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

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT – “Courage – to accept challenges and difficulties cheerfully and steadfastly. To do what God asks us.” When we look at this week’s Gift of the Spirit that we receive through Confirmation, again we are faced with quite confronting responses. At times we will be faced with challenges – these might involve our children, ourselves or others that are dear to us. It is very difficult to keep cool and accept problems that arise with good grace and sometimes harder still, to concentrate on a solution. We often see courage attributed to fields of battle, be it sport or war, but really we also need courage to face up to our difficulties. Courage can also be very closely related to trust – having trust in those who have the best of intentions and will strive to do the best for all concerned.

EUCHARIST – On Sunday September 9th the Year four children will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the very first time. Children, staff and parents have been involved in a great amount of preparation for the reception of the Sacrament. All the children in the school look at different aspects of the Eucharist based on their level of understanding. The challenge for all of us is do we still look at the Eucharist as we did when we first received Jesus or have we now made the connection between the Eucharist and the believing, faith filled community we are always striving to be at St Paul’s? I would ask that all in the community remember the children and their families in their prayers.

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES - It of concern that approximately $108,000.00 is still outstanding at this point in the year and this is not an amount that the school can afford to carry. Fee statements will be mailed out to all families this week. Please note that unless you have a fee payment plan in place any outstanding amounts must be paid by the end of this term. Please check your statements and balances to ensure that your payments are up to date. Thank you for your co-operation – if you are experiencing any difficulty regarding fee payments it is important that you contact the office to make an appointment to discuss alternative arrangements.

SCHOOL BUILDING FUND - There are still 58 families who have not paid their $200.00 School Building Fund Payment. Whilst this is not a compulsory amount, it is important that as School Families you support the Parish. The Parish provides direct financial support to the school via the School Building Fund – providing full financial support for our $140,000.00 per year building loan repayments, as well as funding the lease on the playground area – a total commitment of around $190,000 per year – very generous support that is not seen in many other Parishes. Our $200 per family x 185 families, makes up only $37,000 of this amount. Reminder notices will be mailed home this week to those families who have not yet paid this amount and I urge you to settle these without delay. This fees also tax deductible.

FATHERS DAY STALL AND RAFFLE. Thank you to all the parents who made this day special for the children.

All the best, Paul
Can you believe it is the last round of footy?!? Go Cats!
The craft club meets on **WEDNESDAY MORNING 9AM.**
All parents welcome

The gorgeous library bags made by the craft club has had such a positive response and many requests to purchase from parents. A sale day has been arranged.

**Library Bag SALE:** Wed 12th September between 9am and 9.30 am. Price ranges from $6—$10.00

*Sample bags are hanging in the office foyer.

Another great effort from all the parents and families, sewing, threading rope and finishing off with a well deserved cup of tea and cake.

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**Quiz Corner Answers**

Week 6
1. Having a sleep
2. Japan
3. Mickeys
4. Tim Winton
5. The Castle
6. 1966

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**Quiz Corner**

1. What bird is the international symbol of happiness?
2. What is the most popular breed of dog?
3. What country is known as the land of white elephants?
4. What is the nickname of New York city?
5. Who has an award-winning album titled Barricades and Brickwalls?
6. What was Sir Donald Bradman’s batting average?
Melbourne Youth Music

2013 Summer School for young musicians. Students from all backgrounds will participate in a week of intensive rehearsals, tutorials and workshops.

Dates 14-19 January 2013
Venue Victorian College of the Arts St Kilda Rd, Southbank.
Applications Close 21 September 2012

Moreland City Council– Primary School Holiday Program

Monday 24th September—Friday 5th October 2012.
8am—6pm
For further information and enrolment form contact 9240 2427

Bookings must be submitted by Friday August 31st.

St Oliver’s Little Athletics Club

Run, Jump and Throw your way to fun and fitness.

Come and join St Oliver’s Little Athletics Club. (Ages 5 – 15)
Little Athletics is a great way to have fun, get fit and meet new friends.

Competitions are generally held on Saturday morning from 8.30am to 11.45am (either finish for under 6’s and 7’s). We compete at Harold Stevens Track, Outlook Rd, Coburg (Miliby Rd A10).

Registration day is at Harold Stevens Track on Saturday 1st September, 8am – 12 noon and at St Oliver’s School on Wednesday 5th September at 3.00pm (first time athletes will require proof of date of birth).

All children are welcome to join the St Oliver’s Little Athletics Club.

New athletes may “try out” for two weeks, before having to pay fees.
First day of competitions is Saturday 1st October 2012.

All athletes receive a free pair of running shorts courtesy of a grant received from the Government this year.

FREE professional coaching is also available to all athletes at Coburg

For more information please contact:
Roberto Coppola 0412 058581
Juliana Seyen 0400 895 646

Basketball Program

Coburg Come and Try Day

If you’re 6—16 years with a disability and would like to learn how to play basketball, meet new people and have a whole lot of fun then take part in the Coburg Come and Try day?

The FREE come and try session will be held at Coburg Basketball Stadium. There will be opportunities for participants to continue on to play in an 8 week competition, commencing October 2012.

Session time: 4.30 pm—5.30pm
Come and try session date: Monday, 10th September 2012
Venue: Coburg Basketball Stadium, Outlook Drive, Coburg.

To register or for more information please contact Georgia Pizarroff at Coburg Basketball Stadium on 9355 7200 or email: bsvcoburg@netspace.net.au