Dear St Paul’s Community,

BE SAFE, BE RESPONSIBLE BE RESPECTFUL

School Board. The AGM of the School Board was held last week. We congratulate Roman Finch who was elected to the position of Chairperson of the Board. We thank Scott McCall for his work as School Board Chair for the last two years and wish him well as his children have now left St Paul’s.

The following are the current members of the school Board:

- President of the School Board ~ Father Roy O’Neil
- Chairperson of the School Board ~ Roman Finch
- Executive Officer ~ Principal – Anthony Hockey
- Chairperson of the Finance Committee (Position Vacant)
- Secretary – Alain Van Gurp
- Board Member Belinda Mawby – P & F Rep

Board Members:
- Henri Susanto
- Amy Peterson
- Alison Lockley
- Louise Crawley
- Peter Desouza
- Larissa Inglis
- Emma Kennedy
- Ginny Rabeling

Next Meeting April 29th.

School Board meetings for the year
- May 6th
- June 10th
- August 12th
- September 9th
- October 14th
- November 18th

Cluster News: Recently, we have had several students represent the school in cluster events. Once again, they represented the school well. Well done to our Cricket Cluster, the Netball Cluster and AFL Cluster Students. Students reported that they had great days and the teachers reported how well our students represented the school. A big thank you to Miss Mohr who puts a lot of time into organizing the cluster events. A particular thank you to all involved in the Netball Cluster who had a very hot day on the Marrara netball courts.

Swimming Carnival: This Friday is the Swimming Carnival. This is always a great event enjoyed by the students. The teachers are feeling very confident this year for the staff, parent and student race and have put in the usual amount of training!!!

Next Thursday, March 26th, the school is having its annual School Improvement Renewal Framework Meeting with the Catholic Education Office. This meeting is attended by the Director of Catholic Education, Michael Avery and the leadership team of the Catholic Education Office. The Annual Improvement Plan and the Strategic Plan are discussed throughout this meeting.

Our big Harmony Day Celebration THIS SATURDAY!!!!! This will be a great event on the school community. Please let the school know if you are attending so we can organize the correct number of tables and chairs. Remember to bring something to share!! $2 donation to help cover the costs. BYO Drinks. Alcohol permitted.

God bless
Anthony

Facebook Page
St Paul's Catholic Primary School Nightcliff NT

YouTube Channel
StPaulsCatholicPrimarySchoolNightcliff
The Reconciliation Retreat is on tomorrow night Thursday 19th from 4:30-6:30pm at the Church. Parents are asked to collect children by 6.30pm. We ask that you keep all the children who are preparing for their Reconciliation in your prayers.

Harmony Day Saturday 21st March.
You are all invited to attend Mass at 6.00 pm to be celebrated by Bishop Eugene Hurley. Traditional costume encouraged. The Harmony Day dinner will take place after the Mass.

HOLY WEEK 30th March ~ 2nd April
Monday ~ Liturgy 10am Yr 1/2 ~ Palm Sunday
Thursday ~ Assembly Yrs 3—6 The Last Supper to the Crucifixion.

Sharing food for life

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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)

Mem Fox’s Ten Read Aloud Commandment

⇒ Spend at least ten wildly happy minutes every single day reading aloud.
⇒ Read at least three stories a day - it may be the same story three times.
Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read.
⇒ Read aloud with animation.
⇒ Read with joy and enjoyment
⇒ Read the stories that the kids love, over and over and over again,
⇒ Let children hear lots of language by talking to them constantly about the book
⇒ Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children
⇒ Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page
⇒ Never ever teach reading, or get tense around books.
⇒ Read aloud every day because you just love being with your child

This is as important for fathers as it is for mothers! Source: www.memfox.com

BOOK CLUB closes 19th March

OSHC & ELC
We will be changing our software for accounting purposes for both Centres. The OSHC will commence next week followed by ELC. There may be some delays and we ask for your patience in this area. Only current balances will be transferred across and trust that this will not be too inconvenient for our families.

OSHC accounts will be sent home next week. As most families are aware of how much you pay for this service please continue your payments.

Thank you

Easter hat/bonnet parade
Parents start thinking about your creative ideas for this parade which will take place on Wednesday 1st April.

Palm Sunday 29th March
Ecumenical blessing of the palms at 8.30am following by mass.
Fr Roy is looking forward to seeing you all on this special occasion.

SCHOOL FEES
A reminder if you wish to receive the 5% discount on your school fees they must be paid in full by Thursday 3rd April.

Back to School Vouchers must also be redeemed by that date. Please check with the office if you have not yet used your voucher or need to use the balance of the voucher.

2015 P&F Committee meeting
Tuesday 24 March, 5.30pm
St Paul's Staff Room.
Interested? Contact Belinda
PH 0427 512 152
belinda@retrolily.com.au

The Parent Roster for the Swimming Carnival is on display in the Noticeboard outside the Staffroom.
**Sports News**

**CRICKET CLUSTER COMPETITION/SKILLS**

Last Friday 13th March we had 19 students compete in a fantastic day of skills and matches of Indoor Cricket at the Top End Indoor Sports Centre. The day was extremely warm, however the students participated in skills sessions and played some great games. Division 2 learnt a lot, and Division 1 finished 2nd overall. Well done to all cricketers.

**BASKETBALL CLUSTER DAY FRIDAY 27th**

The Basketball Cluster Day is being played on Friday 27th March, from 8.30am-2pm, at Marrara Basketball Stadium. Please return notes and money this week.

**SWIMMING CARNIVALS**

The Swimming Carnivals are being held at Casuarina Pool on Friday 20th March, Wk.8. The Swimming Carnival Day is a fantastic opportunity for all students to complete water activities and show their skills after the St Paul’s Swimming Program, which runs during weeks 7 & 8. Many parent helpers are needed at the Lower Carnival (T-2) and Upper Carnival (3-6). If you are able to help out please email Miss Mohr ab.mohr@nt.catholic.edu.au or contact your class teacher.

**CROSS COUNTRY EVENT 2015**

This year there will be a change in the format of the Primary Cross Country Event. More information will follow.

**BILLETING OPPORTUNITY**

A fantastic opportunity is coming up next term, for families to billet visiting students participating in the AFL Region Championships. Players are coming up to compete in Palmerston in the second week of Term 2. They will play from Mon-Wed 20th-22nd of April. St Paul’s has a number of students playing in this carnival. If you could support School Sport NT and host one or preferably two players, please see Miss Mohr. Any family can help with billeting.

**TERM 1 CLUSTER DATES**

Week 9 – BASKETBALL – Friday 27th March

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**TERM 1 SPORTS CALENDAR**

Wk.8 – Swimming Program (Mon-Thu)

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Friday 20th March

Rugby trials: Tue 24, Wed25, Thu26 March

Wk.9 – BASKETBALL CLUSTER DAY

Friday 27/3/15

Basketball trials: Fri 27, Mon30, Tue31 Mar

**TERM 2 SPORTS CALENDAR**

Wk.1 - Soccer Cluster Day Friday 17th Apr

Wk.2 - Tennis Cluster Day Friday 24th Apr

Wk.3 - Golf Cluster Day (invite only)

Wk.4 – Cross Country, Thursday 7th May

Wk.5 – Cross Country, Wednesday 13 May

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**Sports Voucher**

Sports Vouchers are available for collection from the school office. If you have not collected your voucher please call in.
Items To Remember

* Hat & sunscreen
* Thongs/flip flops
* Sun shirt/rashie
* Towel
* Drink
* Morning tea if not buying from P & F

Casuarina Swimming Pool
Friday 20th March
Events start 8:00am

Early Childhood Carnival
Years Transition - Year 2

Organised by Miss Mohr and Early Childhood Teachers

- 8:15 Start
- 8:30 – 11:00 Events
- 11:00 – 11:30 Pack up. Children are permitted to go home. Please ensure that your child tells their teacher before they leave. Children remaining will be taken over to the Senior School Carnival.

- Recess & lunch for all age groups will be staggered due to timing of events. Teachers will advise students when it is time for them to have their recess.

Primary Carnival Years 3 - 6
Suggested Program of Events
Organized by Miss Mohr

- 8:00 Butterfly 50m open
- 8:15 Dash Event T-2
- 8:30 Backstroke 50m & 25m
- 9.30 Breaststroke 50m & 25m
- 10.30 Freestyle 50m & 25m
- 11.30 Clean-up Area
- 11.40 Relay Event
- 11.45 Announcement of Results
- 12noon Conclusion

- Recess & lunch for all age groups will be staggered due to timing of events. Teachers will advise students when it is time for them to have their recess.

- Times are approximate for all events

Events include:

50 metre events - freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly.
25 metre events - freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and novelty events.

PARENT HELPERS

Any parent/carer who is able to spare a few hours for the Swimming Carnival and assist our staff with marshalling of events throughout the day, please see

Miss Mohr
Or leave a message at the office.

Shade Structures Wanted

We are still on the lookout for extra shade structures to put up for the day. If you are able to provide a shade structure for the carnival, it would be greatly appreciated by the children, spectators and the team officials.

Please see the office if you can assist with this request.

Out of Hours School Care (OHSC)

After School Care will be operational for the afternoon and for this reason we need to know how many students (that usually use OHSC on Friday afternoons) will be returning to school.

A note has gone home for these parents/carers to inform class teachers if their child is returning to OHSC after the carnival and giving permission to travel on the bus.

Student Transportation

- Transportation to the Casuarina Swimming Pool is the responsibility of the parents/carers.
- Please make sure your permission note has been returned to your child/ren’s class teacher so we are aware of how many children require a lift back to school.
- Students are permitted to go home with their parents/carers at the end of the Carnival.
- Children returning to school will be supervised in the

Items To Remember

* Hat & sunscreen* Thongs/flip flops
* Sun shirt/rashie *Towel  *Drink
* Morning tea if not buying from P & F
You are invited to the St Paul’s Catholic Primary School and Parish First Annual Harmony Day Dinner

March 21
After 6 P.M. Mass (Around 6:45) in the school.
Where: St Paul’s Catholic Primary School
Cnr Trower Rd and Francis St Nightcliff
Return form or email
admin.stpauls@nt.catholic.edu.au
What to Bring:
Donation: $2 per person to cover costs
Something to share for the meal
(all food will be put on a central table for everyone to share.)
Drinks — alcohol permitted

Return Slip

I/W e will be attending the Harmony Day Dinner  Name ________________

How many people? ________________

I/W e are bringing a main/dessert – please circle one

I can help with set up of tables at 3pm Yes/No

I am interested in providing some sort of cultural entertainment – Yes/no (dance/song/act)
**MARK YOUR TERRITORY DAY**
Get your UV Marker Kit on Neighbourhood Watch’s ‘MARK YOUR TERRITORY DAY’ and protect your property.

- Get your marker kit
- Mark your valuables
- Pass the kit on

If police recover your valuables, they’ll check it with their UV torch and get in contact.
(08) 8999 0847
www.nhwnt.org.au

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**GET YOUR KIT BETWEEN 11AM - 2PM**
**FRIDAY 27 MARCH**
Smith St Mall, DARWIN

**SATURDAY 28 MARCH**
CASUARINA Square
PARAESTON Shopping Centre
Yeppoon Shopping Centre, ALICE SPRINGS
KATHERINE Central
Endeavour Square, Nhulunbuy
Telecentres NT: TERNATE GREEK (8:30am - 11:00am)

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**SWIM DYNAMICS**
**SWIM SCHOOL**

Parent & Child and Group Classes

**NEW!! DAYTIME SWIM CLASSES**

Introductory Offer: $30 for 4 lessons (vouchers accepted)
Starts Thursday 12th March 2015

Contact us to enrol today!!
Afternoon and weekend classes at Nightcliff and Casuarina

[Additional information and contact details]

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**Now taking Enrolments for 2016**

Interviews will be commencing in May.

Forms need to be completed and returned to the college along with the application fee of $110 before appointments will be made.

Please be aware that due to current enrolment numbers, enrolment forms need to be completed and returned to the college before May to be considered for a position in 2015.

Enrolment packs are available from the College or on the website at:

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**Join our Easter Family Night**

Free

**Time:** 6pm to 8pm
**Date:** Thursday the 26th of March
**Activities:** visit from the Easter Bunny
- Face painting
- Jumping castle
- Games & giveaways
- Lucky door prize
- Petting zoo
- Kids Easter D.I.Y. craft
- Free sausage sizzle

Please book in-store or call 89489300

**Bunnings Warehouse**

Lowest prices are just the beginning...

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[Additional details and contact information]
Date: 18/3/15

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to you to make you aware that this school is participating in a national data collection exercise that may include your child(ren).

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability is a collection of data from all schools across Australia about the number of students with a disability and additional support needs. It includes information about the type and level of support provided to them. This collection of data aims to inform the Commonwealth Department of Education about the additional support our school provides for students with disabilities and additional support needs so that they have the same opportunities for a high quality education as those students who do not require additional support.

All information provided for the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data has the student's details, removed so that the students are unidentifiable. A student's name, date of birth, school, year level and address is NOT included in the data collection. Some of the students we aim to include in this data collection are NOT diagnosed with disability even though they do receive additional support.

The data collection is being implemented to enable a consistent national picture of school students requiring additional support to assist schools, education authorities and governments to ensure that all children receive the extra assistance they need.

In the event that any of your children receive additional support at school, we would like to be able to include information about the support that they receive in the National Consistent Collection of Data 2015. If you do NOT wish for information regarding the support provided for your child(ren) to be included in this data collection please return the slip below.

Thank you for your support

Lyn O’Sharnessy
Inclusion Support Coordinator

Anthony Hockey
School Principal

X__________________________________________________________________________________________________________

I, the parent/carer of __________________________________________, DO NOT WISH for their information to be included in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data 2015.

Parent Name(s): __________________________ Signature(s): __________________________
VACATION CARE – Holidays April 2015

Family Name:

Child/ren’s Name

1: D.O.B

2: D.O.B

3: D.O.B

Parent Contact Details

Parent 1 – Name: 
Mob: 

Parent 2 – Name: 
Mob: 

Emergency contact name:
Mob: 

Please circle days required OR circle All Days/Fulltime

Tuesday 7/4  Wednesday 8/4  Thursday 9/4  Friday 10/4

I…………………………………………………………………………………………….give permission for my

child/ren………………………………………………………………………………………….to participate in the experiences and excursions as outlined in the Vacation Care Program. 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 may be chosen if 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. Bookings without payment will not be accepted. Fees $60 per child per day or $250 per child per week.

Parent/Carer Name:………………………………………………………………

Signature:…………………………………………………………………………

Date:……………………