FROM PAT’S DESK

DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF ST PAUL’S,

Farewell: As you all know Mrs. Marinella and her husband Adam are expecting their first child in July. Tomorrow Marinella officially goes on maternity leave after working at St. Paul’s for over 6 years. Bethany McBrian, who has been working closely with Marinella for the past 3 weeks, will officially take over as of next week.

Marinella is one of our Prep teachers and has worked mainly in the junior area of the school. In 2011 she took on the additional role of Religious Education Coordinator. She has been a dedicated and much-loved member of our school community, and we thank her for all that she has contributed, both educationally and personally. We will miss her, but are excited for her and Adam and wish them all the best for the impending birth.

My guess is a girl, but I will let you all know once the happy event occurs!!

Mothers Day: Our annual Mothers Day stall and raffle will be held on Friday, 11th May. Raffle ticket books will be sent home next week as well as information on prices.

Disabled Parking Bays: PLEASE do not park in disabled parking bays as these are reserved for those with disabilities. Last week an elderly woman was unable to park close to the church as both designated bays were being used by parents at the school. A little consideration goes a long way.

News from Mr. Sheedy: Paul is currently enjoying the sights and sounds in Dublin. He seems to be making the most of his time there.

I have included in the newsletter part of an email Paul sent, which I’m sure you’ll find interesting.

In-Service Day: Our first staff in-service day will be held on Friday 15th June. Teachers will be working on the New Australian Curriculum, to be introduced in 2013. Please make sure you make a note in your diaries that there will be no school on this day.

Have a lovely weekend,
Pat

The Great Book Swap Challenge
During book week in August the school will be holding The Great Book Swap Challenge. The children will be asked to bring along one of their favourite books so they can swap it for someone else’s. To be able to swap a book they will need to make a gold coin donation which will be donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, an organisation that raises literacy levels and thus improves the lives and opportunities of Indigenous Australians living in remote and isolated regions. More details will be in the newsletter closer to the date.
Woolworths Earn and Learn

Last year the school participated in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. The school was able to use the points collected to acquire some valuable resources.

From the 9th May, when you shop at Woolworths you will be able to collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on sticker cards. There'll be one sticker for every $10 spent. Once completed, they can place their sticker cards in the collection box at the school.

Footy Tipping

1. Lino Moretti 30
2. Luca Villella 29
3. Max Johnstone 29
4. JONNO 28
5. Black Bros. 28
6. A Grutteria 28

Don't forget that payment for this years competition ($25) needs to be in by this Friday 27th April.

SLEEP GURU VISITS ST ANTHONY'S, ALPHINGTON FOR A SPECIAL PRESENTATION

In his book, The Promise of Sleep, Stanford University’s sleep laboratory founder Dr. William Dement, says that “Healthful sleep has been empirically proven to be the single most important factor in predicting longevity, more influential than diet, exercise or heredity.”

Accordingly, it is with great delight and pride that I announce that eminent sleep psychologist, Dr Frank Cahill, will give up his valuable time (and probably some sleep!) to give a special talk on the importance of good sleep for both kids and adults and how to achieve it. We thank fellow Parent, Paul Carrazzo, for his initiative in making this happen.

Paul is a patient of Dr Frank and felt very compelled that what Frank knows and shared with him will be of enormous benefit to all of us—Frank was crucial in helping Paul recover from chronic insomnia in early 2011. Paul’s experience has taught him that we as a school community can never know enough on this topic.

The talk will take place on Wednesday 2 May 2012, from 7.30pm to 8.30pm in the MacKillop Room at the school. There is no charge for this presentation.

Frank will firstly give a 1/2 hour general presentation then allocate another 1/2 hour for questions from the floor. Paul Carrazzo will be our MC for the talk and is sure to share some of his wisdom, too!

A cuppa will follow.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for this special presentation.

If interested, please contact St Anthony’s School Office on 9489 7936

Which teachers barrack for this team?
HELLO FROM PAUL!!

This is just one of the catholic schools in Ireland. It is in an area of Dublin about the same distance from the city centre as is Coburg, and the suburb is called Drumcondra. The site is about the same size as an average house block in Melbourne and there are at least eighty kids at the school!

There is a playground the size of a small backyard! The Irish government has made a commitment to have some sort of IT in every school in Ireland! That could mean, at the most, a couple of computers or an ipad (per school!). We are so lucky in Australia!

REFLECTION

“To experience life’s richness, treat every person you meet as a teacher and every situation you experience as a learning opportunity.”

Eric Allenbaugh