Within minutes hundreds of people received this message and not many had checked the contents properly either and reputations of many innocents were at risk. So what does this all mean? Parents must know what their children are doing with social networking and all forms of communication. Know the capacity of the devices your children are using and if you can, limit it. Only give phone plans that allow the user to phone or text and limit the spend on the plan – don’t give them internet access on the phone. And finally, keep talking to your children about what they are doing on the net and set up procedures to protect them. One such measure might be that information can’t be sent to others unless you, the parent, have cleared it. Remember they are only kids, we are the adults with more wisdom and we have to protect them. Sometimes “NO”, which is one of the smallest words in the English language and can be one of the most difficult to say to our kids, can prevent a lot of pain!

Student Groupings Policy – I have attached a copy of the Student Groupings Policy that was originally drawn up in 2006 and reviewed in 2011. It very clearly points out the Rationale, Aims and Implementation of the grouping of students in all classes be they multi-grade our straight grades.

Masters Barbeque – Thanks to all our volunteers, both parents and staff! The final amount raised will be announced shortly.

Athletics Carnival – It’s definitely on, with the forecast of a shower or two tonight then fine and 18 degrees tomorrow. We have told all children that they need to wear their school hats and sports uniform. Children can use colour in their hair or zinc on faces or coloured ribbons (might be more appropriate for the girls) but no hair colour cans or zinc are to be brought to the track. This has to be done at home. It would be an excellent idea if the children had sun cream applied before they leave home.

Market Night – Tomorrow night promises to be a great night. There are plenty of stalls and a sausage sizzle and drinks. The Market Night will be confined to the Multipurpose room area. The rest of the school will be out of bounds.

Looking forward to seeing many of you tomorrow at the Market Night and/or the Athletics.

All the best, Paul
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Friday 16th November—School Athletics Carnival

Friday 16th November—Market Night 6.00pm—10.00pm

Tuesday 20th November—Music Students Concert—2.30pm

Thursday 29th & Friday 30th—Staff In-service—No School

Tuesday 4th December—Parent Helpers Afternoon Tea 2.30pm

Friday 7th December—School Disco

Tuesday 18th December—Graduation Mass

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**St. Pauls Basketball Club**

Summer Basketball Season started Saturday 10th November

We have vacancies in the following age groups:

Under 10 boys and girls (ages 8-10)

Under 12 Boys (ages 10-12)

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 dasilvati@optusnet.com.au

www.stpaulswarriors.com.au

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**Instrumental Performance of ABC Music Students**

Join us on Tuesday 20th of November in the school hall @2.30pm for our annual concert
Reflection

A Question that sometimes drives me hazy:
am I or are the others crazy?
Albert Einstein

Footy Tipping

Thank you to everyone who participated in Footy Tipping this year. Congratulations to the following winners!!

1st Alana Moretti 156
2nd Black Bros 154
3rd Sam & Rikki Maramis 153

If you played this year and have not yet paid your $25 could you please do so as soon as possible so that we can organise the winnings. Thank you

Grade 6 Presentation

At St Paul's we have a tradition that the Grade 6 students present a farewell in the form of a PowerPoint Presentation. This year the students are splitting into two sessions. One to be held on Thursday 22nd November @ 2pm the other on Friday 23rd November @ 9am. Your child will be notified of the time he/she gets. The presentations will be held upstairs in Mr. Maguire’s classroom. All parents are welcome to attend.

Max Johnstone

Carols by the Lake

Moreland City Council is holding their annual Carols by the Lake on Saturday 8th December. Bring a picnic or grab something from the BBQ and enjoy pre-carols entertainment with roving Christmas performers and Children’s activities from 6pm.

Get the whole family into the Christmas spirit and sing along to your favourite Christmas carols from 7:30pm with live on-stage performances from The Kazoos, Moreland City Band, Kavisha Mazella and La Voce Della Luna, Brunswick Women’s Choir, the Children’s Performing Company of Australia and maybe even a surprise visit from Santa! Hosted by Mike Jackson, and featuring all of the best carols, this FREE event is sure to be a wonderful evening for all the family. Walk, ride or catch public transport to Carols by the Lake at Coburg Lake, Murray Rd Coburg. For more information visit www.moreland.vic.gov.au or call 9240 111.

Enrolment forms for Moreland City Council Primary School Holiday Program for January are available at the parent information corner.

Scholarships

Xavier College is offering a range of scholarships for students entering Years 7, 9, and 11 in 2014. The closing date for applications is 8 February 2013. For registration and information see Xavier’s website www.xavier.vic.edu.au/scholarships or contact The Registrar, Mrs Di Odgers at Xavier on (03) 9854 5307
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

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

562 Sydney Road
Coburg
Entrance Gold Coin Donation

Raffles & Door Prizes
As we prepare for our School Fete (Sunday March 24th, 2013) we are asking for donations of a bottle (wine, champagne, liquor, spirits, etc.) from each family. These donated bottles will be used for our mystery bottle stall.

The school will be collecting bottles till the end of the term. If you are able to assist with donations please leave them in the office foyer, on the table provided.

The committee and I thank you in anticipation for your support of our efforts.

Warm regards,

Pat Servello (Deputy Principal)
Fete Committee, 2012/2013
Rationale.
The grouping of students in Senior Grades at St Paul’s is done considering the academic, social and emotional requirements of the group as a whole and the individual students and. In 2000, the school leadership placed children into composite Grade Five and Six classes. These Senior Units have been established to enhance student leadership and to encourage individuals to take responsibility for their actions in terms of modeling appropriate behavior to the entire student population.
At times children may be initially upset that they are not with friends – it is important that we work together to assure children that they will be fine – parents attitude is vital. It must be remembered that the socialising times are recess and lunchtime and the groups will do many activities together as two or three grades and the children will have many times outside of school when they will play with friends.

Aims
• To meet the social, emotional and academic needs of individual children
• To meet the social, emotional and academic needs of the group
• To place students in class groups that will provide the best possible learning environment and use of the school’s resources
To ensure that student leadership is a two year process where the current Year Fives share leadership responsibility with the Year Sixes and then pass on those learnings to the following Year Five’s when that group move onto Year Six. Also in the Senior Years we strive to create the best possible learning environments across the Grades.

Implementation
• Students will be grouped each year into year groupings by the staff currently teaching those grades
• All information collected about students will be gathered, academic needs, reports from specialists, information from previous staff and their relationship with other children.
• This information will be used to create a balance of need across each Grade – academic, social and emotional.
Composition of classes, that is the amount of Grades and Grade Structure, may vary according increase/decrease in school population, financial constraints and staffing.

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