Dear Parents and Friends of St Paul’s,

The Start of the School Year Mass –
Last Friday we had a beautiful celebration of the Eucharist with our whole school and many family members came. Congratulations to the Prep children whose behaviour was very reverent. We also held a picnic on the grounds afterwards and that was very special too. I think these types of lunch sharing times may become a feature of our school and we may look to hold them more regularly throughout the year.

Ash Wednesday – The Ash Wednesday Mass will be held on February 22nd at 10am. Parishioners and family members will receive their Ashes at Mass. The teachers will administer the Ashes to all children in the classrooms after Mass. All parents and family members welcome.

Prep Enrolments 2013 – If you have siblings starting at St Paul’s in Prep 2013, could you please obtain an enrolment form from the office and return it to school before the end of February. There have been a few changes to enrolment procedures this year. On Tuesday February 21st from 7pm – 8pm, we will be holding a Prep 2013 Information Night for new families. Some parents have been asking why it is for new parents only. The reason was never to exclude parents but there will be no new information given – all I will be explaining is the procedures for new families entering the school. For existing families, you will have the ‘getting to know you/assessment’ meeting that takes around half an hour in August/September of this year.

School Camp – Our Senior children had a ball. Overall, their behaviour was excellent and they joined in the activities and had a lot of fun. We also learnt a lot more about your children and I think they could have found out a bit more about their teachers. Thanks to all the staff that were so vigilant throughout the three days – it is a huge responsibility and we take that very seriously but we also enjoy ourselves. I am sure that many children have talked lots about what happened. If you haven’t had the chance, set aside a bit of time with your child.

Parent/Teacher Interviews –
The first Parent/Teacher interviews are to be held Wednesday February 22 and Thursday February 23. The interviews are not for Prep children – you will have your time with the teachers during the Wednesday interviews. For all other Grades, the interviews are not compulsory and academic progress will not be discussed. The interviews are seen as a chance to meet your child’s teacher and to make him/her aware of individual needs of your child – they last for ten minutes. Times will be distributed Monday February 20th.
Welcome Back Picnic and Bush Dance –
Remember to mark down Friday Feb 24th from 6pm to dusk in bold letters in your diary. A detailed note was sent home this week. As the Seniors were on camp, they will receive it on their return either today or tomorrow.
San Marco are offering a Take Away menu via a prepaid order form - due Wednesday February 22nd. Forms sent with the flyer.

Principal Meetings – There will be a number of days each month when I am called out to attend Principal/Administration Management meetings. These meetings are held to assist me in fulfilling the management roles that I must complete. The meetings may involve Curriculum, Human Resources, Industrial Relations, OH&S, Finance and other roles that must be completed in order that the school meets its regulatory obligations. On those days, Mrs Pat, our very competent Deputy Principal, handles all the day to day operations. Two such meetings are occurring tomorrow and Monday.

All the best, Paul

Secondary School Open Days – Boys Parade: Sunday 19th February 2012
Preston: 8 Clifton Grove 10am—2pm
Bundoora: 1436 Plenty Rd. 11am—3pm
Year 7 (2013) enrolments close Friday 2 March 2012.

CBC St Kilda: 11 Westbury St. St Kilda East Sunday 26th February 2012 12—3pm

Simonds Catholic College: guided tours of the ST MARY’S 7-10 CAMPUS, WEST MELBOURNE - are held each Monday 9.15am-10.15am and at other times by appointment.

Church Choir
Children are invited to come to the 9:00am mass on Sunday to join the adult choir for the month of February.

The youth and children's session will resume on Friday March 2nd, at 6:30pm, in the multi-purpose hall.

Fundraising Meeting
Wednesday, 22nd February.
@ 9:10am
in the staffroom

All welcome to attend - we would love some new faces and new ideas.