FROM PAUL’S DESK

DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF ST PAUL’S,

ADVENT WEEK 2: PREPARATION

During this second week of Advent, the staff at St Paul’s have been concentrating on preparation for 2012. This is logical because we wish to start next year off as smoothly as possible. Preparation is a very important part of the Advent Season. We are talking to the children in class about preparing for the birth of Jesus. We pray, we look at the actions of prophets who preceded Jesus and discuss ways we prepare by caring for others in word and deed. Christmas should not be about what’s in it for me but rather what can I give to others. Giving should be considered first – receiving second. Many children have so many toys and games that sometimes the new item is adding to the pile. Other than the one that Santa brings, why not consider a different type of gift in the stocking? Last year we gave our family a sponsored child through World Vision and my kids have taken great joy in receiving regular information about Tatiana who lives in Mozambique. Yes it is an ongoing financial commitment but this type of gift is one that keeps on giving and reminds us just how fortunate we are.

SCHOOL DISCO TOMORROW NIGHT!!

Funky Monkey, our resident DJ, is looking forward to this annual fun event. For new parents, the staff looks after all the organisation. We are giving you two and a half hours off! Some parents might like to have a meal while their kids dance and sing their hearts away. Drop the children off at the hall at around 6pm. The Disco finishes at 8.30pm and we would ask parents to meet out on the Grassed Area at this time. The side gate next to the Multipurpose Room will be open for you to move out to that area. It’s a lot easier this way and saves a crush at the front door of the hall after the Disco. We will bring the children to you as soon as the music finishes. Like every other year, it promises to be a great night.
**Teachers 2012** – Teachers for 2012 have been allocated the following Year Levels:

Prep C:  Ms Cobie Nasveld  
Prep M:  Ms Marinella  

Year 1TD:  Mrs Tina (Mon–Wed)  
Ms Donna (Thurs – Fri)  
Year 1MB:  Mrs Juliana McCarthy (Mon–Wed)  
Mrs Maria Bonarrigo (Thurs – Fri)  

Year 2T:  Ms Bernadette Thomas  
Year 2AR:  Mrs Alfie Colosi (Mon – Wed)  
Mrs Lisa Rivellese (Thurs – Fri)  

Year 3:  Mr Sam Beninati (Mon – Wed)  
Ms Sally McDonnell-Adam (Thur–Fri)  

Year 4:  Ms Liz Puglisi  

Senior S:  Ms Stefanie Marin  
Senior M:  Mr Sam Maguire  
Senior KS:  Mrs Kim Simpson  

Children will meet with their teachers for next year during our Orientation Session that takes place on Tuesday December 20th from 11.30am – 12.45pm.

**Modelling** – Part of our role is to model correct behaviour and language for our children. Sadly, the use of bad language is seen as common place in the wider community but definitely not at St Paul’s. We have clear speaking rules. It is very important then that adults who enter the school grounds, be they parents, family, friends or visitors are mindful of the role they play in modelling appropriate language to the children at all times.

Have a great weekend, Paul  

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Dear Families & Friends,  

Our Basketball Club is running a small Fundraiser as we endeavour to raise money for new uniforms. Over the years we have grown from 1 team in 2007 to 9 teams in 2012. We have many children interested in Basketball which is a great all year sport, therefore we aim to provide new uniforms in 2012.

If you would like to order a Stick Family Sticker for your Car, please follow the instructions below.

We thank you for your help, if you are not interested perhaps pass onto a friend.

Regards, Tania Da Silva  
President  
St Pauls Warriors Basketball Club  
0412 151 920  

The fundraising will run from 1/12/2011 to 28/2/2012.

Just some tips to follow:

1. Log into www.mystickfigurefamily.com.au  
2. Click Fundraiser on the left of page  
3. To place order, you need to “click” on the click here prompt  
4. Select St Pauls Warriors Basketball club  
5. Commence to select your fun family to be proudly displayed on your car window.
MY STICK FIGURE FAMILY

FUNDRAISER

At My Stick Figure Family we have an exciting new range of stick figure family stickers for your car. We have hundreds of combinations to choose from so there is sure to be something to suit every member of your family.

HOW

Simply order your Stick Figure Family at www.mystickfigurefamily.com.au and select your club name from the drop down menu in the fundraising section and the club will receive 25% of the sales from all orders that nominate your club.
HEAD LICE

Contracting head lice is a very common problem in schools, and can be distressing for students and parents alike. It is important that you check your child’s hair on a regular basis, and contact the school immediately if head lice are present. The school will notify the whole class, if we are informed, to minimize the spread of lice in other students.

The school office can provide you with a pamphlet about head lice, and the treatments available, or information can be found on the following website: www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box, located at the west end of the corridor is overflowing with windcheaters, lunch boxes, hats and other items. Most of these items are not labeled so cannot be returned to the owner.

If your child is missing part of his/her uniform please make sure you check the lost property box as ANY ITEMS REMAINING AFTER THE 21ST DECEMBER WILL BE CLEANED AND DONATED TO THE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Library lessons have finished for the year and Mrs. Kavanaugh is recalling all books borrowed by students. Can you please check at home for any Library books you may have inadvertently forgotten and return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

Haiku Poetry

Written by Senior M Students

The Christmas tree shines
As bright as the great night sky
Though not as pretty
By Lynn and Gracie

Elves running about
Helping Santa Claus make gifts
Christmas is fun
By Joanne and Therese

A Christmas tree light
Elves singing Christmas carols
Santa gives presents
By Christina and Celia

I hear the sleigh bells
A thump on top of my roof
Santa down chimney
By Briarna Dal Col

Santa gave presents
Santa came to say Ho Ho
Dressed in red and white
By Sophie, Wakesa and Aljanah

Santa brings us gifts
Decorations on the tree
Christmas time is here
By Olivia
KIDS ALL AT SCHOOL NOW?
NOW IT’S TIME FOR YOU!

RETURN TO STUDY IN 2012

Do one of the following courses at our City Flinders Campus (opposite Flinders Station) - change focus, gain a qualification and/or learn new skills to get back into the workforce.

Certificate IV/Diploma of Liberal Arts
- develop skills in complex writing, cultural analysis, research, communication and presentation, social inquiry, information technology, inter-cultural communication
- provides a pathway to degree courses in arts, community development, education, human movement, humanities, social sciences, law, professional and creative writing, psychology, public relations, social work ...
Phone: 9919 8641
Email: liberalarts@vu.edu.au

Certificate IV in Health Science Foundations (Gateway to Nursing)
- if you want to work in a medical science field but don’t have the qualifications, this is a preparatory course for adults returning to study / changing career direction who would like to get into nursing or paramedics.
Phone: 9919 2924
Email: gatewaytonursing@vu.edu.au

Certificate IV in ESL - Further Study
- if English is your second language and you want to return to study and/or work, develop your English language and literacy skills to a higher level to grow your options.
Phone: 9919 8641
Email: lln@vu.edu.au

Grow your options and apply now for courses starting in Feb 2012

For further information, search by course name on our website
vu.edu.au/courses

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