Dear St Paul’s Community,

Well done to all the students and staff for their efforts during Mission Week. The students had an exciting day on Friday with their activities. Thank you to Mr V and his class and Miss Flynn for preparing a beautiful communion service. Deacon Patrick spoke about his time in the missions and this gave the children a sense of what life is like for some children overseas. I was really impressed that the students were able to speak about the missions and not just about the activities. A credit to the teachers that the students got a real sense of what Mission Week is about.

Some things to draw to your attention:

♦ It has been wonderful this week to witness many acts of kindness by the students of St Paul’s. Many teachers and I have watched many of our senior students helping the younger students, especially on Mission Day with burst balloons and broken bracelets. Many of our senior students, without hesitation, quickly came to the rescue.

♦ This Friday night there is a free family event at the Nightcliff Swimming Pool from 5pm to 7pm. Entry is free with activities and a sausage sizzle.

♦ Two of our staff members, Sally Seden and Alain Van Gurp, and Helen Smith (a parish member) will be attending training on behalf of the school for the Rainbows Loss and Grief program. The school wishes to begin to offer the program in 2014. Rainbows is a structured group program that provides a safe place for children to express their feelings in relation to grief and loss - loss of a parent through death, separation or divorce, death of a sibling or grandparent, or any other major crisis or loss in their lives. The purpose of the group is to assist participants to build a stronger sense of self and their place in the world; to assist in an understanding of the changes that have taken place in their personal lives and then build the foundations for a healthy journey forward.

♦ This week our new school counsellor, Kelly Smith, begins in the school. Kelly will be meeting students by working in our classrooms. If any families wish to use our counselling service, referral forms are available in the office.

♦ Next week we have the “National Count Us In” event. At 11am on Thursday October 31, all students will take part in the national singing event. Some students will also travel to Casuarina to take part in the “Rock the Caz” where representatives from many schools will sing together.

♦ **Building Fund:** Thank you to the families who have paid their school fees. Most families have a series of weekly or fortnightly payments through direct debit. If you are making a contribution to the Building Fund, you may wish to let Lucy know in finance so we are aware that your extra funds are for the Building fund, not that you have forgotten to stop your payments.

♦ It is getting to that time of year where many families are finding out about job transfers for next year. Please let the school know as soon as possible if you are leaving the school. This allows the school to have correct staffing numbers for next year.

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Our Vision:

We believe in strong and authentic relationships. The Gospel values of acceptance, honesty, integrity and respect are at the core of our being.

We value the uniqueness of all people and their right to learn. We celebrate the diversity of talents and experiences each individual brings to our faith community.

We believe St Paul’s is an innovative, challenging, supportive and contemporary learning environment.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th Oct  City Cluster Swimming Carnival
31st Oct  Music Count Us In
1st Nov  All Saints Day
          Yr 3 & 4 sleep-over
2nd Nov  Dads night out!
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

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.

Feedback from Parents.

Thank you to those parent who completed the recent feedback forms available in the newsletter. The school continues to work with families to make the school a better learning place. We did not receive many forms, however those received gave us some ideas that we can work on. If you still wish to provide feedback please see Julia for a form.
**SRC news**

This Friday the SRC will be running Crazy Hair Day. CHD is a follow up activity to Mission Day and the funds raised will go to Catholic Mission. Students are invited to wear their St Paul’s uniform to school, but they can wear their hair in any weird and wonderful creation. We will have a short parade at morning assembly and a gold coin donation is requested.

On the afternoon of Friday 22 November the SRC will be conducting “St Paul’s Has Talent”. Details to follow.

**Year 3 and 4 sleepover**

Thanks to all those families who have already sent back their permission and medical forms for sleepover. The students (and teachers!) are getting very excited and there is a real “sleepover buzz” happening. We are trying to finalise bus and pool bookings, parent volunteers and food purchases so would appreciate receiving the outstanding forms by this Friday. Any volunteers to drive to and from the pool, BBQ our dinner or organise breakfast would be appreciated. All food will be supplied.

**Head Lice**

A number of classes have recently received a letter from the school advising of cases of head lice. We appreciate that many parents have checked and treated accordingly, and returned the tear off slip advising of this. The humid weather at the moment means that we can expect more cases rather than fewer. However, we now have repeat outbreaks in some classes within a short period of time which suggests that all eggs/lice were not removed, so the cycle continues. Once again, we ask all parents and carers to regularly check their children’s hair so that treatment can begin as soon as there are any indicators of lice. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter for the sake of the children… and their frustrated parents!

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

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**Sports News**

**NETBALL NEWS**

Well done to the three teams, 26 students, three coaches and many parents who kicked off the Schools Netball Competition at Marrara last Wednesday. All players seemed to enjoy their games and it was great to see the St Paul’s colours amongst all the other schools. Several parents from other schools commented on the way our girls and boys represented the sportsmanship and fair play ideals we are so proud of here at St Paul’s. This week a draw of matches will be given to each of the coaches.

The Year 3&4 team plays at 5pm on court 4, against Parap.
The Year 5 team plays at 5pm on court 7, against Larrakeyah.
The Year 6 team plays at 6pm on court 5, against St Mary’s. Good luck to all teams involved.

**JRFH REWARDS HAVE ARRIVED**

The rewards earned by the students who did such a fantastic job of fundraising for Jump Rope For Heart have arrived! They will be distributed to students today.

**Swimming Carnival – Thursday 24 October**

The much anticipated City Cluster Swimming Carnival is to be held tomorrow, Thursday 24 October at the Casuarina Pool.

The event opens at 5pm with races beginning at 5.30pm. All St Paul’s students are asked to be at the pool on time, as the first races will be the multiage relays involving twelve students.

We welcome all families and spectators to attend this event. BBQ facilities may be operating during the evening. Please report to Mr Van Gurp or Miss Mohr poolside to ensure all students are ready for their events.

Swimmers are encouraged to wear their St Paul’s sports shirts before and after their races - we hope to be taking lots of photos on the night.

Good luck to all our competitors and swimmers from each of the schools in our cluster area.

**HOCKEY CLUSTER EVENT**

The City Cluster Hockey event will be the last cluster sport for the year. We are asking interested boys and girls in Years 4-6 who would like to participate to see Miss Mohr by the end of this week.

The Hockey Cluster event will be in Week 7 of this term, on Friday 22nd November. The event is open to boys and girls in teams of seven players.
Community Notices

Join an ‘Encounter’ to the Pacific nation of Kiribati with Palms Australia, a Catholic organisation which has prepared, placed and supported skilled Australian volunteers in Asia, Africa and the Pacific for over 50 years. A Palms Encounter is perfect for anyone interested in learning about another culture, as well as those interested in social justice and reducing poverty.

During this cross-cultural experience you will gain insight into the life of work of Palms’ volunteers, and learn about pressing development issues facing Kiribati, including climate change. A limited number of spaces are available for our next visit to the Pacific island nation of Kiribati, 11-23 February 2014. For further information visit: http://www.palms.org.au/encounters, email: encounter@palms.org.au, or call Palms on 02 9518 9551

Another Encounter you may be interested in is East Timor in September 2014. We also welcome enquiries from staff or students groups who would like to book a private Encounter.

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

FOUND

Have you lost your pet bird. Last week a pet bird flew into the ELC. A staff member is now looking after this tame bird. Please contact the school office if your pet bird has flown the coop!

O’Loughlin Catholic College—ENROLLING NOW!
Year 7 for 2014

Enrolments for 2014 are now underway; places are filling fast, so we urge prospective parents to obtain information packages from the College.

Interviews have begun, please get your forms to avoid disappointment.

If you require any further information please call 8945 1277 or email: secretary.oloughlin@nt.catholic.edu.au

To access the Learning Platform
https://klp.rmap.com.au
Enter your child’s Username and password.