We saw some great examples of the students’ work and it was great to see so many of the parent community together to witness the egg experiment and the newspaper fashion parade. I am sure we will see some of these designs on the Paris catwalks soon.

⇒ Speaking of fashion. We had a great response to our Easter Hat Parade. Congratulations to the winners. I know many students (and parents) put a lot of work into their hats.

⇒ Our next School Board Meeting is our Annual General Meeting. This will be held on Wednesday 8 May at 7 p.m. in the library.

⇒ A group of students has been helping me put together an Artist in Schools Grant application. Fingers crossed that we will be successful for it to happen in Term Four. More details to follow if we are successful. Thanks to Tony, Sydney, Matthias, Laura and Kayley.

⇒ In our school Professional Learning this week. Staff worked with Trish Gooch from the Catholic Education Office analyzing our NAPLAN Data. This allows us to look at our results and see what we are doing well and where we need to improve as a school.

⇒ Edmodo. Some classes are beginning to use WEB 2.0 Tools. That is websites where students interact with websites, using blogs, constructing, evaluating etc. One website that we are currently using is Edmodo, which is set up for educational purposes. This is fully supervised. Whenever a child makes a comment it is copied onto the manager’s email—the manager being the teacher usually. Be aware that if your child is on this website, it is supported and checked by the school.

We have had a number of recent enrolments. All speak highly of the reputation of the school which is great to hear. This week we welcomed the Elliott family, Jasmine to Miss Jo’s class and Xavier in the ELC. Please make their parents Angela and Paul welcome.

This week we also celebrated Harmony Day and had some Pacific Islander dancers in for our morning assembly. Thanks to Yolanda for organizing that.

On behalf of St Paul’s School, I wish everyone and safe and restful holiday.

God Bless,
Anthony
The program for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion begins this week. There will be two parent and child meetings to commence the program. Families can choose one or the other to attend. The first meeting is on Thursday 4th April at 6pm in the church. The alternate meeting is on Thursday 18th April at 6pm. If you have any queries regarding this program please ask.

Tracy Flynn
Assistant Principal/RE

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

Parent Learning Tips
Sport offers opportunities for exploring literacy and numeracy. Calculate scores. Write a letter of encouragement to a sportsperson. Listen to sports programs and discuss the scores, angles of shots and probable results. Discuss camera shots and effects.

Turn off the TV for a while and talk to your child in your home language about some of the issues in the TV programs or things that have recently happened in society.

Use the computer as a research and learning tool. There are many sites to help your child practice his or her skills. Use it as a dictionary, a thesaurus or to check spelling.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
4th April Communion Meeting 6pm
5th April End of Term
15th April Term 2 commences

Some Community Highlights from Term One.
- Parent Feedback session and feedback forms in the newsletter.
- Welcome morning tea for new families.
- School Disco
- New Parents and Friends Committee formed
- Six new members of the School Board.
- Easter Hat Parade.
- Palm Sunday and Ash Wednesday Liturgies.
- Whole School Beginning of Year Mass.
- Men of St Paul’s Night.
- Parent information evening.
- Learning Expo for Rooms 9 & 10.
- Cooking Expo in Year 5
- School Swimming Program and Carnival.

Extra Curricula Highlights of Term One
- City Cluster Sporting Events
- Music Lessons Program Initiated (to start term 2)
- St Paul’s represented at Football round robin on grand final day.
- Soccer Exhibition match day at Marrara for Grades Transition and Year 1.
- School Choir
- Pacific Islander Dancers
- Irish Dancers
- Visit by the Bishop
SRC News
The St Paul’s SRC has been very busy in the last week. On Holy Thursday the SRC ran the Easter Hat parade and raised $134 for the Diocese of Rockhampton to assist with natural disaster recovery. This was a fun event and we wish to thank all those students who got involved.

Today the SRC held the Term 1 Bake Sale. A fabulous array of goodies were baked by SRC members and sold at recess to raise over $228.80. We wish to thank our parents and carers who assisted in the baking of our goodies, and to thank all those who purchased from our stall. The funds raised from the Bake Sale will go to Project Compassion.

Harmony Day
On 21 March, the people of Australia celebrated Harmony Day. The students of St Paul’s were finishing up the swimming program and preparing for the Swimming carnival at that time, but we thought it was still important to celebrate Harmony Day a little later. Today has been our Harmony Day. We were delighted to welcome Julia, a Pacific Islands dancer, and her children to dance for us and lead us in dancing a welcome dance at assembly. Julia explained that the dance was a traditional islander dance and told a story of welcome which is extended to people of all nations. All students were invited to wear a Harmony Day tattoo or sticker and plenty of orange balloons filled the space. The staff also shared a Harmony Day lunch. Our thanks to Ms Yolanda and Mrs Cotter for their efforts in planning the day.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE
Please fill in the form below if you would be interested in using Before School Care.

Child: ...........................................................

Child: ...........................................................

Signed: ........................................................
Easter Hat Parade

Rooms 9 & 10 Expo