Dear St Paul’s Community,

This week as a school we are very mindful of the devastating consequences of Super Typhoon Haiyan that has hit the Philippines and Vietnam. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the many people affected, and in particular, to those members of our St Paul’s community whose families have been directly impacted by this event. We ask our loving Father to be with them at this time.

Yesterday, we had Orientation day for the Transition students for 2014. It is always exciting to see new students and families arriving in our school. The new students spent some time in the classroom with Tracy Flynn and Megan Graham and I met with the families to go through some topics to support the transition into school next year.

The school is already preparing for next year, looking at class lists, setting goals and budgets and finalising staffing. Given the transient nature of Darwin, this may need to change through January, however, our aim is to have the classes set up in teams of 2 or 3. One of the most important factors to improve teaching is when teachers have the opportunity to plan and discuss curriculum together, so that will be a high priority for our classroom model.

Thank you to Mrs Pond for her organisation of our Remembrance Day service. The service was very special and honored the defence personnel who have served our country. We particularly remember the families in our school who have members of their families stationed overseas. We thank our school choir and school captains for their leadership during the ceremony.

Some things to draw to your attention:

- This week we say goodbye to Mrs Jenny Cotter. We thank her for her time at St Paul’s and wish her luck with her new venture interstate. Mrs Dawson and Miss Sally will be teaching the Year 6 class for the rest of the year. Mrs Margy Woods will be taking over the music lessons for the last few weeks and Mrs Dawson will still teach the choir.
- **School Board:** Wednesday 13 November, 7pm
- **Jessica Mauboy:** The school has received 2 tickets from Telstra to the Jessica Mauboy concert this Sunday night at the Darwin Entertainment Centre. One student and a parent will be lucky enough to win these tickets. Good luck to all who enter the competition. We thank the Dohnt family for organising this.
- **Musical students Showcase:** For all our students learning musical instruments, there will be a Musical Showcase on November 29 at 8:30am in the ILC. This will replace our normal assembly.
- **Carols Night:** 5:30pm December 5 at the school. All Welcome. The P and F will have a BBQ on the night and will be selling electric candles.
- **Year Six Graduation** will take place on December 9 at Crocosaurus Cove.
- **End of Year Mass and Ceremony:** Thursday 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.

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.
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)

HELPING WITH MATHS AT HOME

Tips to help a Year 4 student with Maths at home. To find your year level, go to http://www.parenttoolkit.com/

Encourage a Positive Attitude Toward Maths It’s around this age that many youngsters become discouraged by math and begin to think of it as a subject they’re just not good at. Be aware of this and try to prevent your child from developing a defeatist attitude toward maths. Encourage him/her to stick with it when a problem appears difficult and to approach it in different ways.

Read Maths Problems Out Loud If your child is struggling with maths problems, have him/her read each problem out loud slowly and carefully, so s/he can hear the problem and think about what is being asked. This helps him/her break down the problem and come up with problem-solving strategies.

Integrate Maths into Everyday Activities Continue to find ways to integrate discussion of maths concepts such as “times as much” into your everyday activities. Compare the weights of your child and his siblings, or the family pet. Figure out how many times your cat’s weight your child weighs, and how many times your child’s weight his father weighs.

Keep an Eye Out for Maths Concepts Encourage your child to spot examples of some of the maths concepts s/he is learning about. See how many right angles or right triangles s/he can spot. Or have him/her look for parallel lines, such as train tracks or pillars in a building.

Highlight How Maths is Used in Cooking Baking and cooking are among the best ways to familiarise your child with how fractions work. Having him/her help out in the kitchen also reinforced valuable sequencing skills and time management concepts.

Practise Maths in the Car When you have a long trip to take in the car and your children asks how long until you get there, have them answer the question themselves by using maths. Tell them how fast you’re traveling and how far away you are, and see if they can estimate how long it will take you to arrive.

Use Maths in House Projects Encourage your child to use his/her math skills for projects around the house. If you’re wallpapering or carpeting, for example, have him/her calculate wall or floor areas and figure out the total cost of various materials.

Encourage Maths Appreciation Through Sports Sports provide a fun and engaging way of exploring a host of mathematical concepts, starting with basic addition. The halves of a soccer game or the quarters of a football game offer an illustration of how fractions work in the real world. If your child enjoys a sport, encourage him to explore it through maths.

Encourage Music Appreciation Music is a great way for your child to engage with concepts related to math. Practicing an instrument means learning about tempo, measure, and meter—all of which involve math.

Play Family Games Plenty of family games incorporate math. Tic tac toe, Connect Four, many card games, and dominoes are just some of the games that help build strategic

We will be 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.

18th November – Miss Williams’ class
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.

Mission Month
Thank you for supporting Mission Month. A total of $915.90 was raised ~ a tremendous effort.

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

DEPOSITED FUNDS
The school has received money into our bank account with the reference TIO. Please call the office if this was you!

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**

- 13th Nov: School Board Meeting
- 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

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**SRC news**

The next SRC event is ‘St Paul’s Has Talent’ to be held on Friday 22 November. Each class is invited to enter one item and the talent will be judged by the SRC reps. Parents and carers are welcome to come along to the event beginning at 1.30pm in the ILC. (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME AND VENUE)

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**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

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**Just in!!**

Ayden O’Shannessy-Murray was the lucky winner of the Jessica Mauboy concert ticket. We look forward to hearing all about it next week. Well done.
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.

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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.
CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER
&
SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2013
9.00 AM - 4.00 PM DAILY
AT
MARRARA INDOOR STADIUM
ABALA ROAD - NEAR DARWIN AIRPORT
Over 90 stalls of local, handmade arts
& crafts
Entry Adults $2, Children Free
Door Prizes each day
Contact Di Whittaker 0436 889 258

DARWIN’S BIGGEST
FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY
SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH
AT THE DARWIN TURF CLUB

SANTA PHOTOS
PONY RIDES
HOLD A BABY CROCODILE
WATERSLIDE
CHRISTMAS CRAFT

ADULTS $10, SEN/STUD $5, KIDS U12 FREE
KIDS ACTIVITIES 1PM - 5PM
RACING FROM 3PM

Natasha Fyles MLA
Member for Nightcliff
invites residents of
Cooooral Grove,
Nightcliff and Rapid Creek
to a
Christmas Party
Sunday 24 November
4pm to 6:30pm
Nightcliff Swimming Pool
FREE
- Pool entry
- Jumping Castle Water Slide
- BBQ (will finish at 5.30pm)
- Drinks