

# THE BULLETIN

## St Paul's Primary School Gateshead

No. 41 2019 Term 1 Week 1



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*"St Paul's Catholic Primary School is a welcoming community inspired by the Gospel values of Jesus. As we nurture citizens of the future, we foster an inclusive learning environment based on collaboration, respect and the love of one another."*

St Paul's Mission Statement

## WHAT'S ON

12/02/20	P & F AGM
13/02/20	Opening School Mass 9.30
14/02/20	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>
17/02/20	Regional Swimming Carnival
21/02/20	<b>WELCOME BBQ</b> Lakes Regional Winter Sports Trials
26/02/20	Ash Wednesday Life Education Incursion
27/02/20	Dio Swimming Carnival

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for 2020 and welcome to all our new families, especially new Kinders who started today and the 17 other new children who started yesterday. The teachers and staff have worked hard in the last few weeks preparing for the year. We are excited to be back, ready for an exciting year! It was so lovely to see the new Kinders so settled this morning as they start their learning journey with us.

We welcome Miss Lauren Bleakley on Year 5B, Mrs Lisa De Forges, our newly appointed Aboriginal Education Teacher (3-day fortnight), and welcome back Mr Michael Deed from his secondment at Holy Cross Primary at Glendale.

We are very pleased that the **new demountable** has arrived, but unfortunately is still not ready for classes for Year 6B. We are hoping for it to be completed by the end of next week. I thank Mrs Kate Smolen and 6B for their patience while this work is being completed.

The major areas for our School Improve Plan for 2020 are **Spelling** and Cultures of Thinking. The teachers introduced new ways of teaching spelling over the past couple of years and this focus will continue. Let's all keep improving our spelling this year, parents, teachers and children!

Our continuing focus on **Cultures of Thinking** is an approach based on research from Harvard University. Cultures of Thinking are schools where groups and classes, as well as individual thinking is valued, visible, and actively promoted as part of the regular, day-to-day experience of all school members. It promotes the twenty first century skills of critical and creative thinking. The school has once again engaged international speaker, Simon Brooks, to work with the staff to develop our skills in Cultures of Thinking. He will be working

here on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, so this will be a **pupil-free day**. We apologise for the inconvenience so early in the year, but this was an opportunity when Simon was in Australia. OOSH will be available on this day. Simon will also be working with teachers at St Paul's on a number of other occasions during the year, but these will not be pupil free days.

As you know we have a **new canteen provider** this year. Our operator is 'The New Bite', under the guidance of Mrs Nikki Vittadello, based at Warners Bay Public School. Lunch Orders will be ordered online Monday to Friday and delivered to school. The Canteen will be open for over-the-counter sales on Thursday and Friday. The online ordering link is <http://ultimateschools.com.au/> and will go live tomorrow. This link is also on our school website. Canteen will start next week. More details are in the information sheet included in this bulletin. The Canteen Menu is also attached to this Bulletin.

Shortly you will receive the first school fee account from us. This first **Resource Fee** covers all excursions, incursions and carnivals for the year. The first incursion is our gymnastics program which starts in Week 4. Please ensure that this account is paid before your child participates in the gymnastics program.

At the end of last year our local federal member, the Hon Pat Conroy MP, Member for Shortland, donated a **new Australian and Aboriginal flag** to the school. They look crisp and fresh, ready for singing the National Anthem each Monday morning. Thank you, Pat!

On Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, at 9.30am we will celebrate our **Opening School Mass**. We will formally welcome our new Kinders, as well as asking God's blessing on the year ahead. We will also formally 'badge' our Year 6 School Leaders. Please join us in the church for this celebration!

*Greg Cumming*  
Principal

## **PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION AGM**

On Wednesday evening, Feb 12, at 6.30pm in the library, we will hold our AGM for the year. The purpose of the P&F is to provide social occasions to build community, provide a forum for consultation with the community, as well as fundraising. Fundraising is essential to provide resources for our children that they may otherwise not have. Even though it is the AGM, no one will be forced into any position they are not comfortable with. Just come and see and hear what an amazing job the P&F do. All parents are members of the P&F because they have children at St Paul's. We would love to see lots of our new families! Meetings go for no more than one hour!

## **SPORTS UNIFORM**

Days are every Thursday and Friday until further notice.

## ***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:

<b>Kinder Gold</b>	Vicki Whitbread/Jodie Maxwell
<b>Kinder Blue</b>	Lisa Bador
<b>Year 1 Gold</b>	Lisa Burdon/Alex Walsh
<b>Year 1 Blue</b>	Cathie Sawyer/Jodie Maxwell
<b>Year 2 Gold</b>	Michael Deed/Mel Rabbitt
<b>Year 2 Blue</b>	Carly Whitbread
<b>Year 3</b>	Louise Lonsdale/Mel Rabbitt
<b>Year 3/4</b>	Tess St Claire
<b>Year 4</b>	Rachael Hamilton
<b>Year 5 Gold</b>	Lauren Bleakley
<b>Year 5 Blue</b>	Shanell Tregidgo
<b>Year 6 Gold</b>	Karly Castellias/Abbey Edwards
<b>Year 6 Blue</b>	Kate Smolen (nee Sullivan)

Other staff members will be:

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



## WELCOME TO THE RIGHT BITE

Hi everyone, we are The Right Bite, your new school canteen. It is our mission to provide healthy, inventive food options while working as a partnership with your school community.

As a mother I understand the importance of having fresh, affordable food available for your children, it is our passion to provide food that is wholesome and nutritious but also creative and appetising.

The Right Bite will offer fresh preservative free bread daily. Only the freshest ingredients will be sourced for salad tubs, sandwiches, burgers and wraps, and will be prepared daily with all homemade products baked on the canteen premises.

The Right Bite is governed by the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy. The programme categorises foods into everyday and occasional foods. As you can see on our menu we have colour coded the occasional and everyday foods.

(However all items on the menu are available for ordering everyday.)

We are happy to discuss any food allergies and would love feedback and suggestions from the school community.

The canteen will operate through an online ordering system called Ultimate Schools which will be accessible through the school website.

We look forward to working with you all  
Yours in healthy eating

Nikki and Emee

# SCHOOL CANTEEN ONLINE - Menu Attached



The Ultimate Online School Payment Solution

## Parent Information Sheet

**Congratulations!**  
Your school canteen is now online



Ultimate Schools is an extremely safe, secure and convenient online ordering system for all your school requirements.

### Getting Started is easy!

- Visit [ultimateschools.com.au](http://ultimateschools.com.au) via any internet enabled device.
- Create an Account.
- Confirm your registration via the activation link that we will email you.
- If you do not receive a confirmation email, please check your junk mail otherwise contact Ultimate Schools support.
- Log into the website.
- Top up your account via bank transfer or credit card.
- Add your student/s.
- Begin Ordering!

### Ordering is even easier!

1. Simply select your child.
2. Select the date in which you wish the order to be delivered.
3. Add the meal items to your shopping cart.
4. Confirm the order.



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## Parent Information Sheet

### Is the website safe?

**Yes!** Ultimate School has SSL certification and is fully PCI compliant which is used for all financial transactions conducted through our website. So what is PCI Compliant you may ask? PCI (The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard) is a set of requirements designed to ensure that ALL companies that process credit card payments must maintain a secure environment.



### Adding money to your account

1. Select the "Add Money" icon.
2. Select your payment method such as bank transfer (3 Business Days) or credit card (Instant).
3. Enter the required information.
4. Enter the amount you wish to add.
5. Select "Pay now".
6. Confirm your payment.



### Benefits

- \* Save time by ordering anywhere any time.
- \* Peace of mind knowing that your child's order has been received by the canteen.
- \* Our cashless system means no more searching for coins.
- \* We are a locally owned and operated business, so we understand the needs and requirements of our customers.
- \* Access to an up-to-date Canteen Menu.

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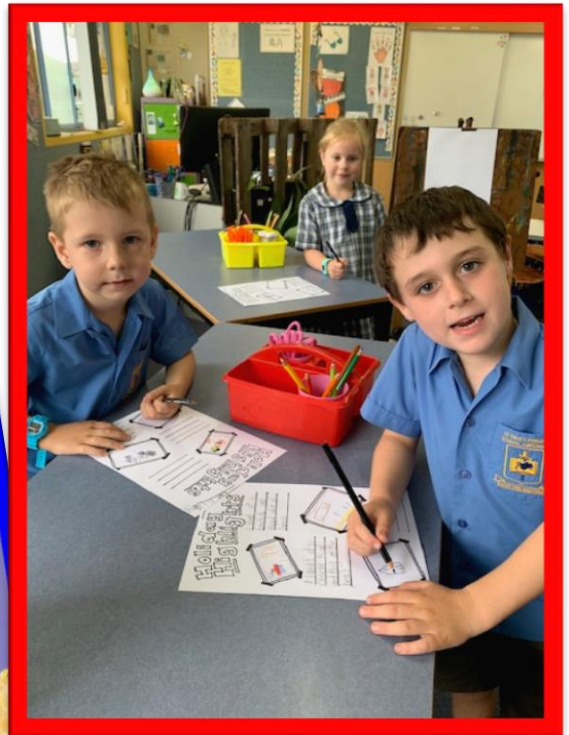
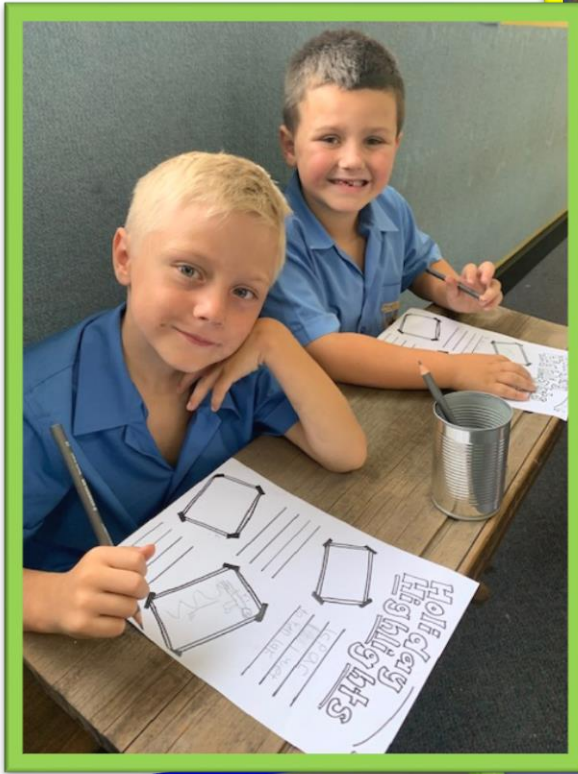


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# WEEK 1









## 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](#).

### *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!



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*To empower girls and young women to grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.*

**But there's more to being a Guide than just having a good time. Guiding provides opportunities for you to:**

- Be challenged by new experiences.
- Think for yourself and make decisions.
- Undertake teamwork and acquire leadership skills.
- Develop self-awareness, self-respect and self-confidence.
- Develop personal values.
- Do your best.
- Contribute to society.

Being a Guide is all about learning new skills, making new friends and helping others. You will be encouraged to achieve your own personal goals through a flexible program with support from your Leader. You will also have the opportunity to work for a wide variety of badges and perhaps gain a Peak achievement award. If you are not able to join with a Unit near your home we have a group of Guides known as Lone Guides who meet via mail and email.

***FOR GIRLS AGE 6 – 15 YEARS***

**Meeting times:** Tuesday afternoon

Belmont North Girl Guide Hall  
Floraville Road  
Belmont North

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**

**BELMONT NORTH GIRL GUIDES      Glenice PH: 0408 451 939**