Dear St Paul’s Community,

This week we began our Advent celebrations. Although Advent does not begin in the Church liturgical calendar for another two weeks, we begin now so that we can complete the celebrations within the school week. We thank Miss Williams and her class and Miss Flynn for their work preparing this week’s prayer.

Enrolment numbers for next year are excellent. At this present time we have 275 students enrolled for next year with numbers growing daily. As you can imagine class numbers are increasing and getting close to capacity in some cases. If you are leaving the school at the end of the year, please let us know as this may have an impact on class groupings. If you know of family or friends who hope to enrol at the school, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible so they do not miss a place. Waiting lists for some classes are being put into place.

Some things to draw to your attention:

- **Staffing News:** Ms Deanne Coburn has applied for leave in 2014. She will be still working at school as a relief teacher, so we will not be losing her completely. Miss Dell Williams is also taking a year’s leave from full time teaching and will return in 2015. The school has appointed two new teachers for positions next year. Tessa Campbell and Jade Stoyanoff have both accepted positions. Tessa is currently teaching in New South Wales and Jade has been teaching in Adelaide and Port Lincoln. Both come with excellent references.

- On Friday our senior indigenous students will be participating in the annual ‘Uz Mob Big Day Out.’ At this event students participate in a range of leadership, visual arts, and physical fitness and wellbeing activities. The ‘Uz Mob’ day has been facilitated by Cindy Lawless along with Indigenous Education Workers from across the Catholic Schools.

- **Better Buddies:** Next year the school will be implementing the Better Buddies Program. The Better Buddies Framework is designed to support students’ orientation and transition during their first year of school. It is an initiative from the Alannah and Madeline Foundation and the National Australia Bank. For more details check out their website [www.betterbuddies.org.au](http://www.betterbuddies.org.au).

- **Musical Students Showcase:** For all our students learning musical instruments there will be a Musical Showcase on November 29 at 8:30 in the ILC. This will replace our normal assembly.

- **Carols Night:** 5:30pm Thursday December 5 at the school. All Welcome. The P & F will have a BBQ on the night and will be selling battery operated candles.

- **Year 6 Graduation** will take place on December 9 at Crocosaurus Cove.

- **End of Year Mass and Ceremony:** December 12. This is the last day for students. For those new to the school, students traditionally go home after the Awards Ceremony, but the school still caters for those students unable to go home.

- **Wanted:** The school is looking to develop an Official Facebook page for the school. If any parents have any experience with this could they please contact the school? The school is always looking for better ways to improve school communication.

God Bless

Anthony
Parent Learning Tips

Parents and the Home Environment they create are the single most important factor in shaping their children’s achievements and prospects. Research has shown that in order to raise achievement, parents need to be both involved in schools and engaged in learning (Harris and Goodall; 2007)

Games to play while travelling.
When the kids are tired of listening to their iPod, playing with their Nintendo, watching that DVD or staring out the window – it’s time to start them on that classic of all classic road trip experiences: the car game. The simplest games can bring lots of laughter and fun on an otherwise boring drive. Some of these games can be restricted to just the backseat passengers, but some the whole family can enjoy. Here are our suggestions:

Cheese please
This is an old classroom game that can be adapted to play in the car on long trips. It is best played with a family of five. **Number of players:** 4+

**Activity:**
Choose one person to be in. That person has to cover his eyes.
Secretly pick someone to say the words, "Cheese please," in a way that will disguise their voice.
The player who is in has to guess who just said, "Cheese please."
If he gets it right, the person who said, "Cheese please" is in. If the player gets it wrong, another person has a turn.
There's no real winner, it's just a funny game where everyone can use silly voices. Keep playing until everyone has had a turn and then go around again.

Number plate bingo
Here's a simple game to save your sanity on a long journey. The more you make them think, the less they think to whinge!

**Number of players:** 2+

**What you need:** Pen and paper for each player

**Activity:**
The driver begins by nominating the number of letters in the word. Say, "Seven." Everyone then has to write down a word with seven letters in it.
The players then have to keep a keen eye out on the traffic, checking each number plate that goes by. (Parked cars count too, if you can read them quickly enough.)
Whenever players see a letter from their word, they cross that letter off. The first person to cross all seven letters of their word off wins.

**Variations:**
You can list all the letters of the alphabet and the first person to cross all the letters of the alphabet off wins.
You could also write numbers 1-100 and cross them off as they are seen on each number plate.

Sound effects please
This game is great for the whole family as everyone can get involved and they will each have a different sound effect. A fantastic game to be played in the car which will keep everyone entertained for hours!

**Number of players:** 2 or more

**What you need:** a loud voice

**Activity:**
Mum or dad or an older child tells a story and adds a sound effect for certain words.
Each time the narrator says a word that has been given a sound effect, everyone else in the car has to make the sound.
It's noisy, but lots of fun especially if there's a fart or two involved.


SRC news

We have begun preparing for Christmas by celebrating Advent. This is the waiting time starting four weeks before Christmas. For the last four weeks of school we will be having a special Monday morning assembly. A class will perform a song, we will light the candle/s on the wreath and say a prayer. Following are the dates and the classes that will be leading the assemblies.

25th November – Miss Flynn’s class
2nd December – Miss Megan’s class
9th December – Miss Jo’s class.
Assembly commences at 8:15 and you are very welcome to join us.

School Fees:
Please note that all school fees must be paid by the 29th November. Please see Lucy if you have any queries regarding your fees.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
29th Nov  Musical Showcase 8.15am
5th Dec  Carols Evening 5.30—7pm
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
21st Jan  School uniform sales commence
30th Jan  School commences for 2014

Tutoring
One on one teaching can help your child perform consistently at their full academic potential. Whether it is extra support, homework help or to extend your child – please inquire about tutoring. Also available during the school holidays. Call Laura Bade 0428 733 552

CITY CLUSTER HOCKEY
This Friday 22 November St Paul’s students will be involved in the City Cluster Hockey competition. Students need to be at Marrara Hockey Sports Centre, Abala Rd by 8.30am and will need to be collected at 2pm. Students are reminded to bring their lunch and a water bottle and to wear their St Paul’s hockey top.

Vacation Care Information
VAC booking sheet is included in this Newsletter edition. Please have this sheet back by Friday 29 November. The cut off date is a week earlier this year as students from neighbouring schools will be offered places not taken up by St Paul’s students.

Please note that bookings for VAC will only be accepted if After School Care fees are paid in full by Friday 6 December as all accounts are to be paid in advance.

ELC News
Miss Nicola continues to manage the ELC while Miss Kimmi is on holidays in New Zealand. The children are busy engaging in a range of activities.

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

Christmas Markets
Friday 29th November 2013
3pm – 7pm Jubilee Hall

“in partnership with St Vincent de Paul, St John’s Catholic College will be hosting the Annual St John’s Christmas Markets. There will be a number of stalls selling food, crafts, and second hand clothing.

You can support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal by placing a new, unopened Christmas present under our Christmas Tree. St John’s and St Vincent de Paul’s thank you for your contribution.

There will be a number of musical performances for your entertainment.”

Luke 2:14

Products include: cakes, sweets, gilets, jumper, knitted items.

Activities
*School Band/choirs
*Drama
*Dance
*Waterside
*Art sale and display
*Face Painting
*2nd Hand clothing stalls
*Food stalls – Slushies, hot dogs, sausage sizzle, Indian Curries, Coffee, and drinks available.

"St John’s Catholic College and St Vincent de Paul - Proudly Supporting the Annual Christmas Markets"
Christmas Hamper

Yes, It is almost THAT time of year once again. For those of you new to the school, in each classroom a hamper basket has been placed and each class has a category for which to purchase (see table below). Please purchase an item from your category and place the item in the basket by Friday 29th November. All items from each class will then be divided up to make eleven Christmas Hampers that will be raffled off and one Hamper of Non-Perishable food that will be donated to the St Vincent De Paul Society.

The winners of the eleven hampers will be drawn on Thursday 5th December at the St Paul’s Christmas Carol night.

| Transition 4 | Miss Tracy Flynn | Christmas Decorations |
| Transition 5 | Miss Megan Graham | Homewares |
| Room 1       | Mrs Sally Seden  | BBQ/Camping |
|              | Mrs Phillipa Pond |                |
| Room 2       | Mrs Jo Knight    | Books |
| Room 8       | Miss Dell Williams | Boys Toys |
| Room 9       | Miss AB Mohr     | Sporting or Pool |
|              | Ms Louise Peyton  |                |
| Room 10      | Miss Lauren Penny | Girls Toys |
| Room 11      | Mrs Mandy James  | Car or Fishing |
|              | Mrs Lyn O’Shannessy |             |
| Room 12      | Miss Lorella Pollon | Non-perishable food |
| Room 13      | Mr Alain Van Gurp | Gardening |
| Room 14      | Mrs Jenny Cotter  | Games or Puzzles |
|              | Mrs Raelene Dawson |                |
| ELC          |                     | Non-perishable food |

Suggestions for non-perishable food items include:

Long life custard or cream, Plum Pudding, Cordial, Tin fruit, Tin Ham, Christmas cookies/biscuits, Fruit Mince Pies, Christmas confectionery bags and any other food items within date and sealed.

As it is Christmas chocolates can be donated – please bring them to the office for refrigeration.

Thank you in advance for your generosity in contributing to the Hampers.

The Parents and Friends Committee is looking for new members for next year. If you are interested in being involved please advise Julia in the office.
Vinnies is looking for a permanent full time driver/distributor for the warehouse. Truck licence and experience in warehouse would be an advantage. Mon—Fri 8.00—4.00pm Contact St Vincent de Paul Society (NT) Inc Phone 89488100 for further details.

Christmas Party
Sunday 24 November
4pm to 6:30pm
Nightcliff Swimming Pool
FREE
- Pool entry
- Jumps into Castle Water Slide
- BBQ full menu (5pm)
- Drinks

Welcome to AWOF Sports
Phone: 08 8986 2844
Email: info@awof.com.au
Website www.awof.com.au

School Holiday Multi Sports Clinic
Registration Form

Conducted at: Nightcliff Primary School
Address: Pandanus St, Nightcliff NT 0810

Multi Sports Program
AWOF Junior will be conducting 2 School Holiday Multi Sport Clinics at Nightcliff Primary School this Christmas Holiday break. The first clinic will be during the first week of the school holidays, December 16 – 20 and second clinic during the last week of the school holiday break, January 20 – 24. Activities will include Tennis, Basketball, Cricket, AFL (Modified), Touch Football, T-Ball, Soccer, Newcombe Ball, Gaelic Football, Dodgeball, Netball, Handball and a variety of children’s sports coaching movies.

This program is structured for ages 6 to 13 and is designed to improve fundamental motor skills.

The clinic will run from 8am – 2.30pm Monday to Friday. Copies of the daily timetable will be available on the first day of the clinic.

Each participant will receive an AWOF Junior branded T-Shirt and Cap.

For each weekly student we will donate $2 to their nominated school for purchase of sporting equipment.

Morning tea provided daily with Lunch provided Tuesday & Friday.

Pricing
Single Student $250 per week Casual Day $55

Refund Policy: AWOF Junior have a no refund policy however if your child is sick or absent AWOF Junior will credit your child with an extra day.

To register please call 89852844 or email us on info@awof.com.au
VACATION CARE – Christmas 2013/2014

Bookings close Friday 29th November 2014

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I give permission for my child/ren to participate in the experiences and excursions as outlined in the Vacation Care Program – Christmas 2013-2014.

I understand that my child/ren will be walking, using the public bus service and/or private bus service as modes of transport to the listed excursions.

I understand that ‘PG’ rated movies have been chosen because a ‘G’ rated movie is unavailable during that time.

I understand that my child/ren must behave in accordance with school rules and in a manner becoming to students who attend St Paul’s Catholic Primary School.

I agree to pay for the care required in advance. Payment must be made prior to attending. Payment for December must be made by Monday 9th December and payment for January may be paid by direct debit (BSB: 065903 Account No: 10503380 Ref: Family Name/VAC) prior to your attendance. Fees $50 per child per day or $250 per child per week.

Parent/Carer Name:.................................................................

Signature:............................................................................. Date:...........................