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

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – Yesterday our Year three’s to Sixes attended the Parish 10am Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. The celebration of the Mass is central to our faith. It is when we gather together as a believing community to recognise God in our lives as well as take the Mass to be a very special time where I can find peace and also reflect on what is happening in the many facets of my Life. Also I have the chance to just relax and find that quiet space. I have often said that Mass is a great time to teach the children the importance of stopping and being quiet – we seem to fill our children’s life with so much “stuff” are we also teaching them the value of just resting our minds and taking time for peace?

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT – This week’s gift is – Understanding - to listen, to think things through, and to put ourselves in others’ shoes. Just a couple of things to ponder. We can find it very easy to judge – looks, behaviour, what we drive, where we live - but shouldn’t we also try to understand the context of people’s lives as well? Are our throw away lines about people actually saying more about our own shortfalls rather than the people who we take aim at with these comments? Would it be best at times to say nothing if all we are doing is making observations that are based on our own prejudices?

As I reflect on these Gifts of the Holy Spirit I find they are not easy aspects of our lives; they actually challenge us to be better people in all parts of our lives.

WEEKEND KID NEWS – I have received information that some of our children won a Grand Final in their chosen sport last weekend. Congratualtions to Stephen Black, Matthew Taranto and Jonathan Guzzardi who were all part of the successful West Coburg U12's AFL team. If your child or a group of kids achieve something (and it doesn't always have to be about winning or sport!) just let us know via the office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au address and we can add a little more local news to our newsletter.

All the best and hope those Cats do well against the Saints,

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.

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

With thanks from the Fundraising Committee

Craft Club

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

20 Library bags were made for the fete. Some crafters were cutting fabric while others sewed, and others fed the string through the bag. It was a great team effort. Thank you to Tracey, Antoinette & Leanne for bringing their sewing machines.

It was a great morning with Sheena finishing her first scarf!!! Crochet skills were taught to another group.

Parent helpers: Tracey, Leanne, Antoinette, Maria,

Nb: Raffle tickets will be sent home next week.

CRAFT MARKET FIELD TRIP: MAKERS MARKET

This Sunday 19th August. We are meeting at St Paul’s car park at 9.30am, if you wish to car pool, for an excursion to the “Makers Market” at the Abbotsford Convent. Otherwise you are welcome to meet us at the Convent.

1 St Heliers Street, Abbotsford, VIC.
-near Collingwood children’s farm.

Market hours 10am to 4pm.

Contact Loretta mob. 0423202954
All welcome

QUIZ CORNER ANSWERS

1. Omega
2. 6
3. Tibet
4. The Jolly Rodger
5. 13
6. Benin/ Rhodesia
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 Addams 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

**FUNDRAISING MEETING:**

The next fundraising meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th August, at 9am in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN.**

The collection finished Sunday 12th August. A big thank you to all families who have collected these stickers. Could you please bring cards and/or stickers to school as soon as possible so we can process the cards.

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**QUIZ CORNER**

1. What animal featured on the 2 cent coin?
2. What year did Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin?
3. The cross between a Tiger and a Lion is called a ‘Liger’ True or False?
4. What is the currency of Japan?
5. What is a group of crows called?
6. In the board game ‘Cleudo’ what is the name of the colonel?
7. Where is Timbuktu?
8. In which country is the oldest university situated in the world?
THE ROSE

Disillusioned by life with good reason to frown
For the world was intent on dragging me down
And if that weren't enough to ruin my day
A young boy out of breath approached me, all tired from play.

He stood right before me with his hand tilted down
And with great excitement, "Look what I found!"
In his hand was a rose, what a pitiful sight
With its petals all worn - not enough rain or too little light.

Wanting him to take his dead rose and go off to play
I faked a small smile and then shifted away.
But instead of retreating he sat next to my side
And placed the rose to his nose and declared with surprise,

"It sure smells pretty
And it's beautiful too
That's why I picked it
Here, it's for you."

The weed before me was dying or dead
Not vibrant of colors, orange, yellow or red.
But I knew I must take it, or he might never leave
So I reached for the rose and replied, "Just what I need."

But instead of him placing the rose in my hand
He held it in mid-air without reason or plan.
It was then that I noticed for the very first time
That weed-toting boy could not see -- he was blind.

I heard my voice quiver, tears shone like the sun
As I thanked him for picking the very best one.
"You're welcome," he smiled, and then ran off to play
Unaware of the impact he'd had on my day.

I sat there and wondered how he managed to see
A self-pitying woman beneath the old willow tree.
How did he know of my self-indulged plight?
Perhaps from his heart, he'd been blessed with true sight.

Through the eyes of a blind child at last I could see
The problem was not with the world -- the problem was me.
And for all of those times I myself had been blind
I vowed to see beauty in life and appreciate every second that's mine.

And then I held that wilted flower up to my nose
And breathed in the fragrance of a beautiful rose.
And smiled as I watched that young boy -- another weed in his hand
About to change the life of an unsuspecting old man.

--Author Unknown--

SUBWAY Lunches:

Order forms went home today for our next SUBWAY lunch day which will be on Wednesday, 29th August. Orders must be returned to school by Friday, 24th August (no late orders can be accepted).

***Please note that hot lunches on Fridays will go ahead as usual.

**YOUNG TALENT TIME COMES TO ST. PAUL'S!!

This week we have a special guest at our assembly - AydAn Calafiore, one of the members of Young Talent Time, will be performing at our school assembly tomorrow. There will also be a question time, where Ayden will answer some questions that the senior students have prepared. All are welcome to attend!

Please note …. Senior M. will be presenting at next week’s assembly.

LAZY EYE PROGRAM

Free eye testing for primary school children

ages 4-7

WHEN: Saturday 18th August 9-4pm (no appointment required)

WHERE: West Coburg Primary School
        Reynard Street
        West Coburg

Sponsored by Lions Club of Glenroy