From Paul’s Desk

Dear Parents and Friends

Reconciliation for the Year Three’s

– The Year Three families attended a Reconciliation Reflection evening last Monday March 19th. It was an extremely informative evening and assisted the parents in their understanding of the Sacrament and the preparation of the children. On Monday evening at 7pm the Year Three children will be receiving the Sacrament for the first time. We will all keep them in our Prayers.

Baptism – Over the last few years a number of our children have received the Sacrament of Baptism whilst attending school. As we know most children are Baptised when babies. Last Monday the Year 3’s and Ms Cobie’s Preps, along with some staff, were privileged to witness the Baptism of Jason (Year 3) and Justin (Year Prep) Quirk in the Church. It was a beautiful ceremony and all the children would have learnt a great deal about the Sacrament. Fr Sean explained many aspects of the Sacrament throughout the ceremony. Thank you to John and Ajchara Quirk for allowing us to share in this momentous occasion.

Ms Marinella – As we are well aware, Ms Marinella and her husband Adam are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their first child. Marinella will be leaving us in Term 2. I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Ms Bethany McBrien as the replacement teacher. Bethany comes to us from New South Wales and has a great amount of experience. She will be working in the classroom with Marinella over the last week of Term 1 and the first few weeks of Term 2. This will ensure a smooth transition. Also we will organise a time when parents can come and meet Bethany in the first few weeks of term 2.

School Fete – Thank you to all those who have volunteered for the Fete Committee. Our first meeting will be this Wednesday at 7pm. All welcome. Please inform the office if you have not returned the form and are able to attend. We have a guest speaker on the night, Mrs Nicole Guarino from St Joseph’s West Brunswick, who has been Chair of the St Joe’s Fete Committee for the last few years. She will talk about what has worked for them when running a Fete.

School Athletics Sports – We had to postpone the Sports given the forecast for Friday. Tomorrow will be a normal Friday school day – 9am – 3.30pm. Children only wear their sports uniform if they have PE, Sport or, in Preps, PMP.

Staff Absence Term 2 – During Term 2, three staff members will be taking leave for various periods of time. Signora Adele will be absent on Long Service Leave from Monday April 16th until Monday May 14th. In her absence Ms Donna will be taking Art and Mr Vince, one of our regular replacement teachers, will be taking Italian. Mrs Kavanagh will be taking two weeks Long Service Leave from April 30th until May 14th and again Ms Donna will be taking the Library lessons.
I will be absent on Study leave from Wednesday April 18th until the end of Term 2. The leave I have been offered can be taken after eight years as a Principal and as this is my seventeenth, I could not ignore the opportunity to complete a Spirituality Course in Ireland and a personal pilgrimage to France. Whilst I am away, Mrs Pat will be taking the reins and Mr Maguire will be stepping up to the VP role. The Senior class will be cared for by Ms Clare Fulbrook, a teacher who has experience in England and Victoria. Mr Maguire will be working closely with Ms Fulbrook during his tenure as Vice Principal. In the first week of Term Two both teachers will working be in the Senior classroom to ensure a smooth transition.

**Footy Tipping** — A decision about Footy Tipping will be made next week. There is only one game this weekend and so if we do have tipping, everyone will be given the winner of the game. We will let people know how to enter your tips next Wednesday if it goes ahead SO GET YOUR FORM IN BY TUESDAY NEXT WEEK. You will find the form in the newsletter.

All the best, Paul

**LIBRARY BOOKS**—Do you have library book (s) at home? Please have your child return all library books to the library before end of term .

**HEAD LICE**— A case of head lice has been reported to the school. In order to prevent further spread of head lice, could you please check your child’s hair and treat appropriately if necessary. Nb: head lice can become resistant to a product therefore you may need to change to a product with a different ingredient. Head lice management guidelines can be downloaded from the Department of Health. http://health.vic.gov.au/headlice/ headlice

**EASTER RAFFLE** —Donations still welcome for the Easter Raffle basket.

If you wish to purchase more chances to win the raffle—tickets are available at the office. **Please return money and raffle tickets by Wednesday 28th March.**

The raffle will be drawn Thursday 29th March.

**LOST PROPERTY**
The lost property bin is overflowing. Please check this bin before the end of term. **All clothes left at the end of term will be donated to the uniform shop.**

Where is it? You will find it in the ground floor corridor near the community notice board

**EVENING STORYTIME AT COBURG LIBRARY**

6pm, Friday 30 March

Jump into your jim-jams and bring along a cuddly companion to share some bedtime stories, songs and an activity.

**Thank You**

“My brother and I would like to thank the families of St. Paul’s who generously donated pre-loved books and clothes to Sister Cathy, our aunty, who left for Africa on Wednesday night for three years. We hope all of your kind donations help with the work she is doing there."

Isabella and Luke Solano

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**FUNDRAISING MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 28**TH **MARCH**

@ 9am

In the staffroom

****** New members very welcome!!!! ******
**FOOTY TIPPING 2012**

Remember $25 per head – Pick 9 and end of year prizes
You may enter as many people in your family as you wish!

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Winter Basketball Season starts
Saturday 26\textsuperscript{th} MAY

We have the following age groups for both boys and girls:
Under 8
Under 10
Under 12
Under 14
Under 16

We are inviting any children that are interested in playing Basketball to register their interest.
For further information contact Tania 0412 151 920 or dasilvatj@optusnet.com.au
www.stpaulswarriors.com.au
Bomber Jackets

Last year a survey was sent home asking whether parents would like Bomber Jackets added to the Uniform and the overwhelming response was yes.

The Bomber Jackets will not be a compulsory part of the Uniform. The cost will be $50 per item and, if you do order a jacket, they usually are bigger than the windcheaters and so it would be best to order a size smaller. For example, if your child usually wears a Size 8 it may be best to order a Size 6.

We will be ordering extras once the first orders are placed and this will allow us to change a Jacket if it is too large or small.

Please fill out the form below, and return it with the correct cash or cheque made out to St Paul’s School if you wish to place an order.

Orders need to be returned BY THE END OF THE TERM (NEXT FRIDAY) so that orders can be placed.

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