

THE BULLETIN

St Paul's Primary School Gateshead

No. 43 2020 Term 1 Week 5



<http://www.gatesheadsp.catholic.edu.au/>

God of love,
You call us back to you when we turn away.
During our season of Lent,
Help us to be close to you.
Open our hearts,
Change our hearts.
May we strive to be more like Jesus.
Amen



WHAT'S ON

04/3/20	P & F Meeting
05/3/20	Yrs 5 & 6 Class Mass 9.30am
02/3/20	Catholic Schools Week
06/3/20	Liturgy & Open Day
11/3/20	Kinder 2021 Info Evening 6pm
19/3/20	Yrs 3 & 4 Class Mass 9.30am
02/4/20	Infants Class Mass 9.30am
06/4/20	Athletics Carnival
09/4/20	Last day of Term 1
10/4/20	Good Friday

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we began the season of **Lent** with Ash Wednesday liturgies. We marked our foreheads with ashes as a reminder of our humanness and that sometimes we fail and need God's help to succeed. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the forty days leading up to Easter. As the children learn more about Lent at school, I encourage you to ask questions of your children and have some interesting dinner time discussions about our faith journey to Easter.

Next week we celebrate **Catholic Schools Week**. CSW is a time to recognise the great things that happen in Catholic

schools. The theme for 2020 is "Drawing from the well. Invitation, Encounter, Witness". This acknowledges that Jesus Christ is always at the heart of everything we do. Recognising this is the foundation of a Catholic school education, the lens through which everything is viewed, and the belief that informs all policies and decisions.

"Invitation, Encounter, Witness" celebrates the connection of the school community with Jesus Christ. Our students are invited to the well, where, with Jesus as their guide they encounter diversity of learning in a supportive and inclusive environment, and witness service to others and the community.

We will hold an **Open Day** (new families welcome!) on Friday 6th March starting with a Liturgy in the Roger Kennedy Centre at 8.45am followed by open classrooms until 10.30am.

Catholic Schools Week marks the beginning of our enrolment period for 2021 Kindergarten enrolments. On Wednesday 11th March we will hold a **Kinder 2021 Information Evening** at 6pm in the library. This evening is for new

families, though current families are most welcome. If you know of new families interesting in joining the St Paul's family in 2021, please let them know about these events.

Parent-Student-Teacher Meetings have been taking place this week. These are very important meetings in building the partnership between school and home. Together parents, children and teachers have been setting learning goals for the year. It is only by working together that we can achieve the best outcomes for our children. If you missed your PST Meeting this week, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible.

This year our school is in a **review year**. The purpose of the review is for the school to reflect on its practice and identify areas for improvement and to stimulate action to ensure this happens. As part of the review process we will be seeking feedback from our community – parents/carers, staff, students and clergy. An online parent/carer survey will be sent to parents shortly via email. We would be most grateful if you could complete this survey (it only takes about 10 mins!). The online survey is administered by an independent organisation, the University of Newcastle's Faculty of Education. Your responses will be treated confidentially and your privacy respected. The more surveys completed, the greater the feedback received which will inform our future journey towards school improvement at St Paul's.

Some parents have very kindly contacted me about supporting the P&F and wanting to know more about the executive roles. Our next **P&F Meeting** is next Wednesday 4th March at 6.30pm in the library. I have asked them to attend next week's meeting to see if we can form an executive committee; we will need at least a President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please join us if you can as we work together for the benefit of our children.

Greg Cumming
Principal

NEWCASTLE AND HUNTER AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP FOR DADS.

A new support group for dads of kids with autism has recently been formed. The vision of the group is to offer communication between fathers so that they can help each other out with struggles that they may be having with our autistic and special needs kid, as what naturally works in one house sometimes may work in another. The group will also organise workshops with special guest speakers, family BBQ'S with sensory activities and mainstream activities included, fundraising events to raise money for the autistic and special need foundations and for the group. They would also like to organise various excursions to a number of places so that families can have the opportunity to have some fun time.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1510440125746227/>

ST MARY'S ENROLMENT PROCESS FOR YEAR 7 2021

Students who are applying for enrolment for Year 7 2021 at St Mary's Catholic College are required to attach all documents with the enrolment application, eg: birth, baptism, immunisation certificate. This information is stated on page 7 of the enrolment package.

Please note, while it is stated on page 7 of the Enrolment Package "Baptismal Certificate (if Catholic: not required if the student is enrolled in a diocesan school), St Mary's **DO** require the baptismal certificate to assist in prioritising the enrolment applications. They recognise that Baptismal Certificates accompany the students' files when they are delivered from our Primary Schools, however it is often well into term 1 of the following year before they receive these files.



Our sympathy to Tim Hancock (Yr5) and his family on the loss of his Grandmother

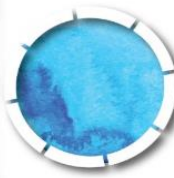
Congratulations to Xavier Diaz (Yr1) and his family on the birth of his baby sister.



UNICEF VISIT

Today Year 5 Students had a visitor from UNICEF Australia and participated in the Young Ambassador National Consultation. UNICEF is the United Nations Children's Fund, working to protect the rights of every child. Children have the right to be heard and to be taken seriously by adults. Students had the opportunity to learn about rights and discussed what is important to them and express their opinion about the world they are growing up in. Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed this experience with one student saying, "I liked that Jacob came to hear us speak rather than having someone speak to us" (Ava Blake). What a fabulous opportunity these students had, Jacob will collate notes from a range of school students in the area and a report will be written and taken to Parliament House later this year.





2020
CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS
WEEK
Drawing From The Well



Invitation



Encounter



Witness

ST PAUL'S PRIMARY
SCHOOL, GATESHEAD



Open Day

6th March 2020

8.45-10.30 am



You are invited to meet us...
Catholic Schools Week
Liturgy and Open Day
8.45-10.30 pm on Friday 6th
March, 2020, and
2021 Parent Information
Evening at 6pm on
Wednesday 11th March 2020.

Contact us to learn more
St Paul's Primary School
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Gateshead 2290
Phone: 49436369
admin@gatesheadsp.catholic.edu.au
<http://www.gatesheadsp.catholic.edu.au>

FAMILY DISCOUNT FORM

Some families who normally receive the family discount on their fees have not had the discount applied as they have not completed the Family Discount Form. If this applies to you, please return the form asap.

HEALTH CARE CARD

Likewise, no discount has been applied to your fees if we have not received a current Health Care Card and relevant forms have not been completed.

IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE THESE DOCUMENTS BY THE END OF FEBRUARY, WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO APPLY THESE DISCOUNTS TO YOUR FEES.

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.



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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 via any internet enabled device.
- Create an Account.
- Confirm your registration via the activation link that we will email you.
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- Top up your account via bank transfer or credit card.
- Add your student/s.
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4. Confirm the order.





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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

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- * Our cashless system means no more searching for coins.
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LunchHub

a **FREE** community lunch!

*Please join us for a
two course sit-down meal!*

PCYC Lake Macquarie
(Lake St, Windale)

1.00pm

Mondays for Term 1, 2020

Monday 3 February

Monday 17 February

Monday 2 March

Monday 16 March

Monday 30 March

Monday 6 April



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For further information, please contact us below*



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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.

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](#).



Does your child want to play football (soccer) this year?
Kahibah Football Club is still accepting registrations in all age groups from U6 to U11 until Friday 21 February.
Please register online at www.playfootball.com.au

Swansea Football Club

is seeking a few players to complete the following teams:

U/11's Boys and U/10's Girls

There are also limited places available in older girls, women's & U/6 – U/12 teams.

So, whether your child is keen to grow their love of football & improve their skills, looking for a new club, new to football or perhaps just finished their summer sport & looking for something to do over winter ... join our friendly club for a fantastic season of football!

Save \$100
on your registration!
The Active Kids Voucher
can be used when
registering
with our club!



- To find out more visit: www.swanseafotballclub.com.au or email: ssci1@aapt.net.au
- To apply for your Active Kids Voucher visit: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>
- To register online visit: <https://www.playfootball.com.au/register>



PARISH MASSES

St Mary Immaculate Charlestown

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



St John Vianney's Redhead

- Saturday 9:00 AM (*1st Saturday of the month*)
- Wednesday 8:45 AM (*Liturgy*)



St Paul's Gateshead

- Thursday 9:30 AM
- Sunday 9:30 AM

CHILDRENS LITURGY



Children's Liturgy

Each Sunday at 9.30am Gateshead 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!

