From Paul’s Desk
Dear Parents and Friends of St Paul’s,

School Disco
Last week I made a mistake with the date of the School Disco! It is DEFINITELY FRIDAY DECEMBER 7TH NOT THE 14TH. I would like to apologise to everyone for getting such an important date wrong. I trust that no one has changed weekend arrangements to fit in with the disco based on my wrong information. Please amend your calendar/diary to this date immediately.

Life at 7
Generally I am pretty unimpressed by the quality of our Television Programs (must be getting old!) but over the last two Tuesday nights I have been mesmerised by a documentary that was on Channel 2 called Life at 7. This show follows the development of eleven Australian children over their lives and a snapshot of their development is documented every two years with expert commentary backed up with research from noted professionals in the field of childhood development. It might sound a bit dry but it was a most engaging, honest and at times emotional look at eleven Australian kids from all walks of life. It was incredible to watch the development of the individual personalities and traits. You can watch the show as it is streamed on the ABC Website at the following address: http://www.abc.net.au/tv/life/video/LIFEAT7.htm?program=lifepid=playerVsrc=/tv/life/stories/xml/s3611775.xml&title=Life at 7-Episode1&Item=1&autoplay=true
Each episode lasts about an hour. I have learnt so much as a parent and a teacher that I have already watched both episodes three times and I am still gaining new insights!!

School Review 2013
Every four years we take some time to reflect on our achievements and challenges in the five spheres of Catholic Education: Education in Faith, Teaching and Learning, Student Wellbeing, Leadership and Management and School Community. From these reflections and the analysis of data, we design a four year School Improvement Plan that incorporates an Annual Action Plan. These plans are developed to ensure achievable goals for improvement are set and met through strategies that involve Professional Learning of staff, the purchasing of resources, the development and upgrading of teaching and learning documentation tools and other initiatives. At different stages I will detail certain aspects of the status of the Review in the newsletter.

Hay Fever Season
At this time of the year many children and adults suffer from hay fever. Some children need medication to offset the symptoms and have medication at school. If you are aware of any of these symptoms first thing in the morning, it would be advisable for the child to take medication before school to prevent further complications. Also please ensure that all medication for children is handed in at the office and a medication distribution form is completed.

Music/Drama 2013
Mrs Pat and I had the enjoyable task of interviewing candidates for the position next year. The quality was incredible. A decision will be made shortly and I will announce the successful applicant in next week’s newsletter.

Have a great weekend.
All the best, Paul

Hot Dogs
Urgent help is needed to prepare hot dogs TOMORROW Friday 26th October...
Sacrament Dates 2013
Please take note for your diary for next year

Eucharist
Sunday 10th March 3.00pm

Confirmation
Friday 14th June 7.00pm

Penance
Tuesday 13th August 1.00pm

Craft Club
The craft club meets on WEDNESDAY MORNING 9AM.

Wand making workshop
We are making wands to sell at our Fete. Antonette will be sharing her craft knowledge so come along and be part of the school community.

All parents welcome

Shaping Children’s Mental Health Services in Cities of Melbourne, Yarra, Moreland and Moonee Valley:
Inner North West Melbourne Medicare Local, a not-for-profit organisation, invites community members interested in children’s mental health, to attend a community engagement forum on Thursday 8 November 2012 between 1-2pm in Parkville. Light refreshments provided. Bookings are essential.
For questions or bookings please contact Megan Abbott at INWML on 9347 1188 or email: megan.abbott@inwml.org.au

Scholastic Book Club
Book Club orders are due next Friday 2nd November no late orders will be accepted.

Summer Basketball Season starts
Saturday 10th November
We have vacancies in the following age groups:
Under 10 boys and girls (ages 8-10)
Under 16 boys (ages 14-16)
We are inviting any children that are interested in playing Basketball to register their interest.
For further information contact Tania 0412 151 920 or dasilvatj@optusnet.com.au www.stpaulswarriors.com.au

RockBody Fitness
Box Fit
I am excited to announce that Rock Body Fitness is leading the way and taking into consideration your health and fitness goals...
Box Fit is a new and exciting group fitness class that will be held in the school hall once a week over the school year starting IN EXT TERM. Box Fit is guaranteed to kick start your morning and burn off all that unwanted weight you’ve gained through the winter months, and get you body READY for summer....

For enquires contact Raluca: 0414144971
Email: ralucalazarescu20@gmail.com
Register at front office St Pauls Primary School
Cost: $12 per casual session OR $80 for 10 sessions
STARTS OCT 18 AT 9:15 AM
Reflection

P.U.S.H

A man was sleeping at night in his cabin when suddenly his room filled with light and the savior appeared. The Lord told the man he had work for him to do and showed him a large rock in front of his cabin. The Lord explained that the man was to push against the rock with all his might.

The man did, day after day. For many years he toiled from sun up to sun down, his shoulders set squarely against the cold, massive surface of the unmoving rock, pushing with all his might. Each night the man returned to his cabin sore and worn out, feeling that his whole day had been spent in vain.

Seeing that the man was showing signs of discouragement, Satan decided to enter the picture by placing thoughts into the man's weary mind: "You have been pushing against that rock for a long time, and it hasn't budged. Why kill yourself over this? You are never going to move it." This gave the man the impression that the task was impossible and that he was a failure.

These thoughts discouraged and disheartened the man. "Why kill myself over this?" he thought. "I'll just put in my time, giving just the minimum effort and that will be good enough." And that is what he planned to do until one day he decided to make it a matter of prayer and take his troubled thoughts to the Lord.

"Lord, he said, "I have labored long and hard in your service, putting all my strength to do that which you have asked. Yet, after all this time, I have not even budged that rock by half a millimeter. What is wrong? Why am I failing?"

The Lord responded compassionately, "My friend, when I asked you to serve me and you accepted, I told you that your task was to push against the rock with all your strength, which you have done. Never once did I mention to you that I expected you to move it. Your task was to push. And now you come to me, with your strength spent, thinking that you have failed. But is that really so? Look at yourself. Your arms are strong and muscled, your back sinewy and brown, your hands are callused from constant pressure, and your legs have become massive and hard. Through opposition you have grown much and your abilities now surpass that which you used to have, yet you haven't moved the rock. But your calling was to be obedient and to push and to exercise your faith and trust in My wisdom. This you have done. I, my friend, will now move the rock."

At times, when we hear a word from God, we tend to use our own intellect to decipher what He wants, when actually what God wants is just simple obedience and faith in Him. By all means, exercise the faith that moves mountains, but know that it is still God who moves the mountains.

P-Pray     U-Until     S-Something     H-Happens

Author Unknown

Up coming events this term:

School Disco
Friday 7th December

Christmas Raffle

End of Year Mass
Thursday 20th December
Market Night

Friday, 16th November
6.00 - 10.00pm

- Sausage Sizzle
- Food Stalls
- Cake Stalls
- Handmade Jewellery/Accessories
- Home Wares
- Pamper Stalls
- Hand Made Cards
- Kids Clothes
- Jewellery
- Make Up
- Candles

562 Sydney Road, Coburg
Entrance Gold Coin Donation

Information regarding stalls
Please contact: Carmel: 0409 938 385 & Jacqui: 0425 776 966

Raffles & Door Prizes
HOT LUNCH ROSTER: TERM 4 – HELPERS NEEDED.

Help is needed to prepare hotdogs to TOMORROW 26TH OCTOBER

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On Saturday 10th November the school will be hosting the BBQ at Masters Hardware in Preston. Last year the Bunnings BBQ was quite profitable, raising much needed funds for the school and we are hoping for a similar result this year.

We are asking for volunteers to run the BBQ on that day (approximately 2 hours). You might like to organize a group to roster on at the same time. Some staff members will also make themselves available to help out on the day.

Please complete the form attached to this newsletter and return it to the school at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you in anticipation for your support.

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## St. Paul’s School MASTERS BBQ Roster

Saturday 10th November 2012
85 Chifley Drive, Preston

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