Dear St Paul’s Community,

BE SAFE, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE RESPECTFUL

School Disco: This Friday!! We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the school Disco on Friday. There will be lots of food and drink and a great chance to catch up and meet new families. The students are really excited about it once again. For new families, when an event is focused on the children, like a disco, it is a non alcohol event. Schools have a responsibility to teach our students that they can have a good time without alcohol. This is an important message for our students as they get older and move into their teenage years.

Portfolios: This will be the last year for Portfolios. They will be sent home at the end of Term’s One and Three, the terms when School Reports are not sent out. There are a number of reasons for this: The educational benefit of Portfolios is limited. Although they are a lovely memento, the school needs to be driven by the question, “Does it improve the learning of a student at St Paul’s?” If the main reason for doing it is that it is nice, than the practise needs to be questioned. Yes, it does give a look at a child’s work, however there is much more benefit at looking at a child’s workbook than a piece prepared for a portfolio. A workbook from class tells much more of the story of a child’s learning and this should be the document families should be looking at. There you can see the progress they are making and the areas they need support.

The school plans to hold more learning expos to give families the opportunity to sit down with their child and discuss their learning – the educational benefit of this, far outweighs the benefit of a Portfolio Folder sent home once a term. Assessment practices remain the same at the school, this is not changing, it just means that work is not completed purely and simply for a Portfolio. We will also look at practices in the school that allow families to see the workbooks at school more regularly, rather than just at the end of the year. Having students attend Parent Teacher Interviews further allows real examples of work to be discussed. When a student is able to have a discussion that involves a parent and teacher as well, all three parties are aware of the strengths and weaknesses of a child.

Thank you to our Parents & Friends Association
The Parents & Friends agreed to support of the following resources:

- Online Reading Program A-Z for Upper Grade Reading Program ($900)
- Magazine Subscription for Upper Grade Reading Program ($1500)
- Robotics Kits to support Coding and Technology Curriculum. ($5000)
- At the end of last year P & F Funded Fontas and Pannell Reading Comprehension Assessment Kits for Senior Primary
- Purchase of Publication – Open Ended Maths Problems by Peter Sullivan – One for Every Teacher
- Purchase of Publication – Rich Assessment Tasks by Anne Downton, Rose Knight, Doug Clarke, Gerard Lewis, One for Every Teacher

Last year the P & F also gave $100 per class to buy readers aimed at our Higher Level Readers. In Years 3 to 6 students
decided which books to order using book catalogues to make their decisions. Those books went on display this week.

School Board: The Nomination Form for the School Board is attached to this newsletter. There will be two positions available in 2016.

Staffing News: This week, Pat Michels, informed me that she will be resigning from her position at St Paul’s due to health reasons. Many of you know Pat through her work in the Early Learning Centre and Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) for the last few years. Pat will be sadly missed and we wish her all the best for the future.

End of the School day: Officially the school day finishes at 2:45. We have made this the first bell at the end of the day. There is another bell that rings at 2:48, which is when our bike riders leave. This ensures that all students meet government requirements for the amount of hours they spend at school. You may wish to adjust your car park pick up time accordingly. We are also contacting Darwin City Council to create a no parking zone between the entry and exit gates. When the cars park here, it is creating a bottleneck of cars in Francis St as passing traffic is unable to get past.

Finally, Congratulations to Mr. Joe Cullinan who is celebrating 25 years as a teacher. We had a special morning tea this week to mark the occasion. Well done Mr C.

God bless
Anthony

Facebook Page
St Paul’s Catholic Primary School Nightcliff NT
YouTube Channel
StPaulsCatholicPrimarySchoolNightcliff
See the link on the Facebook page

This week the Caritas focus is on Laos and how we can help children with disabilities access learning opportunities.

With limited support services for children living with intellectual disabilities in Laos, Duangmala feared that her eight-year-old son, Hum Noy, would never reach his full potential because he has Down Syndrome. However, he now has the chance to learn and thrive at a school for children with intellectual disabilities, supported by Caritas Australia.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help children living with intellectual disabilities in Laos learn, grow and reach their full potential.

The second Reconciliation meeting for all candidates will be held at the church on the 25th February at 6:00pm. Parents and children to both attend.

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

Michelle Dermody (APRE)

Canteen News

Please remember to sign up for the online canteen, this is a great way to order your children’s lunches so your not rushing around in the morning getting lunch orders written up and finding money. Once signed up, please do your ordering online.


Please be advised we will no longer be stocking Potato Bake or Snack Pies.

Regards Ursula
Sports News

The Basketball cluster was held on Monday 15 February. I would like to extend my congratulations to all those student who participated. They are to be commended for their sportsmanship, enthusiasm and behaviour. I would also like to make special mention to the girls who put their hand up at the last minute to fill a team. Well done girls an outstanding effort. Also a massive thank you to Louise Crawley, Margy Woods and Darren McConachy who gave up their time to help the teams. Without parental help days like this are difficult to attend, so thank you very much.

Basketball selection trials for the Darwin region are also on this 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.

Anna Turnseck-James
PE Co-ordinator

P & F A G M - we need you!

The P&F Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on the same night as the School Disco. Drop in and hear how the P&F went in 2015, talk about P&F 2016 and how you can be involved. The membership of the P&F is open to all parents and friends of children attending the school. Office bearers will be elected on the night including general members, President, Assistant Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. The P&F meets ideally two weeks prior to each event to plan. P&F keep meetings tight (just over one hour) because we know your time is precious! This year the P&F are holding a School Fete, a small subcommittee of the P&F will be established to work on the fete. Maybe this is you? P&F needs your skills and help. See you at the AGM!

When is the AGM? Friday 19 February 7.00pm ILC Building.

When is the disco?

This year the disco will be held at the school from 6pm on Friday 19 February. Particular classes host each P&F event. Traditionally the Year 5 and 6 are asked to help host the school disco by donating water and drinks and helping out on the night with set-up, serving and clean-up. Maybe the Year 5 and 6s might like to decide an appropriate theme for the disco and co-ordinate dance activities on the night? The P&F would love to hear your thoughts. Look out for the letter and form that was distributed to all these students requesting assistance through Google Drive.

Entry is $5.00 per family.

What is the P&F?

The role of the P&F is to support, through fund-raising priority areas identified by the school. The P&F has done an amazing job of raising much needed funds for school educational, sporting and musical equipment. The P&F has also contributed funds to infrastructure and computing equipment supporting the work of St Paul’s teachers and staff. The other very important role of the P&F is to bring the St Paul’s school community together, socially, recognising family occasions like Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day and holding fun events like quiz and movie nights.
## 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

### HEAD LICE
We are experiencing a large number of children presenting with head lice. Please check your child regularly to help stop the spread of lice. Thank you.
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

1. SELECT STUDENT
2. SELECT YOUR DATE
3. ADD YOUR ITEMS
4. CONFIRM

www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au
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

Instagram: @thinkuknow_int
Facebook: facebook.com/ThinkUKnowAustralia
Community Notices

SIGN ON DAY
1:00pm - 4:00pm

SUNDAY
21st
FEBRUARY
2016

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JOIN US AND CELEBRATE
AS WE WELCOME OUR 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

20 YEARS

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Paul Seden has done it again!!

Congratulations Paul, on the upcoming launch of your second children’s book

We are Going Crabbing With Dad!

We at St Paul’s, have been fortunate to have Paul donate a book to the library and I am sure when the book goes on sale he will be available for a book signing day!!

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

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 1 has closed and orders will be delivered in approx. 10 days time. Issue 2 is now open for orders. Brochures have been sent home today and closes 11th March. Thank you

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
School Board Nomination Form

Contact Details

Name of Nominee: 
Phone Contact of Nominee: 
Email Contact of Nominee: 

Address of Nominee: 

Job Title of Nominee: 
Affiliation with St Paul’s School: (i.e. Parent etc) 
Name of Parish: 

What gifts/talents would you bring to the St Paul’s School Board?


Briefly outline your reasons for nominating for the St Paul’s School Board:


CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP (Page 11 of Manual for School Board Members)

- I possess an enthusiasm for and willingness to promote the mission of Catholic 
- I have the ability and desire to uphold confidentiality in Board matters 
- I will not commit an act with intent to deceive or defraud 
- I bring to the Board my gifts and skills 
- I have sufficient time to devote to Board duties 
- I will not make improper use of information to gain material advantage either personally or for another person so as to 
- I desire to give service to the St Paul’s 
- I am not bankrupt 
- I will not conceal, destroy or falsify rec-
- I have an ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all members of the Board 
- I have not been convicted in the previous five years of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty 
- I will not commit fraud or false pretences 
- I am prepared to undertake formation 
- I have not been convicted in the previous five years of a serious criminal 
- I understand that election to the Board is for a period of 2 years and for not more 

Declaration of Nominee:

I do solemnly declare that the information I have provided is true and I understand that I am required to read the “Manual for School Board Members” which outlines my roles and responsibilities if I am elected as part of the St Paul’s School Board.

Signature of Nominee: 
Date: 

St Paul’s Nightcliff
Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student Goal Setting Interviews will be Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd February. Bookings are now open and must be finalised before the 21st February at 8pm, when bookings for this event will close.

For parents that do not have internet access – parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 89651911. Interviews are strictly 15 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code and press "Go"

Enter your details

Select the teachers you wish to see

Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click FINISH, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on 21st February 2018 at 8pm.

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 89651911