Dear St Paul’s Community,

This week sees the students learning about how the Catholic Church works with the poor of the World. On Friday we have both our Mission Mass and our Mission activities. Catholic Mission (www.catholicmission.org.au) works under the umbrella of the Catholic Church to support the poor. We encourage all families to contribute to this fundraising event.

Class Groupings for Next Year.
Staff put many hours into ensuring that class groupings are balanced in terms of the academic and social needs of our students. Class groupings may undertake some changes into the new year as enrolment figures can change over the break.

A request for a specific teacher is not something we can accommodate. Each of our teachers bring different qualities to the learning environment and it is important that our students develop strategies to work with these differences. However, families know their children well. If there is any consideration that will inform class groupings, it is important that you let us know as soon as possible in writing.

Some things to draw to your attention:
♦ Mission Mass: This Friday in the church at 8:45.
♦ Mission Week Activities: This Friday between recess and lunch. Students are allowed to wear casual clothes this Friday with a donation to the Missions. There is a particular theme around socks, students are encouraged to wear colourful socks on the day.
♦ New School Counsellor: We have a new school counselor starting over the next week or two. We welcome, Kelly Smith, no, not our last Principal!!! Kelly will be working in classrooms for the first two weeks so she can meet the students and will begin counseling services in a few weeks.
♦ Some of our students took part in the SMART Science Travelling show this week. Students learnt about and took part in many amazing science activities.
♦ You may have noticed Mr Miguel doing a lot of work around the school lately in our garden. He has been cutting back and removing some trees. We will also use professional arborists for the more difficult trees. Mr Miguel has also established a garden near the sports shed and the Junior Primary students have been doing some planting. I encourage all to go and have a look, it looks fantastic.
♦ End of Year Event: Mark in your calendar our end of year event which will take place on 5th December. This will be an after school event where both our choir and music students will perform and a chance for all families to come together before Christmas. More details to come when we get closer to the event.

God Bless
Anthony

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 10.00am
Syro-Malabar Mass
Last Sunday of month 8.30am Children’s mass
Parent Learning Tips

www.khanacademy.org

I once again encourage all families to visit the Khan Academy website. It has been recently updated and now involves a pre-test. I had a go at it myself and did reasonably well (I had to skip one question!) Once I had finished the first test I was then directed to further questions for me to tackle and to improve my mathematics results. It gives hints to how to solve problems.

Unlike many online tutoring systems, there is no cost to the Khan Academy. It is supported by donation and the Bill Gates Foundation.

Book Club orders close Tuesday 22nd October. No late orders will be accepted. Thank you

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18th Oct  Mission Mass 8.45am
24th Oct  City Cluster Swimming Carnival
31st Oct  Music Count Us In
1st Nov   All Saints Day
          Yr 3 & 4 sleep-over
11th Nov  Remembrance Day 10.50am service
12th Nov  Transition Orientation
          8.30—9.30am
13th Nov  School Board Meeting
5th Dec   P & F Christmas Event TBA
9th Dec   Yr 6 Graduation
11th Dec  Reports and Portfolios sent home
12th Dec  End of Year Mass 9.30am
          11am Awards Ceremony
          End of Term
30th Jan  School commences for 2014

Calling all Dads!

Dads night out!

November 2nd, 5pm. Darwin Ski Club

Come join us to catch up over a steak and a beer.

For further info, contact Ben on 0408 747 552 or bencunningham1@gmail.com

Y ears 3 and 4 Sleepover

As part of our development of the St Paul’s Outdoor Education program, on Friday 1 November students in Years 3 and 4 will be sleeping over at school. The morning of the school day will be per normal, however from recess onwards students will be participating in a range of exciting outdoor activities culminating with a sleepover in the ILC for students in Year 3, and in tents in the courtyard for students in Year 4.

Parents of Years 3 and 4 students will receive additional information in paper form today detailing what your children need to bring along. Should you have any questions regarding the event, please contact your child’s teacher or Ms Louise Peyton on louise.peyton@nt.catholic.edu.au or on the school number. We are after a few parent volunteers to assist with the BBQ dinner and breakfast. If you are in a position to help, please let your child’s teacher know.

SRC News

The SRC has been very active planning events for this term. On Mission Day there will be fun guessing games which students can enter with a gold coin donation (in addition to the donation for the overall day) On Friday 25 October we will continue our fundraising for Catholic Mission with a Crazy Hair Day. Students are invited to wear their uniform to school, however they can accessorise with weird and wonderful hair styles. Students are asked to contribute a gold coin (or more!) for the privilege. In Week 7 the SRC is looking at conducting a “St Paul’s Has Talent” competition. More details will be available soon.

ELC News

Miss Kimmi is going on holidays soon. She will be visiting family in New Zealand leaving Miss Nicola in charge. We hope she has a restful break. Thanks to all the families that have brought in their photos and jars, the Centre is looking great.

ELC AND OSHC NEWS

Christmas Closure

The ELC and OSHC will be closed for two weeks over the Christmas holidays. The last day will be Friday 20th December and the services will re-open Monday 6th January 2013.

A reminder that all ELC and OSHC accounts are to be fully paid and kept in credit by 2 weeks. Credit will be reflected on your account with a (-) sign. We appreciate your support in this matter. All accounts are to reflect a 0 or negative balance by the end of the 2013 school year.
CRICKET EXTRAVAGANZA
St Paul’s was extremely fortunate to receive a visit during Week 10 from some interstate and international cricket champions. Members from Cricket Without Borders came to Darwin and were able to offer a cricket skills clinic to Year 3 and Year 3/4 students on Monday 23 September.

Sarah Elliott, a current Australian Cricket Representative, arranged the clinic and set up an exciting afternoon of skills, games and cricket action for our middle primary students. The CWOB group consisted of twelve young women cricketers from Victoria and support staff.

The CWOB group is part of a program run with the aim to, ‘promote and develop the game of cricket for young women in the spirit of sportsmanship, friendship, cultural diversity and fun’. This was certainly the case for the two classes who participated so enthusiastically.

We would like to thank Sarah Elliott and the girls, and Ken Jacobs (Director of CWOB) for taking the time to share their love of cricket and their sense of fun with us at St Paul’s.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART RESULTS
St Paul’s students have completed a very successful and physically active JRFH program which ran throughout Term 3. Congratulations to all the students who participated in fundraising for the Heart Foundation through the Jump Rope for Heart Program and a special thank-you to their parents and families who supported them.

Congratulations to William Wood (Yr 3/4) who raised the most money in the school. Top effort to Taj Cannard (Yr 1) who raised the most money in the lower primary classes. Great job to Grace Johns (Yr 3/4) who raised the most money online. Super effort to Anthony Rowse (Yr 3/4) who raised a large amount both online and offline this year.

Every little bit counts and it is very exciting to announce that the school raised just over $3900 during the JRFH program this year. A fantastic effort! Beth Wood the JRFH co-ordinator came out to visit the school on Friday of Week 10, to personally congratulate students on their efforts.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART EVENT
On Friday 27 September the Yr 3/4 students hosted a JRFH event on the basketball court during the middle session. This was a great way to end the term and to showcase the magnificent progress that has been made in skipping skills attained by students throughout the school.

The Transition to Yr 2 showed off their enthusiasm, flexibility and skipping skills. The Yr 3 and Yr 4 students followed with their speed, agility and know-how. Finally the Yr 5 and Yr 6 students showed off their strength, skills and determination. Each group of students rotated through ten short skills activities and completed almost 30 minutes of continuous physical activity.

Congratulations to the Yr 3/4 students who showed great leadership and stamina as they participated in activities with the whole school across the two hours. Thank-you to all the staff and students who skipped and jumped happily during the event.

‘Happy Heart’ also came to visit us during lunch time after the JRFH event as a way of saying thank-you for participating in this great program. All students had the opportunity to say hi to Happy Heart and many were sad to see the Heart Foundation mascot leave to visit other schools in our area.
Free Family Event
25 October 5.00 – 7.00pm
National Go Swim Month - Nightcliff Dolphins
When: Friday 25 October 5.00 – 7.00pm
Where: Nightcliff Aquatic Centre

Free pool entry for non-members (and club members bringing non-member family/friends).
Free Take Your Marks Swim clinic including stroke correction and 25m Come and try races.
Free Race them if you dare - 50m freestyle race against club swimmers!
Free novelty events and giveaways.
Free Sport of Swimming presentation for adults & parents.
Free Swimming Australia swim bag full of goodies and for all new swimmers who register on the night.

Workshop information
Margaret Lambert is a practising Psychologist, and a qualified teacher and librarian. She will be conducting workshops in Darwin on Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT) or Tapping, that is useful for eliminating anxiety and stress and for improving results.
Stage 1 EFT: Friday 8 November, 9am-4pm
Stage 2 EFT: Friday 15 November, 9am—4pm

Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT) is the set of gentle healing techniques used to reduce and eliminate stress, anxiety and other negative emotions. It is a highly effective way to relieve emotional and physical issues, remove limiting beliefs and creating success. EFT is a new way of thinking about healing and achieving better results. It is simple to learn and powerful in its effects. “EFT offers great healing benefits” Deepak Chopra MD. EFT is a valuable asset for personal use and for use with others.

"Girl Guides - does your daughter like making new friends? between the ages of 5 & 17 yrs? and like helping other people and do fun activities like camping, horse riding, growing in confidence when achieving various goals? Then collect a letter from the school office or contact Justine Cowling, District Leader, Darwin at email: kolet.rosella@mail.com"
Parent Feedback Form

What do you like about St Paul’s
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What would you like to see more of?
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What would you like to see less of?
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What would you change?
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Please return to the office by Friday 18th October 2013.