Dear St Paul’s Community,

Welcome Back. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable break and is feeling refreshed and ready to go.

Some things to draw to your attention:

♦ We welcome Mark and Kath Chapman and their children Ella (Room 12) and Maya (Room 8)
♦ We welcome Tim Sagi (Room 2) and his parents Sagi and Susan.
♦ **Parent Teacher Interviews.** Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on the 30th April and 1st May in the Integrated Learning Centre. A note will go home soon which will allow you to book your time online.
♦ Unfortunately, the 7:30 Report on the ABC about our Year 3 students got bumped to another day. We will let you know when it is scheduled.
♦ If you missed it, you can go to [www.abc.net.au/7.30/nt](http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/nt)
♦ We welcome our **new teacher Miss AB Mohr** who has taken the position of 3/4 teacher sharing with Ms Peyton. I am sure most of you already know AB and are thrilled she has joined our staff. Miss Mohr and Ms Peyton have also swapped some days as Ms Peyton has regular meetings on Fridays. Therefore, **Miss Mohr** will be in the classroom **Wednesday to Friday** and **Ms Peyton, Monday and Tuesday**.
♦ We also welcome another **new staff member** in **Benedette Onu**. Benedette will be working with Miguel as part of our cleaning staff. Benedette has lots of experience in cleaning, but also has overseas childcare/teaching qualifications and has also worked on television as a presenter. She is a member of the St Paul’s Parish.
♦ This term we have **NAPLAN** testing in our Year 3 and Year 5 classes. Our classes have been preparing for these tests and look forward to the opportunity to see how the school is progressing.
♦ A reminder if you have not returned your child’s **portfolios**, please do so as soon as possible. Teachers add to these folders regularly.
♦ We are having **a bit of a problem** with children playing unsupervised after school. Parents, please help by supervising your children after you pick them up. Children are not meant to be playing ball sports at this time or running around.
♦ **Car Parking.** I have a meeting coming up with an engineer to discuss the car park and look at different options. One issue for the car park is the school and church are also under obligation to provide disabled parking which does not currently exist.
♦ **Before School Care.** Thank you to those who expressed interest in Before School Care. We had very little response to this and the school will not be pursuing this further. BSC is a very regulated service and is not financially viable for schools unless it has a large number of students using it daily.
♦ **ANZAC Day Liturgy.** All parents are welcome to join us for our ANZAC day liturgy at 10am in the ILC.

God Bless,

Anthony
The program for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion has commenced. The next meeting is on Thursday 18 April at 6pm for parents and children. If you have any queries regarding this program please ask.

Tracy Flynn
Assistant Principal/RE

Parent Learning Tips
Viewing films and talking about any issues will greatly expand your child’s thinking.

Working out how much time it takes to do things or go somewhere using a timetable will give your child opportunities to calculate.

EXercise your mind like a muscle! Let your child see you calculating things without a calculator.

You are the key to improving your child’s literacy and numeracy skills. Place a high priority on them in your home.

Visit your local library with your child and borrow books, magazines and listening tapes.

Change to the Sports Carnival

The decision has been made to change the arrangement for our Athletics Day to help our junior students. The Junior Sports Carnival will now take place at the school on a different day to that of the Year 3–6 carnival.

The following considerations were taken into account:

- The quality of the surface on which the younger children compete is inferior to that of the older students;
- Junior students are in the baking sun for far too long in comparison to the time they are competing;
- The duration of the carnival is too long for younger students;
- Those not taken home after the carnival have to wait another hour to get the bus back to school;
- There is little engagement between junior and senior students on carnival day as they are in their separate areas, this decision allows older students greater involvement;
- It is a heavy burden for a few people to transport gear, set it up, unpack it and transport it back;
- Having the carnival at school and on a different day allows for House leaders and other older students to be involved.

The school realises that this will create difficulty for some parents with students in both senior and junior classes. To help this situation, the carnivals will take place in different weeks and on different days to make it easier for parents to get some time off work. The junior carnival will be a two hour morning event, then the students will return to class. A discussion will be had with the members of Parents and Friends this afternoon to decide how to best cater and fund raise.
Class News

At the end of last term, Corporal Chad Gill (Noah’s dad) came to school to do some physical training with the Transition students. The children went through a serious of exercises and they were able to ask questions about Chad’s job in the Army. We had a lot of fun and we would like to thank Chad and wish him all the very best in his deployment to Afghanistan.

BOOK CLUB: We have a couple of orders in the office from Issue 2 which have not been collected as no name was placed on the order form. When filling in your order form please ensure that your child’s name and room no. are entered on the top of the order form. If you are using your credit card to buy from multiple orders you can tally the total and make one payment using the same receipt no. Issue 3 closes Friday 26th April.

PARENT SURVEYS are due back this Friday. They were distributed with portfolios to randomly selected families and there are copies in the office for other parents/carers who would like to complete one. It is important to us that parents have the opportunity to contribute to significant issues regarding the school.

Working Bee
Parents, carers and community partners are invited to a working bee at St Paul’s school on Saturday 27 April from 8-11am. The main task will be to prepare the back oval for the Term 2 athletics program. If you are able to join us, please bring along your tools and be prepared for an enjoyable morning.

Year 5/6 camp
Parents and carers are advised that due to development works at the Batchelor campsite, we have had to postpone the Year 5/6 camp until Term 3. Dates at an alternative venue are currently being negotiated, and details will be provided as soon as possible.

Cross Country
City Cluster Cross Country is about to begin for 2013. This is an excellent opportunity to get involved in a cluster event, have fun with the whole family and get fit or fitter along the way. You can stroll, jog or run the 2 or 3 km courses that are available. All students, teachers, parents and friends who walk or jog one of the courses or assist with marshalling or recording will gain points for St Paul’s. The first run is on Thursday 18 April continuing each Thursday afternoon until the 13 June.

When: Thursday afternoons from 18th April
Time: Registration from 4.30pm – Run begins at 5pm
Where: Casuarina Coastal Reserve
Age: All ages are welcome including parents, family and friends
Cost: $2 per week per person

City Cluster Soccer
City Cluster Soccer is this Friday 19 April

City Cluster Netball
Tuesday 23 April

Sports Clinics Term 2
Transition to Year 2 – Cricket
Year 3 to 6 – Rugby League

Athletics Carnival
Yrs 3-6 Friday 7th June at Marrara
Trans—Yr 2 Tuesday 28th June
SCHOOL PHOTOS will take place on Monday 13th May from 8.15am. Your child is asked to wear FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM (not sports uniform—see below for the correct school uniform). If you wish to have your child/ren’s photo taken please fill in the details on the envelope sent home today. Each child is required to have an envelope. If you wish to have a family photo (of children presently attending the school and or/ELC) you will need to collect a separate envelope from the office.

Photo envelopes must be returned by Wednesday 8 May. Thank you

Girls
Culottes or School Dress
Green Polo T-shirt
White socks
Black shoes or sandals

Boys
Green Polo T-shirt
Black shorts
White socks
Black shoes or sandals

Woolworths – Earn and Learn
Woolworths have started their Earn and Learn Program for 2013. If you shop at Woolworths don’t forget to collect your stickers and bring them in to school.

There will be a box outside the office to drop them in and the SRC will be supporting this program during Term 2. Thank you

P & F NEWS
A huge thank you to all the parents and staff who assisted in the smooth running of the food stall for the swimming carnival last term. It cannot be done without the donations and the time you set aside to help.

We had a very good range of cakes, slices, muffins and chips, drinks and icy poles. The sausages and chicken burgers were delicious and we had little left over!

We would like to thank all the businesses that supported the stall. Please support them too.

Brumbys Nightcliff – donated bread
Halco – donated sausages

St. Mary’s Catholic Primary School
TWILIGHT FETE
SATURDAY 25 MAY 5 - 8:30 pm
Join us for fun, food and a cool night.
Bric-a-brac Books Hector The Cat
Food Bar Drinks
Tombola Cake stall Plants
Lolly bags Show bags Toys
Silent Auction Jumping Castle
Cop & Robber car Chasel
Entertainment

Entry Linsay St
Darwin
Community Notices

We invite you to join us for:

30 Years of Holy Family Catholic School
\&
10 Years of Rainbows Celebrations

Time: Friday 3rd May, 2013
8.30am: Open classrooms - all welcome to visit
9.30am: Whole school Mass in the Assembly Area
10.00am: Cup of tea with the staff
11.00am: Mini-Fete prepared by the students

Family, Suits & Friendships

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Come along and join in our...
Safety House NT
Family Fun Day

Jingili Water Gardens
Sunday 5th May 2013
9.30am to 12.30pm

Celebrate Ina's birthday with:
- Jumping Castles
- Rock Climbing
- Disco Tent
- Face Painting
- Arts and Craft
- Safety House Show Bags
- Badge Making
- Birthday Cake

Proudly sponsored by:

Neighbourhood Watch NT

Safely House

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JUNIOR ORIENTEERING PROGRAM

- Do you like the great outdoors?
- Do you enjoy solving problems?
- Do you like to know where you are?
- Are you between 10 - 14 years old?

Then come and join the Top End Orienteers Junior Program for all this and more!

The program is aimed at 10 - 14 year olds and will introduce and develop orienteering skills such as map interpretation, map orientation, use of the compass and following a set route.

It will run during Term 2 on Wednesday afternoons from 5.15 - 6.15 pm at the following locations:

- 24 April: Jingili Water Gardens
- 1 May: East Point
- 8 May: Holmes Jungle
- 13 May: East Point
- 22 May: Holmes Jungle
- 29 May: Charles Darwin NT
- 5 June: Casuarina Coastal Reserve
- 12 June: Charles Darwin NT
- 19 June: Holmes Jungle

Sunday club event — all welcome (fee applies)
- 3 May: Jingili
- 25 May: Mitchell's Creek
- 12 June: Holmes Jungle

A camp is planned in the June holiday break to further consolidate skills, and there are many opportunities at Sunday club events throughout the year to put your skills into practice.

The program is free for members of Top End Orienteers, or $15 for non-members (which covers membership). You can also choose to use your Junior Sports Voucher (covers membership plus event fees for all 2013 club events as well as a free safety whistle)

For more information contact Sue Betelt at susiebetelt@optusnet.com.au or phone 8863 3841 or 0401 370 864.

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Community Services Workforce Integration

Parents Returning to Work

Commencement 22nd April 2013 (6 weeks)
Monday - Friday 9am - 2pm

This is a FREE Training Course that aims to provide you with skills to obtain employment in the Community Services Sector.

The aim of the training is to support participants in obtaining an Apprenticeship, Traineeship or Employment in Community Services.

You will participate in a diverse range of activities including resume preparation, telephone skills, interview techniques, industry and career research, as well as have the opportunity to gain up to 5 accredited units towards Certificate II in Community Services.

CHC32118B - Prepare for work in the community sector
CHC32011C - Communicate with people accessing the services of the organisation
CHC40820C - Follow policies, procedures and programs of the organisation
CHC32120C - Work with others
HLTWRH200A - Participate in WHS processes

Interested? If you are over the age of 17 and are a parent returning to work, registered with Centrelink as a job seeker and genuinely want employment in Community Service please contact

Paula at YouWork NT on 08 0891 7014 or reference number 422364. All participants must be approved for an Oasis Card.

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INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS
The DAPA Instrumental Program will commence this Friday. Thank you for all the support, the number of enrolments was exciting.

If you have enrolled your child please make payment directly to DAPA as soon as possible.