Assembly Senior KS—Friday 10th August
Whole School Photo orders due Friday August 10th
Subway Lunch—Wed August 15th
Book week parade Tuesday August 21st
Parent Meeting for Communion –Thursday 23rd August 7pm
Communion—Sunday 9th September 3pm
Curriculum Day—Monday September 10th. Pupil free day.

FROM PAUL’S DESK
DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF ST PAUL’S,

Gifts of The Spirit Each week do a different gift and what it means.

Gifts of the Spirit – Last week I spoke about the Year Sixes receiving Confirmation. Each week until the end of the term I will write about one of the seven gifts of the Spirit that we receive through the Sacrament of Confirmation. All I would ask is that you read these and then reflect on what it may mean to you in your life. I have added a few questions to ponder.

The first is - Wisdom - To accept life from God, to grow through all that happens to us, and to know what Jesus wants us to do.

What does wisdom mean to you? Can we truly have our children develop the wisdom to deal with situations in their lives if we are always working out their problems for them? Does it require us to step back sometimes and let them realise that learning from things when they go wrong actually provides them with the wisdom to deal with troubles in the future? Are we also teaching our children to have the wisdom to recognise that they need to call upon the help of trusted others if they cannot work things out?

Yard Duty – An unseen part of the vocation of teaching is the legal responsibility of Yard Duty. Only teachers, not aides, can do yard duty. Teachers do before school (x2 teachers), after school (after school x3) and at recess (2x3) and lunchtime (2x3). This means there are 17 duties per day, 85 duties in a single week. We have just increased our lunch and recess duty staff not because we have major problems but because we believe we can better prevent issues from taking place and make the yard time an even happier time for the children. Most emotional and social issues take place when the kids are outside because we are asking 260+ children, at various stages of social and emotional development, to “get on”. Many people think the kids are just playing so they should be fine! I would guarantee that if you asked 260+ adults to go outside and get on for an hour and a half each day, things would break down pretty quickly. The reason I mention this is that we take our duty of care very seriously and also to acknowledge the staff that complete this important role. We are always striving to prevent situations before they occur and instil this prevention mentality into the children but also to be there for the kids when they need us.

Senior School Sport Disappointment – The Seniors are having no luck with the Interschool Sport this year. We haven’t been able to play one game yet! BUT we will be having make up days. Also, depending on how the children handle this disappointment through their attitude and their continued good behaviour in class, we will not only have make up days, but I will contact other schools in Term 4 that might like to have special sports days. Remember kids, it’s up to you to show us you can handle these disappointing times and work hard at getting along with your fellow students.

Cats keep surprising – needed the heart surgeon after last week!
All the best, Paul
Dear parents,

As in previous years, St Paul’s will be holding its annual Father’s Day Stall and Raffle. As always, there will be a variety of gifts available to purchase, ranging from $3.00 - $15.00. In addition there will also be a raffle (10 tickets for $5.00 or 50cents each)

If you wish for your child/ren to purchase something for their father, grandfather, or significant male adult in their lives etc., please send the money along on the day of the stall. Raffle tickets will be sent home for you to purchase, if you wish, and to be returned by Wednesday 29th August.

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERS:
Orders with payment due on Friday August 10th.

WHEN? Thursday 30th August
WHERE? Multi Purpose Hall
HOW MUCH? $3.00 - $15.00

With thanks from the Fundraising Committee

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Craft Club

CHANGE OF DATE
The craft club now meets on WEDNESDAY MORNING 9AM. All parents welcome

Want to learn to crochet? come along and be taught this ancient and useful skill.
Prefer sewing? The group is currently making library bags. Two sewing machines are available or bring your own.

Advance notice—Sunday field trip to Abbotsford market to see the hand made crafts -
Thanks to all the parents for their continued support.

SCHOOL WEBSITE REVIEW
At the moment we are reviewing the information on the web page. We will have this completed by the end of term 3.

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QUIZ CORNER

1. What is the last letter of the greek alphabet?
2. How many legs do butterflies have?
3. What place is known as “The roof of the world”?
4. What is the pirate’s flag of skull and bones called?
5. What number is considered lucky in Italy?
6. In which country is Niagara Falls located?

***Check next week’s newsletter for the answers – Good luck!!
6th August 2012
Dear Parents

The students and teachers at St. Paul's School will be celebrating CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK on August 21st. During Term Two and this term we have been reading books short-listed by the Australian Children’s Book Council. Students have completed a variety of related activities.

On Tuesday August 21st, students from Years 3-6 are asked to come dressed related to our theme Strange and Mythical Creatures. Some suggestions are witches, mummies, ghosts, hero characters or characters from books and television shows such as the Adams Family. Students from Prep-2 may also come dressed in any fancy dress or character costume they would like or already have. Years 4 -6 have been studying some characters from Mythology and may choose to dress up as one of these characters. We kindly ask all parents and students to be careful in choosing an appropriate dress ups as we have young students in the school as well. No weaponry or gruesome costumes will be appropriate. It is a fun day and reflects the current trend in reading materials that are popular with many students, particularly older students, but we need to be sensitive to the feelings of all age groups.

There will be a Costume Parade starting at approximately 9.15am outside on the oval, or inside depending on the weather, that all students and teachers will participate in. As well on this day, we will showing the Prep – 2 students the movie Casper the friendly ghost – G rated and the students from Years 3 – 6 will see The Addams Family – PG rated.

Thank you to all parents in anticipation for efforts in providing students with dress - up clothes or costumes. These special days provide fun and lasting memories for the children and motivate them to get involved.

May I take this opportunity to pass on a friendly reminder that some students are not returning their library books on time. Some of these books are very popular and other students are waiting to borrow them. Also students must have their library bag to borrow a book.

Thank you

Marguerita Kavanagh
Teacher-Librarian

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We are once again seeking donations for our passive play area. Items may include pre-loved board games, toys, puzzles, construction sets and cars as well as pre-loved children’s furniture (e.g. tables, chair sets or play mats)

Donations can be left at the front office.

Thank you,

Miss Stefanie
(Student Wellbeing Coordinator)
A young and successful executive was traveling down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door! He slammed on the brakes and spun the Jag back to the spot from where the brick had been thrown. He jumped out of the car, grabbed some kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting, "What was that all about and who are you? Just what do you think you are doing?" Building up a head of steam, he went on. "That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?"

"Please, mister, please. I'm sorry, but I didn't know what else to do!" pleaded the youngster. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop." Tears were dripping down the boy's chin as he pointed around the parked car. "It's my brother," he said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up." Sobbing, the boy asked the executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me."

Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. He lifted the young man back into the wheelchair and took out his handkerchief and wiped the scrapes and cuts, checking to see that everything was going to be okay. "Thank you and God bless you," the grateful child said to him. The man then watched the little boy push his brother down the sidewalk toward their home.

It was a long walk back for the man to his Jaguar...a long, slow walk. He never did repair the side door. He kept the dent to remind him not to go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention.

God whispers in your soul and speaks to your heart. Sometimes when you don't have time to listen, He has to throw a "brick" at you. It's your choice. Listen to the whisper - or wait for the brick.

--Author Unknown--