Dear St Paul’s Community,

**BE SAFE, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE RESPECTFUL**

It does not take long for schools to get back into routine. I am pleased to report that all classes are settled and some great learning is taking place. It is a credit to our community how well the school has started and I thank everyone for their efforts.

Thanks to all the parents who were able to make the **Parent Information Evening**. If you were unable to make it due to clashes with sport, dance lessons, swimming or a partner being away, please make sure you touch base with the teacher to make sure you did not miss anything. Our teachers are trying many different ways to communicate with parents including blogs, electronic newsletters and some are using the Class Dojo program.

Last week we had our **first school Mass** lead by Miss Michelle’s and Ms Dawson’s class. I thank them as it really was a lovely Mass and the student leaders need to be acknowledged for their guidance.

This week we enter into the **Lenten period** as we prepare for Easter. This morning we had our Ash Wednesday Liturgy where we received the symbol of Ashes to show we are sorry. Well done to Miss Mandy’s class who lead the Ash Wednesday Liturgy. They made it a very special occasion. The symbol of Ashes traces back many centuries and has been a common symbol when someone was sorry.

Last week we also welcomed **Sara Howard** to our staff. Sara will be working as an Inclusion Support Assistant (ISA) working with some of our students who receive extra support.

**School Disco**: Next Week, Friday 19th, we have our traditional School Disco to start the school year. It is a great chance to catch up and meet new families. The students are really excited about it once again.
Wednesday night also marks our first School Board Meeting. We will soon put out nominations forms for new Board Members. Being on the school board is a unique way of helping the school. It acts as an advisory body to the school and all policy needs to be approved by the school board. The school has a range of policies that include topics such as, Reporting, Uniform, Use of ICT Equipment, Discipline and Excursions. It is not all about policy as many topics are discussed throughout these meetings. A two year commitment is asked with an expectation to attend around eight meetings per year. These meetings occur twice a term on a Wednesday night and usually take 1-2 hours.

Finally, Congratulations to Father Roy who celebrates 50 years of taking his profession as a MSC Priest this weekend. Well done, an amazing achievement.

God bless
Anthony
Facebook Page
St Paul's Catholic Primary School Nightcliff NT
YouTube Channel
StPaulsCatholicPrimarySchoolNightcliff
See the link on the Facebook page

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)

Snip your way to fine motor skills

Scissor activities are an excellent way to promote fine motor skills, improve hand–eye coordination and aid concentration. Here are some scissor activities you can do at home to help your child with their learning.

- Cutting playdough
  This activity works best for younger school children learning how to write. The muscles in the hand are used for fine motor skills, which your child needs for proper pencil grip. Encourage your child to try and cut through playdough to help strengthen those muscles. You could even make a game of it by pretending your child is working in a sausage factory.

- Paper plate snake spiral
  Give your child a paper plate and challenge them to make a snake. They can do this by cutting the paper plate into a spiral. Tell them the aim of the game is to make the snake as long as they can without breaking it.

- Paper snowflakes
  Fold a piece of paper up into quarters and encourage your child to cut holes in it. When they open the paper, they will have a beautiful snowflake which can be attached to a window.

https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/snip-your-way-to-fine-motor-skills

BOOK CLUB

Book Club closes 15th February. Please remember to use the Online ordering system. Thank you

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Instrumental lessons will take place again this year on a Friday with Andrew Arthur. These lessons will commence this Friday. There will be 8 sessions per term. Please fill out the 2016 Enrolment Form attached to this Newsletter to enrol in the program. This includes all students even if you were part of the program last year.

To be eligible all outstanding fees must be paid and payment for this term is requested in advance. Please see banking details on the end of the enrolment form. Only students whose fees are up to date will be able to attend instrumental lessons.

Thank you for your support.
Thank you to 1/2 M for leading us through the Ash Wednesday liturgy this morning. We now begin the period of Lent and symbolically mark this with purple prayer cloths in our classrooms. On Friday, the Project Compassion boxes will go home. Caritas Australia is celebrating 50 years of Project Compassion with the theme “Learning more, creating change”, by demonstrating how education, training and sharing knowledge is empowering individuals and communities in six countries around the world to transform their futures and create lasting change.

Doney and her family have often gone months without enough to eat in their remote village Malawi. Today they are building new livelihoods, improving health and growing literacy to create paths towards a better future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help people in remote areas of Malawi harness their strengths.

If you would like your child to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation and missed last week’s meeting, there is another on Thursday night (tomorrow) at the church at 6:00pm. Please bring your child’s Baptismal Certificate.

The second meeting for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be Thursday 25th February at 6:00pm. The Celebration of the Sacrament will be celebrated on Thursday 17th March.

Michelle Dermody (APRE)

**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**

The first of many sports clusters begin next week. Basketball cluster will be held on Monday 15 February. For those students participating please be at Darwin Basketball Stadium at 8.30am. Games will commence at 9am. Please ensure that students have a packed recess and lunch as there is no canteen. Plenty of water is also vital especially in this weather. If you are able to help on the day then you are most welcome.

AFL selection trials for the Darwin Region squad are this week, Wednesday 10, Thursday 11 and Friday 12 February at Sanderson Oval from 3.30 – 5.00pm. Students must attend at least 2 out of the 3 days to be eligible for selection.

Basketball selection trials for the Darwin region are also coming up next week. These will be held on Wednesday 17, Thursday 18 and Friday 19 February at Marrara Basketball Stadium. To be eligible for selection students must attend 2 out of the 3 days.

I would also like to commend the students for their enthusiasm and persistence in what is at times challenging playing conditions! They are doing a great job. I am more than happy for the students to bring water bottles to my lessons and so I encourage you on sports days to maybe pack an extra water bottle! Hydration is vital in these conditions.

Anna Turnseck-James  
PE Co-ordinator

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School Disco 19th February  
Come along and join in the fun
## Term 1 Calendar 2016

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**Important School dates.**

- June 15/16/17: 5/6 School Camp
- July 28: Australian Math’s Competition.
- August 20: School Fete – to be confirmed
- August 22: Art Show Launch – to be confirmed
- August 26: G’Day Asia Presentation
We are trialing an online canteen ordering system this term, in the hope to go live next term.

Any parents wishing to trial the online canteen, please see the flyer in this Newsletter to register.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Ursula by phone...... or email ursula.godson@nt.catholic.edu.au.

We have introduced some new items to sell at recess.

Garlic Bread - 30c Per piece

Pizza scrolls (made in-house) - 50c piece

SIBLING DISCOUNT
If you have more than 1 child studying at a Catholic School in the NT, you will be eligible for a sibling discount. To be eligible please fill in the tear off slip below and send it to the front office by Friday 12th February.

Children at St Paul’s Catholic School

No Name Yr Level/Room No
1
2
3

Child/ren at another Catholic School
No Name Yr Level School Name
1
2
3

Parents name and Signature
Our Online Canteen

Your school canteen is now online!

Our Online Canteen is an online ordering system that is a safe and convenient way to order school meals.

Congratulations!

Your school has made an important change by registering for an online ordering system. This will enable a more efficient and effective service available to you and your family.

How to get started:

- Visit www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au
- Sign up by completing the registration form
- Receive a confirmation email with activation link
- Activate your account and login to the website
- Add your children and credit to your account
- Order at your own convenience

www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

1. SELECT STUDENT
2. SELECT YOUR DATE
3. ADD YOUR ITEMS
4. CONFIRM
Why has your school gone online?
Our Online Canteen is an online ordering system which is an easy and convenient way to order from your school. It enables you to order meals, uniforms etc.

Is the website safe and secure to use?
Yes, Our Online Canteen information is stored in Australia. We have the SSL certificate which is used whenever any financial transactions are performed and we are PCIDSS approved for secure financial transactions.

How can I add credit to my account?
There are three ways to add credit to your account: PayPal, Credit Card and Direct Deposit.

What do I do if I need help?
If you are experiencing any issues, you can call our experienced team on 1300 116 637 from 7.00am or email us at info@ouronlinecanteen.com.au

Benefits:
✓ Supports the school
✓ Saves time and money
✓ Safe, secure and easy to use
✓ Exclusive discounts and prizes
✓ Customer support line

Support line: 1300 116 637

Want to know how to keep your child safe online?
Visit thinkuknow.org.au

@thinkuknow_Aus

Facebook.com/ThinkuknowAustralia
Our school uniform is an integral part of our school identity. It helps build the school spirit and it instils in students a feeling of oneness and belonging.

It is important that our students wear the correct school uniform as it promotes positive self discipline and it encourages unity amongst our students without them feeling pressured to wear branded clothing or “student made adaptations” to the uniform.

The photo below highlights the correct uniforms. We thank you in advance for your support in implementing the correct school uniform. In extenuating circumstances, we ask that a letter be provided to the school to explain why a student is not wearing the correct items and we appreciate your promptness in endeavouring to replace the incorrect items.

Black Skorts are now available for girls to wear as part of their sports uniform.

**CORRECT SCHOOL SHOES**

- Coloured laces or sparkly shoes are not permitted

**SHOES NOT PERMITTED**

- Coloured laces or sparkly shoes are not permitted

**HAIR ACCESSORIES**

- Green
- White
- Black
- Brown

All students will have neat and tidy hair, tied back from their face. All shoulder length hair is encouraged to be tied up or pulled back with plain ties/ headbands etc. Extreme hair colours and/or styles (i.e. Mohawks) are not permitted.

**JEWELLERY**

- A wrist watch may be worn and a thin gold or silver chain with a cross but no other form of jewellery is acceptable. Students who have pierced ears may wear one pair of ‘sleepers’ or ‘studs’ only.

- Nail Polish is not to be worn at school.
- Tattoo transfers are not acceptable.
- St Paul’s School hats (with logo) are a compulsory uniform item
The new Education Act

The Department of Education would like to thank everyone who provided feedback on the reform of the Education Act. The new Education Act and Education Regulations commenced on 2 January 2016. The Act provides the foundation for a modern, dynamic and safe education system to develop the potential of all Northern Territory students and maximise their educational achievements.

The legislation, replacing the 35-year-old Education Act, was developed after extensive consultation by the Department of Education with interest groups ranging from parents and teachers, to students and members of the community. The Act is relevant to students now and in the future, and supports contemporary teaching and learning methods. While the majority of provisions will commence on 2 January 2016, there will be a transition period to allow some changes to take effect at a later date. The new Education Act and Regulations, and supporting documents, are available at www.education.nt.gov.au.
Nightcliff Tutoring

Private tuition in Mathematics and Literacy for students from T-Year 8. Students with special needs welcome!

Current NT Teacher Registration and Ochre Card. After school time available in the Nightcliff area, sessions carried out in tutor’s home.

$70/hr or $40/half hr.  nightcliff.tutoring@gmail.com

10% discount applied for term payment & siblings.

Deanne  M:0405 559 410
Ray    M:0428 194 274
2016 Enrolment Form
St. Paul's Catholic Primary School

Name of Parent/Guardian ........................................................................................................

Ph (Home) ........................................................................... Mobile ...........................................

Email .................................................................................................................................

Full Name of Student No 1 ................................................................................ Year/Teacher

Full Name of Student No 2 ................................................................................ Year/Teacher

Full Name of Student No 3 ................................................................................ Year/Teacher

Please book my child(ren) into the following classes.
I understand I may cancel at any time by writing or email.
All fees quoted are the term rate.
All students are expected to be paid up at the beginning of each term:

☐ Keyboard, First Name of Student/s ..... .................................................................
8 sessions for $156, plus recommended book

☐ Guitar, First Name of Student/s .................................................................
8 sessions for $156, plus recommended book

☐ Drums, First Name of Student/s .................................................................
8 sessions for $192, plus recommended book

Signed ........................................................ Date ................................................

This contract is between the parents, students and DAPA. St. Paul’s Primary School is not responsible for
duty of care to students whilst participating in DAPA classes. All monies to be paid directly to DAPA.
Please return this form to the school with cash/cheque payment, or direct debit.

Please note account number:
Andrew Arthur, trading as DAPA., Bendigo Bank BSB: 633 000 Account: 146 824 222