FROM PAUL’S DESK

DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF ST PAUL’S,

CLASS MASSES – The celebration of the Mass is central to our faith. Throughout the rest of this term each Grade level will be attending morning mass over at the Church on one occasion. We have included the roster if you also wish to attend. This is not a Mass where the children will be reading but a normal weekday Liturgy. It is important that the children understand that the Mass should be part of their routine, not always a special event.

BOOK WEEK PARADE – Next Wednesday morning at 9am – one of the best events of the year. AND THE LONG RANGE WEATHER FORECAST SAYS 21 AND SUNNY!!!!!! We will hold our parade out on the grassed area if the forecast is accurate, if not we will be in the multipurpose room. Can’t wait to see the costumes!!! I have a meeting in the city at 10am but will be there for the parade – might be in a strange outfit for the meeting though!!!!

SICK CHILDREN – In my family, both adults work full time and have children that attend school. I totally understand the pressures that Inservice Days, School Holidays and sick children days place on working adults. At St Paul’s we limit our Inservice Days, and the scheduled School Holidays are important to younger children as it let’s them recharge their batteries (I still don’t quite understand how a Prep child is expected to spend more time at school than Secondary School children – parents with kids at Secondary School know what I am talking about!). Unfortunately, illness is a reality of our lives. When kids get sick, germs spread fast and in the closeness of the classroom, real quick. It is important then that sick children are cared for at home until recovered. Many of these bugs are passed on to teachers as well and even though this does not disrupt programs a lot, the children would much prefer familiar faces to a replacement. So I would ask that parents please consider these points when their children are ill. Soon we will be into the warmer weather and those winter bugs will disappear.

BUILDING UPDATE – We have now hit a hurdle with Father Sean’s verandah. Many of the support posts need reinforcing. This will mean work will be taking place around the verandah area. We will hope to have temporary access through the back of the school shortly once the back car park is finished. The builders will also be removing their shed once the new classroom areas and staff room extension is completed (three weeks or less is anticipated). Once that happens, the workers will be preparing to lay the concrete as the base for the paved paths. It is very exciting to see all the work come together. As anyone knows who has been involved with building/renovating a house, the last six to eight weeks can be the fiddling times when everything comes together.

Cats have week off. Will have to watch the Storm instead.

All the best for the weekend, Paul
CLASS MASS TIMETABLE.

Thursday Morning 10.00am Mass

Week 5 - Year 1TD & Year 1J
Week 6 - Prep M & Prep E
Week 7 - Year 2 & Year 3
Week 8 - Year 4FM & 4MR
Week 9 - Seniors

Congratulations!!!!

Late last term the children in Years 3 and 4 designed a LOTE poster on the theme of migration. Children were asked to design a poster showing what they would bring in their suitcases if they were leaving their home town in Italy to settle in Australia: “Ho lasciato l’Italia e nella valigia ho portato……..” All students presented high standard posters and need to be highly commended for their effort and enthusiasm. After much deliberation, I choose and entered 10 of the posters into the Dante Alighieri Competition. I am pleased to inform you that of the 10 entrants, 2 were winners and another 2 received Honourable Mentions! Congratulations to Melissa Barillaro who was warded 1st prize in the overall Year 4 Level and to Evan Stamatakos who was awarded 2nd prize in the same category. Alessia Di Vita and Theodoula Vorenas both received Honourable Mentions. In all there were over 1000 entries. I would like to extend our congratulations to all the Yr 3 and 4 children who took part in the activity. Grazie e ben fatto a tutti! Siete tutti campioni!

Signora Adele

WARRIORS BASKETBALL CLUB

St Paul’s Warriors Basketball Club is hosting a Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser at the Coburg Store, this Sunday 21st August 8am to 5pm. We hope to see lots of St Paul’s Families at our Stall on Sunday.

Go St Paul’s Warriors!!!

COFFEE CLUB @ ST PAUL’S

Friday morning after drop off in the Multipurpose Hall.

FOOTY TIPS LEADER BOARD

Sam Maguire  127
Nonno Romano  126
Jonno  126
Alessia and Thomas  124
Anthony Mancuso  123

EARN AND LEARN

Thank you to all who are remembering to bring in their Woolworths ‘Earn and Learn’ points. We are hoping to earn approximately 5,000 points, which we will be able to redeem for the ‘Connect 4’ game (shown below). This will be used in the passive area during recess and lunch times.
We have also placed a collection box at Woolworths in Coburg, so make sure you tell friends and relatives that it’s there!
Our current points are: 1,137
Ms. Pat

CONNECT 4

Here is the classic game of strategy and intelligence for two or more players (or teams). The colourful rings are easy to handle and take up very little space. It is suitable for indoors or outdoors and measures approximately 122 x 57 x 117cm high.
CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK  
August 24th.

Dear Parents

COSTUME PARADE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24TH – 9.15AM

There will be a Costume Parade starting at approximately 9.15am outside on the oval (or inside) depending on the weather, that all students and teachers will participate in.

Prep – Year 2
Students from Prep-2 may come dressed in any fancy dress or character costume they would like or already have.

Years 3 – 6:
Students from Years 3-6 are asked to come dressed related to our theme OTHER CULTURES. Students may dress up in something to represent another culture, other than Australian.

As well, on this day, we will have a guest speaker who is a comedian and a librarian at Port Phillip Libraries to entertain the students. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions about literature and any authors they are interested in.

Thank you to all parents in anticipation for efforts in providing students with dress-up clothes or costumes. These special days provide fun and lasting memories for the children and motivate them to get involved.

Just a reminder that some students are not returning their library books on time. Some of these books are very popular and other students are waiting to borrow them. Also students must have their library bag to borrow a book.

Thank you

Marguerita Kavanagh
Teacher-Librarian

FUNDRAISING MEETING

Please note that the fundraising meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 17th has been postponed to Friday, August 19th (tomorrow) at 10.00am in the Staffroom.

Pat.
St Oliver’s Little Athletics Club
We wish to introduce St Oliver’s LAC. The club open for all children ages 5 to 15, and all children are welcome. Children are provided the opportunity to participate in a variety of events on a regular basis. All events are fun and children receive praise and encouragement for all their efforts. Please see the attached flyer. Season starts 24th September and all new athletes can have a free 2 week trial. For further information please contact Robert Cappello ph 0411 858581 or Juliana Styles ph 0400 895 640.

Come and join St Oliver’s Little Athletics Club. (Ages 5 – 15)

Little Athletics is a great way to have fun, get fit and meet new friends.

Competition is generally held on Saturday mornings from 8.30am to 11.45am (earlier finish for under 6’s and 7’s). We compete at Harold Stevens Athletic Track, Outlook Rd, Coburg (Melway 18 A10).

Registration day is at St Oliver’s School on Monday 12th September at 3.15pm and also on Saturday 10th September, 10am - 12 noon at Harold Stevens Track (first time athletes will require proof of date of birth). All children are welcome to join the St Oliver’s Little Athletic Club.

New athletes may ‘try out’ for two weeks, before having to pay fees.
First day of competition is Saturday 24th September 2011.

FREE professional coaching is also available to all athletes at Coburg.

For more information please contact;
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