

THE BULLETIN

St Paul's Primary School Gateshead



No. 40 2019 Term 4 Week 7

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"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So, you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

Matt 24: 42-44

WHAT'S ON

November 29	Christmas Concert
December 3	Student Councillor Speeches 9am
December 5	Swimming Carnival
December 9	Step Up Morning 9-11am
December 11	Band Showcase 6.15pm
December 12	Whole School Graduation Mass 9.30am
December 16	Year 6 Beach Day
December 17	Year 6 Farewell Dinner/Clap Out 2.30pm
December 18	Last day/Movie Day
January 29	Years 1-6 Return for 2020
January 30	Kinder start for 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

This weekend we celebrate the **First Sunday of Advent**. Advent is the four weeks leading up to Christmas. As the shops and TV ads have flooded us with the commercial side of Christmas, it is timely to stop and think about the real reason for Christmas. Just as Mary and Joseph tried to find a place in Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus, so we too must find some place in our hearts to reflect on the Jesus' birth and the message he brought.

Please join us on Friday in the Roger Kennedy Centre as we get in the Christmas spirit with our **Christmas Concert**, hosted by singer/songwriter, Andrew Chinn. Sausages sandwiches will be available from 5pm in the

COLA for those who have pre-ordered them. The concert will commence at 6.30pm and entry will be gold coin donation to cover the cost of engaging Andrew Chinn.

Last Saturday the **Diocesan Synod** was held at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Hamilton. Over 400 people from all around the diocese, covering all our schools and parishes, were in attendance. As most of you would be aware over 2020/2021 the Catholic Church in Australia will be undergoing a review and a renewal. The Synod was the first step in organising a major gathering to give people an opportunity to express their voice in what changes they would like to see. The Church, since 2017, has been holding consultation and now, over the next 3 years it will be incumbent upon the Church to follow and put into place changes for the future.

I continue to hear of some of our children undertaking unchristian and bullying interactions on **social media platforms**, such as TikTok, Instagram, and Facebook. These activities are taking place outside school hours and on private devices and networks. While the school educates our children about online behaviour and bullying, it is up to parents to monitor their children on social media. Most of these platforms are legally not open to children under the age of 13. If you have allowed your children on these platforms, please check what they are doing and viewing!

You would now know that our **school canteen** is now closed for the year. I wish to thank the canteen committee, especially Mary Milevski, Edna Martin, and Sarah Taylor for their tireless work to provide a canteen service to our children and families. Also thank you to the many volunteers who have helped, giving many hours to serve our community. I hope our volunteers can make it to our Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea on Friday, 6th December after morning liturgy.

We are getting closer to finalising staffing for 2020. Children will meet their 2020 teachers and classmates on **Step Up Morning** on Monday 9th December, 2019, 9-10am. We will also be welcoming new children coming to us from other schools. The teachers have spent many hours preparing class groups for the new year. Multiple factors are considered when making the new classes, including friendship groups, academic needs, special needs and balance of boys and girls. The teachers consider how each child learns best, and places children in a group where they believe that children's learning will be optimised.

The teachers are in the process of writing **reports** for your child that will let you know about your child's learning during the second half of this year. For all grades except Kindergarten, the children receive a grade for effort and a grade for achievement. Although we tend to, we shouldn't compare children, especially not siblings, and if the children are putting in a big effort, we should be happy with the grades they achieve. Like mid-year, reports will not be sent home; parents will be able to access them on the Compass Portal. These will be available at the end of Week 9.

Greg Cumming
Principal

Baby News



Congratulations to Ashton Lapsuks in Year 1B on the arrival of his new brother Jaxas, and Evie Carson KB on the birth of her little sister Lauren.

Sacramental Program 2020

This program will commence Term 1 2020 for Catholic baptised children residing in our Parish. If you missed the program in recent years and your child is in **Year 3 this year (Year 4 2020)** letters will be sent out early 2020.

Swimming Carnival

The 2020 swimming carnival will be held next Thursday 5th December. This enables us to have an uninterrupted first few weeks of 1st Term next year and submit our Regional entries in plenty of time. If your child is attending please ensure that you have completed the online permission form. There are three races with qualifying times: 50M butterfly (1:30), 100M freestyle (2:40) and the 200M IM (5:00). If your child has elected to enter one or more of these races, he/she took home a hard copy form today to be signed by parents to state that those students are competent swimmers, have met the qualifying time, and can complete the races they enter.

Who will attend?: All students who will turn 8 years old next year as well as those students who are currently 8 years and older. The younger students will have a fun day at school - more information will be sent home by those teachers.

THE CANTEEN WILL NOT REOPEN THIS YEAR

REMINDER - 2019 School Fees

2019 school fees were sent out on Tuesday 22/10/19. Your prompt attention to these would be appreciated. Any families having financial difficulties please contact the office for an appointment with Mr Cumming.

ICAS assessments

Congratulations to the students who participated in the ICAS assessments and achieved the following results:

English: Distinction – Jonah Brewster, Ariella Doyle, Credit – Cooper Tallis, Merit – Wendi Harris, Participation – Ella Taylor, Sienna Reddie, Joshua Paynter, Anwen McDougall, Alexia Saunders, Vivian Talty,
Science: High Distinction: Jonah Brewster, Credit – Hayden Trevor, Joshua Paynter, Vivian Talty, Merit – Cooper Tallis, Anwen McDougall, Wendi Harris, Participation – Ella Taylor,
Writing: High Distinction – Ariella Doyle, Credit: Alexia Saunders, Joshua Paynter, Participation: Vivian Talty, Anwen McDougall, Wendi Harris

Family Discount Form

The 2020 Family Discount Form has been sent home with the eldest child this week. For those families who will have a child attending St Pauls' in 2020 it is important that you complete this form and return it to the office. For those families who do not send back the form, the correct family discount may not be received. If you have a current Health Care Card for 2020 please bring that into the office to have it applied to your fees. If you have any questions please call the office on 4943 6369.

Health Care Card

If you are a holder of a Health Care Card and are requesting a reduction in fees, please see the Office to complete the relevant forms and produce your Health Care Card. No discount can be given unless the relevant form is completed and we hold a copy of a current health Care Card.

BPAY and **Direct Debits are for FEES ONLY**. All other payments are to be paid to the office either by Eftpos or cash. Any fundraiser for the P&F is to be paid in cash.

COMPLAINTS RESOLUTION

St Paul's Primary School, The Catholic Schools Office (CSO) and Schools in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle are committed to providing a positive, safe environment for all staff and students. There are occasions however, when members of our schools and wider community are concerned about something happening at a school that appears to be unsatisfactory or unreasonable. If you have a complaint, please follow this [procedure](#).

Christmas Concert



St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

This week is the last week we will be accepting donations for our Mini Vinnies Hampers. Thank you to all of those families who have already kindly donated.



Kinder: lollies- Christmas or other types

Year 1: chips, pretzels, nuts, popcorns etc.

Year 2: Christmas item (Christmas crackers, decoration, Christmas treat, Christmas pudding/cake)

Year 3: cordial and soft drink

Year 4: rice, pasta, pasta sauces

Year 5: long life milk; tea; coffee; Milo

Year 6: chocolates, shortbread, biscuits etc.

Donations of Recyclable Christmas Bags will also be greatly appreciated (green bags). Donations will be accepted in classrooms until Friday Week 7. |



Blessings

Shanell Tregidgo

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to Charlotte Withford (Yr 5) who was awarded 2nd place in the Stage 3 in the Diocesan Public Speaking Competition held at the Catholic Schools Office this week. Congratulations also to Abigail Sawang and Ella Taylor who were awarded Participation Certificates. These young ladies were a credit to themselves and St Paul's school.

A big thank you to Mrs Coull for preparing our students.



CARPARK RULES

All parents are required to follow the **carpark rules**:

No Parking in the the Kiss'n'drop zone

- "Kiss'n'drop" only operates in the morning, **NOT** in the afternoon
- Children should get out on the left side of the car. Parents should stay in the car.
- In the afternoon parents must park and walk to the gate to collect children
- No parking in the OOSH bus area
- No parking adjacent to the church, which is a walkway
- Avoid reversing when possible
- Drive at walking pace only
- Do not enter the staff parking section unless you have a 'disabled' sticker
- School zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families. School zones operate on all gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.
- **Give way to all traffic as you exit the carpark.**

Please keep our carpark safe for the sake of all our children.

REGIONAL SPORTS TRIALS

Good luck to our students competing in the Regional Sports Trials this Friday 29th November.

Basketball: Ella Macnamara, Abigail Sawang, Maggie Dodds, Ella Fox, Scarlett Fox, Jordan Bika, Rohan Greentree.

Tennis: Haydon Smith

The **Regional Cricket Trials** will go ahead next year in Term 1.

Thanks, Kate Sullivan

PAST STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to former St Paul's student **Joe Harrison** receiving Hunter Sports High, Sports Person of the Future Award and- AFL's Sports Person of the Year Award.

A great achievement!



Also congratulations to Saffron Shiels who has captained the Australian Under 15's basketball side recently, winning gold!!



PARISH MASSES



MASS TIMES CHARLESTOWN

- Wednesday 9:30 AM
- Friday 9:00 AM
- Saturday 6:00 PM (Vigil)
- Sunday 8:00 AM
- Monday 9:00 AM (Liturgy only)
- Tuesday 5:00 PM



MASS TIMES GATESHEAD

- Thursday 9:30 AM
 - Sunday 9:30 AM
- CHILDRENS LITURGY*



MASS TIMES REDHEAD

Saturday 9:00 AM (1st
Saturday of the month)

Children's Liturgy

'Children's Liturgy'. We read a story from the bible and discuss its meaning. It is a time to enjoy each other's company and share Jesus' message of love. We usually do a colouring or make some craft too!

Each Sunday at 9.30am
Mass the children are
invited to participate in





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CREATE CHOREOGRAPHIC PROJECT

<https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au>

Please refer to the ASPIRE website for all ASPIRE information, forms, updates, photos and the newsletter from the Artistic Director

ASPIRE is again collaborating with internationally recognised Newcastle-based company Catapult Dance in 2020.

Building on the success of previous programs, the Create Choreographic Project will offer students enrolled in schools in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle the opportunity to participate in an intensive contemporary dance and collaborative choreographic program.

Students will be provided with a dance and performance art experience that is inclusive, non-competitive, creative and collaborative, and that reflects the working processes of the professional industry. Students will be encouraged to have a voice, and present their thoughts and ideas in a studio setting at the end of the program.

The Create Choreographic Project will run from Monday 9 March 2020 to Friday 13 March 2020.

Dancers will be split into Junior (Years 4–6) and Senior (Years 7–12) groups to create an original piece to perform. They will work alongside professional choreographers at Catapult Dance’s studio in Newcastle West.

Secondary students need to have dance training. Primary students must have a genuine interest in and flair for dance, but don’t necessarily have to attend dance lessons outside of school.

Students can register for the program by filling out an application form, which must be signed by a parent/carer and teacher from their school. Please forward completed forms via email to anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au

Scholarship places are available for students in genuine need of financial assistance. Please contact Anne Atkins for further information.

PROJECT DATES

COST

Junior	Monday 9 March 2020 – Tuesday 10 March 2020	9.00am – 3.00pm	\$60.00
Senior	Wednesday 11 March 2020 – Friday 13 March 2020	9.00am – 3.00pm	\$90.00

To register please complete the form overleaf and return to Anne Atkins anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au or call Anne Atkins on **02 4979 1331** for more information.

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JUNIOR THEATRE MAKERS 2020

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Thursdays in Terms 2 and 3 in five different locations across the Diocese

Locations:	St Pius High School Adamstown	St Bede's Catholic College Chisholm	St Joseph's High School Aberdeen	St Clare's High School Taree	St Paul's Catholic College Booragul
Time:	4.00 pm – 5.30 pm	4.00 pm – 5.30 pm	4.00 pm – 5.30 pm	4.00 pm – 5.30 pm	4.00 pm – 5.30 pm

ASPIRE's Junior Theatre Makers Ensemble for Years 5 – 8 is again offering creative drama programs across the Diocese in 2020 throughout Terms 2 and 3.

Term 2 will be all about learning and skills with a focus on play building. Ensemble members will work through an array of exercises relating to character, physical and image based theatre. The ensemble will be led by a local theatre expert and will also receive a workshop from ASPIRE Artistic Director Anna Kerrigan.

Term 3 will be spent creating an original short performance piece which will be performed on **Thursday 24 September 2020 at the Civic Playhouse, Newcastle**. All five groups will come together to rehearse for the day before performing an integrated piece that evening.

This is a great opportunity to learn in a fun environment with like-minded students. Places in the program are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Course Cost: \$250 (scholarships are available for those in financial need)

To reserve your place please complete a booking form online at the ASPIRE website <https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au> or call Anne Atkins on **02 4979 1331** for more information.

ASPIRE

Student name: _____ Year: _____
School: _____ Student email: _____
Parent/carer name: _____ Parent email address: _____
Parent mobile number: _____ Address: _____

Why do you wish to be part of the ASPIRE Create Choreographic Project?

What dance experience do you have?

Signed (Parent/Carer): _____ Date: _____

Application supported by (school teacher within the diocese)

Signed (Teacher): _____ Date: _____

Teenagers, alcohol and other drugs 2019:

What's happening, what's out there and how much influence do parents really have?



The Federation of Parents & Friends Associations invites:
parents, carers and staff for our Catholic schools.



Paul Dillon – Drug and Alcohol Research Training Australia (DARTA)

Paul Dillon has been working in the area of drug education for more than 25 years. Through his own business, Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia (DARTA) he has been contracted by many agencies and organisations across the country to give regular updates on current drug trends within the community. He continues to work with many school communities across the country to ensure that they have access to good quality information and best practice drug education.

In 2009 his best-selling book for parents was published titled 'Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs' and has since been released internationally, being translated into a number of languages. With a broad knowledge of a range of content areas, Paul regularly provides media comment and is regarded as a key social commentator in Australia, appearing on a wide range of television programs including Sunrise, TODAY and The Project discussing topical issues.

- DATE** Thursday 12 December, 2019
TIME 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start – 8.00pm
VENUE St Mary's ASC Maitland Hall
RSVP <https://mncso.news/PD19>



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PCYC Lake Macquarie

(Lake St Windale)

1.00pm

Mondays (fortnightly)

Monday 2 September

Monday 16 September

Monday 30 September (no lunch due to school holidays)

Monday 14 October

Monday 28 October

Monday 11 November

Monday 25 November

Monday 9 December

Hosted by Our Community Place
For further information, please contact us below



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Limited number of places available
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PAID REGISTRATIONS due by **1st December 2019**

Child's Name:

AGE: PHONE:

ADDRESS:

Allergies/Medical Conditions:.....

Special Dietary Condition:.....

Physical Activities: YES / NO (please circle)

Activities in the Park: YES / NO (please circle)

Permission for Photos: YES / NO (please circle)

Payment Enclosed \$ _____ Donation \$ _____

(Cheques payable to "Charlestown U.C. Just Kids")

Emergency Contact:

Name:

Phone/Mobile:

I give permission for my child
to attend the Kid's Fun Club at the Whitebridge Uniting
Church. I understand that all care will be taken, and I
give permission for medical help to be obtained in
case of an emergency.

My child will be picked up / will go home on their own.

Signed: Date:



Charlestown Uniting Church
Milson St. Charlestown

Kid's Fun Club Advent Workshop

Wednesday 4th December, 2019

(Children in Years K - 6)

4pm - 7.30pm

At Charlestown Uniting Church
26 Milson St, Charlestown

Cost \$10 per child or Family \$20.
(includes Dinner & Craft)

Registrations & payment essential by 1/12/19

All enquires please phone:
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