

THE BULLETIN

St Paul's Primary School Gateshead



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"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6



WHAT'S ON

December 13	Friday Assembly/Kinder Nativity
December 16	Year 6 Beach Day
December 17	Year 6 Clap Out 2.30pm Year 6 Farewell Dinner 6.30pm
December 18	Last day/Movie Day
January 29	Years 1-6 Return for 2020
January 30	Kinder start for 2020
February 14	Pupil Free Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is upon us. The message of Christ's birth in a stable in Bethlehem 2000 years ago is one of hope. It's easy to get a bit sad when we look around at our world with wars, drought, natural disasters and famine. Christ's birth at Christmas gives us hope that from a baby born in a stable, forced to flee with his family as a refugee, through to death on a cross, comes resurrection and new life. Please keep Jesus' birth in the conversation as you

prepare for Christmas this year. Christmas Mass times in our parish are later in the bulletin.

Yesterday we celebrated a beautiful **Thanksgiving and Graduation Mass**. How lovely to come together at the end of the year and give thanks to God for the blessings of the year. Congratulations to our Year 6 students who leave us and move onto high school. Many thanks to Fr Tony for leading our celebration.

Last week we celebrated a lovely **Christmas Concert** with Andrew Chinn. It was a wonderful community event with the RKC packed. Many thanks to Meg Smith and Michele and Gary Browne for organising the sausage sizzle and Deb and Sr Pat for serving in the canteen.

I thank all parents for your support of St Paul's, whether as an active P&F member, a volunteer driver, sporting coach, carnival helper or just a careful driver in our carpark. My special thanks to the P&F Executive, Melinda Sawang, Edna Martin, Rebecca Woodrow, Mary Milevski and Emilia Muraro, for their strong support of St Paul's throughout the year, through community building, fundraising and consultation. Most of this group will be completing their three-year tenure at the AGM early next year. We will be looking for a new group of enthusiastic parents to fill that void.

This year the P&F have continued to operate the **school canteen** under the guidance of Edna Martin, Mary Milevski and Sarah Taylor. My sincere thanks to these ladies for their tireless efforts providing the canteen service over the year. In 2020 will have a new canteen structure with an outside contractor, *The Right Bite*. At this stage online ordered lunches will be delivered Monday to Friday, with the over the counter sales on Thursday and Friday. More details next year!

Reports go live tomorrow. I have spent much of the last week reading every one of them and am pleased with the progress that our children are making. Most children will receive a 'sound' and 'C' grading for each Key Learning Area. A 'C' is to be celebrated and congratulated. It means your child is working at grade level and achieving at a level that is appropriate for them; they are achieving as would be expected according to the Syllabus outcomes. This grading is a compilation of many tasks that your child has completed throughout the second semester of this year. The reports for Kinder are slightly different as it is not a requirement that children in Kinder are graded according to the 'Common Grade Scale'. Learning in Kinder is assessed for the effort and application displayed by the students. Where homework is graded in your child's report, it refers to home reading in the lower grades and home project tasks in the higher grades. We have no formal interview sessions at this time of year, but if you would like to meet with your teacher, do not hesitate to make an appointment.

Last Monday children met their 2020 teachers as we had '**Meet Your Teacher**' Morning. The teachers have spent many hours organising the 2020 classes. They know how your child learns best and have placed your child in a group where we believe that your child's learning will be optimised. Please check with your child to find out who their new teachers is, as we will not send another notification of teachers. New kinders for 2020 should receive a letter shortly from their buddies letting them know who their teacher is and what class they are in.

We were blessed with fine weather last Thursday for our **Swimming Carnival**. Sincere thanks to Miss Smith, staff and parents for running a great carnival. Congratulations to all the children for their for good sportsmanship and behaviour. Congratulations to house winners, Macquarie!

We have been informed that our recent **Commonwealth Building Grant** application has been unsuccessful. While we are disappointed, we will resubmit it next year and hope for the best! Our fourth demountable building for the second Year 6 will be delivered in January in time for the 2020 school year.

As this is our last bulletin for the year, I would like to say **a big thank you** to all who have supported St Paul's in 2019 to make it the special place that it is. I would like to thank the amazing teachers and support staff who work tirelessly for the benefit of your children. They deserve a well-earned break over the holidays. As we welcome back Mr Michael Deed from his secondment to Glendale in 2020, it is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Tracee Cinello and thank her for her dedication to the children of St Paul's over the last couple of years. Mrs Cinello has been appointed to St Joseph's, East Maitland for 2020. We also say farewell and thanks to Mrs Emily Crocket who is finishing her twelve-month contract with us. Both Tracee and Emily will be missed for their commitment to supporting our St Paul's children. A special thank you to Shanell Tredidgo for her role as Acting REC in Michael's absence. Shanell has done a brilliant job and we are very appreciative.

May God bless you all over the Christmas season,

Greg Cumming
Principal

SCHOOL REPORTS

As we no longer send home hard copies of student's reports, you may prefer to print or download a copy when they are generated as parents will no longer have access to St Paul's Compass when they move to High School or change schools.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Erik Milevski and Eli Hunt who received special awards at the Year 6 Graduation Mass today. Eli received the Community Service Award from Jodie Harrison MP, State Member for Charlestown, and Erik received the Pat Conroy Citizenship Award from Pat Conroy MP, Federal Member for Shortland. Both awards were presented by Mr Nick Mowbray, representing both politicians.

2020 SCHOOL LEADERS

In the last two week's students and staff have been going through the process of selecting the School Council and Sports Captains for 2020. It has been a challenging, nerve-racking and exciting process for our nominees in Year 5. It was a great start to see the humility of those who were inwardly over-joyed and the support shown to the students obviously disappointed. After some fantastic speeches and nail-biting vote counts, these are the St Paul's student leaders for 2020.

School Council: Charlotte Withford, Abbey Toshack, Aisha Fox, William Reiss, Jack Brown, Addison Cook

Green Sports Captains (Shortland): Jett O'Connor & Lilah Kelly

Red Sports Captains (Hunter): Catherine Boylan & Daniel Anstee & Tom Miller

Blue Sports Captains (Macquarie): Tom Charman & Ella Macnamara

Congratulations to the new school leaders and to the students who were nominated but narrowly missed out. All Year 6 students are called to be leaders, whether they have an official title or not.



CONGRATULATIONS

Charlotte Withford 5/6 has been accepted into London's Royal Ballet School to be a part of their International Intensive Program in Hong Kong next year.

YEARBOOK

Again this year's Yearbook will be in electronic form. This is now being finalised. Once complete we will send you a link to the online Yearbook which will sit on our school website. It will be password protected with one generic password, so only those with the password can access the Yearbook. The Yearbook is in PDF form so if you wish to print it and bind it you can. If you upload the Yearbook to *Officeworks*, they will print and bind it for a small fee. Next week we will send you the link and password on the Compass. Please keep this password secure as the Yearbook is for St Paul's families only.

CLASSES FOR 2020

Teachers have established class groupings for 2020. Social groupings as well as academic progress have all played a part in determining the best possible placement for your child.

Class structures for 2020 will be as follows:

Kinder Gold	Vicki Whitbread/Jodie Maxwell
Kinder Blue	Lisa Badior
Year 1 Gold	Lisa Burden/Alex Walsh
Year 1 Blue	Cathie Sawyer/Jodie Maxwell
Year 2 Gold	Michael Deed
Year 2 Blue	Carly Whitbread
Year 3	Louise Lonsdale/Mel Rabbitt
Year 3/4	Tess St Claire
Year 4	Rachael Hamilton
Year 5 Gold	Lauren Bleakley
Year 5 Blue	Shanell Tregidgo
Year 6 Gold	Karly Castellias
Year 6 Blue	Kate Sullivan

Other staff members will be:

School Admin. Manager	Debbie McRae
Resource Teacher	Sr Pat Davidson
Teacher Librarian	Meg Smith
Learning Support Teacher	Carolynn Brown
ESL Teacher	Sue Coull
Music Teacher	Jo Cook
Library Assistant/ School Admin. Officer	Michele Browne
Learning Support Assistants	Shareen Searant Kath Kelly Anne Pryor Michelle Field Raylee Gleeson Angela Bowman
Co-ordinator REC	Vicki Whitbread Michael Deed
Assistant Principal Principal	Meg Smith Greg Cumming

RE News

Christmas Concert

Wow what an amazing concert. Andrew Chinn led a beautiful Christmas concert that was full of fun and joy. Thank you to all of the families who made our 2019 Christmas Concert so special.



St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

Thank you to all of the families who kindly donated to the Mackillop Parish St Vincent De Paul society's Christmas Appeal. We were overwhelmed with the response. Donations have been taken to the Parish for the SVDPS to distribute to our local community.



Thank You

I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you to the St Paul's Community for their kind donations and loving support this year. Wishing you a safe and Merry Christmas.



*Blessings
Shanell Tregidgo*

Mini Vinnies Drought Appeal

Over the past few weeks Mini Vinnies has been raising money to support the St Mary's Drought Appeal. You may have noticed the huge water bottle filled with change out the front of the office. We counted the money and raised \$880! Mini Vinnies went down to St Mary's to present the water bottle to their School Captains and they were overwhelmed with the amount of money raised. We also held a farmer's market on Wednesday where we sold 2nd handbooks and toys. We are still in the process of counting all this money so there will still be more to come!

The Mini Vinnies Year 6 team have worked so hard this year. They have given up their lunch times to attend meetings, to plan fundraisers and run loads of different events. They have gone above and beyond to represent St Paul's and the wider community. It has been a pleasure to work with each and every one of them. We are so proud of them all and want to say a huge THANKYOU!

Best Wishes,

Mrs Castellias and Mrs Walsh



SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to our Swimming Champions:

Senior Girls Champion: Lilah Kelly

Senior Boys Champion: Haydon Smith

Junior Girls Champion: Ellie Crawford

Junior Boy Champions: Daniel Vesey

Macquarie was the winning house on the day with 126 points, followed very closely by Shortland on 125 points and Hunter on 122 points.



BASKETBALL TRIALS

Congratulations to Rohan Greentree, Ella Macnamara and Scarlett Fox who have progressed to the next level.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL









Baby News

A big welcome to baby Lauren a little sister for Evie Carson in Yr1.

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.

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.

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 MASS TIMES



CHRISTMAS EVE	5:30PM	St John Vianney Church REDHEAD
(Tuesday 24 December 2019)	5:30PM	St Mary Immaculate Church CHARLESTOWN
	7:00PM	St Paul's Church GATESHEAD
CHRISTMAS DAY	Midnight	St Mary Immaculate Church CHARLESTOWN
(Wednesday 25 December 2019)	8:00AM	St Mary Immaculate Church CHARLESTOWN
	9:30AM	St Paul's Church GATESHEAD

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.

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

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





4TH DECEMBER 2019 BELMONT NORTH JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE ON-LINE REGO OPENS

We are happy to announce that registrations will be opening on **Monday 4th December 2019 for the 2020 season**. For season 2020 the league has introduced a new registration system, this is now much simpler and user friendly. We are looking at fielding a team in all age groups again this year with registration for 2020 cost **\$150**. At the time of registering you will need to make a **\$50** payment and once you receive **your active kids voucher** for the remaining **\$100**, you will need to **email the details to the club**. If you still have a 2019 voucher you can use this to register for 2020 now before it expires. You will also need to input your **kids shorts and shirt sizes at the time of registration**. The size you tell us is will what we order for them, so remember to look a few months ahead with sizing.

Belmont North J.R.L.F.C Home of the Sharks

**4TH DECEMBER
REGISTER ON-LINE**

**USE YOUR FREE
ACTIVE KIDS
VOUCHER \$100**

**COME HAVE FUN
WITH YOUR MATES.**

**DON'T FORGET
ENTER YOUR
SHIRT/SHORTS
SIZES ON-LINE**

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SIXERS HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



Woolworths Cricket Blast INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM teaches boys and girls new skills in a Big Bash inspired fun and safe environment!! Blasters can choose a cricket or craft adventure during a 'Free Play Session'.



The 6ers Holiday Camp is ideal for boy and girls playing JUNIOR FORMAT STAGE 1 with their local club. Players will be exposed to contemporary coaching activities lead by experienced coaches.

Date Time	Suburb (Postcode)	Introductory Program (5-9 yrs.)	Junior Format Stage 1 (9-11 yrs.)
13 Jan 2020 9am-3pm	Lorn (2320)	\$80	\$100
14 Jan 2020 9am-3pm	New Lambton (2305)	\$80	\$100
15 Jan 2020 9am-3pm	Cameron Park (2285)	\$80	\$100
16/17 Jan 2020 9am-12pm	Ourimbah (2258)	\$99	\$100
20/21 Jan 2020 9am-12pm	Erina (2250)	\$99	\$100

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Introductory Program - www.playcricket.com.au

Search for camp by: age filter and suburb (as listed above)

Look for Program title "Sydney Sixers Holiday Program"

Junior Format Stage 1 - www.trybooking.com

Click Buy on the landing page and then search "Sydney 6ers" and the suburb (as listed above)



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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