FROM PAUL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Friends of St Paul’s,

Baby News – Last week Ms Marinella and her husband Adam welcomed little Sofia into the world at the very healthy weight of 3.04kg. I have spoken to mum who is now at home and she and bub (and dad) are doing well but Marinella has stated that the birth of your first child is a ‘bit of a life changer!’ Don’t we all know that! When things have settled in their lives a little, Marinella has promised to come in and show off her new bundle of joy.

Head Lice – Back at school and our old friends are back as well. We advise all families in the grade concerned that head lice is present. It is very important that once advised, everyone checks hair – we can only stop the infestation if everyone does their bit. I know it is annoying but as has been explained many times in the past, all children will be affected directly or indirectly in their lives.

Car Park – Good to see the car park working well in the morning especially the drop off zone. It is important that people remember two things – speed and where to park. Most people are very courteous and obey the speed limit signs but we still have some people who need to slow down. You might be saving 30 seconds at the most by moving out of the car park quickly; if you knock anyone over, you will have a lifetime of regret. The speed is walking pace, 5kms per hour. Also, we ask that parents staying longer in the morning park in the clearly marked bays – not up the walkway near the church. This is a pedestrian area only. Let’s make sure that we think of safety first and concentrate really hard on courtesy and patience.

Fete Note – The fete newsletter went home this week. Please consider the requests. We need volunteers, financial and business support and specialist trade support leading up to and on the day. You will be hearing lots about the fete over the coming months. We want to make this the best community celebration day we have ever had. Get involved – you might find it’s a lot of fun and very rewarding.

Staff-Teacher Meetings – At different times parents may wish to speak to an individual staff member(s) in regards to a matter. Do not be alarmed when the staff member starts documenting minutes from that meeting. We do this to ensure that we have the right information and we have agreed outcomes of the discussion. This documentation provides us with review points if another meeting is required in the future. It is our way to ensure that you know we take your concerns seriously and we will act professionally.

Review of School – Over the next two terms and into 2013, the staff will be involved in a review process looking at our leadership structure, learning and teaching structures and resources. This is a normal process at St Paul’s. Some parents and children will be asked to complete surveys this term that will supply us with important data on the community’s view of what are the strengths and challenges for the school. This, along with the work of the staff, informs our School Improvement Plan for the years 2014 – 2017. If you are asked to complete a survey, please take the time to fill it out as the information is invaluable.

Every game is a big game for the Cats from here to the finals.

Have a great weekend, Paul
There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play without in
the woods. He practiced in the woods, but he could never hit the target. Getting a little discouraged, he
headed back for dinner.
As he was walking back he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just out of impulse, he let the slingshot fly, hit the
duck square in the head, and killed it. He was shocked and grieved. In a panic, he hid the dead duck in
the wood pile, only to see his sister watching! Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing.

After lunch the next day Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes." But Sally said, "Grandma, Johnny
told me he wanted to help in the kitchen." Then she whispered to him, "Remember the duck?" So
Johnny did the dishes.

Later that day, Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing and Grandma said, "I'm sorry but I
need Sally to help make supper." Sally just smiled and said," Well that's all right because Johnny told
me he wanted to help." She whispered again, "Remember the duck?"

So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help.

After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's he finally couldn't stand it any longer. He
came to Grandma and confessed that he had killed the duck. Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug, and
said, "Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing. But be-
cause I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you."

Thought for the day and every day thereafter: Whatever is in your past, whatever you have done -- and
the devil keeps throwing it up in your face (lying, debt, fear, hatred, anger, unforgiveness, bitterness,
etc.) whatever it is, you need to know that God was standing at the window and He saw the whole thing,
He has seen your whole life. He wants you to know that He loves you and that you are forgiven. He's
just wondering how long you will let the devil make a slave of you.

The great thing about God is that when you ask for forgiveness,
He not only forgives you, but He forgets -
It is by God's Grace and Mercy that we are saved.

Go ahead and make the difference in someone's life today.
Share this with a friend and always remember ...
God is at the window!............

COMMUNION—YEAR 4
Parent Meeting Thursday 23rd August 7 pm.
Communion Day Sunday 9th September at St
Pauls Church.

BOOK CLUB
Book Club orders due Friday August 3rd. Please
send book order and money in sealed envelope
with childs name and amount clearly stated to the
childs class.

HOT LUNCH ROSTER WEEK 2,3 AND 4
Date Thursday Fri Pick up Fri bagging
Tally D Maramis A Dingle D Maramis
Week 2 27th July
Week 3 R Rotundo C Donnel-
2/3 Aug lan K Dimech
L Weaver C Elcheikh
Week 4 J Bux & K Dimech Parimala
9/10 Aug Maureen S Superba L Cosentino

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Finding head lice
Half of the people who have head lice never scratch their head, so itching is not a reliable sign. Lice can be hard to spot because they move quickly. The easiest and most effective way to find head lice is to follow these steps weekly:

**Step 1** Comb hair conditioner on to **dry, brushed (detangled) hair**. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around.
**Step 2** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
**Step 3** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
**Step 4** Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times.
**Step 5** If the person has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat them again since the eggs could be from the old infection.
**Step 6** If lice or eggs are found, the person should be treated.

Treating head lice
The two preferred treatment options available for treating head lice are the ‘conditioner and comb’ method and the use of an insecticide.

**The conditioner and comb method**
If you choose not to use an insecticide, the comb and conditioner method described under ‘Finding head lice’ can be used every second day until no live lice have been found for 10 days.

**Head lice combs**
Head lice combs with long rounded stainless steel teeth, positioned very close together, are the most effective. However, any head lice comb can be used.

**Preventing head lice**
There is no product available that prevents head lice. However, tying long hair back and checking weekly for lice, using the conditioner and comb method, can help prevent the spread.

**Things to remember**
Head lice have been around for thousands of years and anyone can get them. Using the conditioner and comb method once each week will help your family control head lice. Head lice do not carry disease.

**Where to get help**
Your doctor
Your pharmacist
Your local government health department
Public Health, Department of Health Victoria Tel. (03) 9096 0000
Website: [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au)

**COMPANIES THAT SPECIALISE IN TREATING HEAD LICE**

**ITCH NO MORE**
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Grand Parade Epping

**BUG BUSTERS**
Ph: 1300 657 594

**NATIONAL HEAD LICE TREATMENT CENTRE**
1800 Headlice (1800 43235423) or 0448 184 208