Dear Parents and Friends of St Paul’s,

**INSERVICE DAY** –
Each year schools are granted four days that can be used for professional development and organization. I would like to remind parents that Friday June 15th will be our first professional development day, where staff will be learning more about the Australian Curriculum (AusVels) to be introduced in 2013. Please make sure you put this date in your diary and make necessary arrangements for your children.

**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS AND REPORTS** –
Our Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 26th June from 1pm to 8pm and Thursday June 28th from 4pm to 7pm. The children’s reports will be going home on Monday June 25th. Thank you to those parents who have returned their forms so promptly. You will be notified of your allocated time in the next couple of weeks.

**AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA** –
Today is the official date for this important event, but it can be held anytime in May or June. This year, as one of our community fundraising efforts, we join in the “Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea”. This event helps raise much needed funds for cancer research. Unfortunately cancer touches nearly every person’s life, either personally, in their family or through friends. Our morning tea will be held on Friday June 8th in the multipurpose hall, commencing after our assembly. So join us then, have a cuppa and some goodies, and help to raise some money for a very worthy cause. Pre schoolers are most welcome.

**DEALING WITH ISSUES** –
Just a reminder that there are correct procedures to follow, should you have any issues regarding your children. I ask that you please refrain from approaching other parents, as this may cause unnecessary upset. And I remind you that it is totally inappropriate to approach another child for any reason. If you need to discuss an issue please arrange an appointment with your child’s teacher through the office. This can be done in person, by phone or via email (office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au). The office is your first stop whenever you enter the school during school hours. **No parent is to go directly to a classroom without speaking to office staff first.**

I thank you in anticipation for your co operation in this matter.

Have a lovely weekend,

Warm regards,

Pat
**ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**
The book, a school fundraiser, includes vouchers for restaurants, shopping, travel, hotels, sporting events and entertainment and is fantastic value at only $65. Ask friends and relatives if they are interested in purchasing a book. They also make a great gift! There is a copy at the office for anyone who is interested.

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**FOOTY TIPPPING**
FROM PAUL:
Magnificent! What a course—had a 91 and parred the last! Last putt was at 9pm in bright light.
St Andrews—that’s now off the bucket list!

CRAFT CLUB NEWS
Are you itchin’ to get stitchin”? Catch the craft bug, not the flu!!!!

FREE WORKSHOP in making childrens Fairy Skirts.
(No sewing skills required)

WHEN: Thursday 31st May
TIME: 9am—11am

All welcome. Toddlers included.

"Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards."

By Soren Kierkegaard
Today Shelly-shancanta came. I was the captain and I held her. I was so excited, it was so much fun.

Mia M

Shelly is very intelligent, cute, .....green. She is 9 months old.

Ruby

Shelly is a long neck tortoise. She tickled my hand when I held her Shelly is 9 months old. She is cute. By Cindy

This is Shelly she is a 9 months old and very adventurous. Shelly’s a long neck tortoise. She’s playful, interesting, cute and fast for a tortoise. Harry

Shelly is 9 months old and it is a longneck tortoise

Phillip
CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY SURVEYS
The school still requires at least 35 to families to complete the surveys. The survey will only take a small amount of your time and it is important that the school receives parent input. The instructions on how to access the website (www.schoolidentity.net) have been included below.

1. The website access password is: Oceania (case sensitive)

2. Click ‘TO THE SURVEYS’

3. Click ‘New User’. If you have already started the survey and wish to return type your username and password into the boxes on this page.

4. Find St Paul’s School, Coburg (E1034) from the list of school and press ‘Next’. The site will now give you a password. WRITE THIS DOWN as it is your own personal log-in. You will need this to return to the survey if you leave before finishing.
Excerpt from Annual School Community Report

Education in Faith

Goals & Intended Outcomes

1. To further develop and explore Assessment tools that will improve the monitoring of children’s progress in Religious Education.

To develop a criteria for evidence that supports the standards that children achieve in RE

Achievements

The main focus in 2011 involved the introduction of measurable standards in RE. The staff, under the guidance of Ms Marinella Centerrino, planned their RE Units with specific attention paid to what they would assess and what work samples/materials they would collect as evidence that the children had achieved these standards. In all areas of the School Curriculum, a great amount of time and effort has been spent on using the right tools to measure the individual growth of the children and then to have evidence to support what the children have learnt and what needs to be learnt next. It seemed logical to implement these practices in the area of Religious Education.

For the Sacramental Program in 2011 we again used the services of Paul Spence who led the families in a deeper understanding of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. For the first time since 2007, our school was able to use the Parish Church for the reception of these Sacraments. Since the fire of March 2008, our Liturgies were conducted at St Oliver’s. Whilst we are ever grateful to the Parish of St Oliver’s for their support, it is indeed a blessing to have our children receive their Sacraments in the Parish where they live.

VALUE ADDED

In the SRC survey conducted in late 2011, the parents rated the importance of the Catholic Culture in the School at 80%. The School has an excellent working relationship with the Parish committees and other Religious groups. The school facilities are used many times outside of school hours to support their work. These groups include the Legion of Mary, Baptism Preparation Committee, Sunday School Classes, Wednesday Italian Prayer Group and the NeoCathecumenist Group that gather from all over Melbourne.
Cybersmart Outreach - Internet Safety – June 13, 2012

This seminar will cover the following topics:

• the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
• potential risks for children and young people online, such as cyber bullying, illegal content, inappropriate contact, identity theft, grooming and predatory activity
• tips to help children and young people stay safe online.

**Time:** 7pm – 9pm  
**Location:** St Fidelis, Moreland  
**Presenter:** Gregory Gebhart (ACMA)  
**Age Group:** Primary and Secondary

How to Help Your Child Succeed at School – June 14, 2012

Whether your child is in Year 12 or just starting out, the skills and knowledge that you will gain from attending this session will help you to have a positive impact on your child's life. It will also save you hours of useless arguing about things that don't make a difference to academic outcomes.

Topics covered will include:

• What the latest brain research tells us about the most vital skills for success
• How parents can improve children’s concentration, memory and sequencing skills
• How to build a positive mindset for success
• How playing games improves intelligence
• Why Short sharp homework sprints are better for learning than long marathons of study

**Time:** 7pm – 9pm  
**Location:** St Mary’s, Williamstown  
**Presenter:** Andrew Fuller  
**Age Group:** Primary and Secondary

**Registration/Further Information**  
Contact Mrs Shirley O’Sullivan on 9464 5225 or via email, the Catholic Education Office Melbourne, Parent Seminar Series Coordinator or your school.

**All seminars cost $10 per person**