Thursday 29th & Friday 30th—Staff In-service—No School
Tuesday 4th December—Parent Helpers Afternoon Tea 2.30pm
Wednesday 5th December—Grandparents Morning
Friday 7th December—School Disco
Tuesday 18th December—Graduation Mass 7.30pm
Thursday 20th December - End of Year Mass 11.30am

From Paul’s Desk

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Class Teachers 2013 – Here is the list of teachers for each home room grade next year.
Prep B – Ms Bethany McBrien,
Prep C – Ms Cobie Nasveld,
Year 1/2TD – Mrs Tina Sbaraglia and Mrs Donna Ervin,
Year 1/2S – Ms Stefanie Marin,
Year 1/2MM – Mrs Juliana McCarthy, Mrs Maria Bonarrigo,
Year 3T – Ms Bernadette Thomas,
Year 3BD – Mr Sam Beninati and Mrs Daniella Arduca,
Year 4E – Ms Elizabeth Puglisi,
Senior MG – Ms Melanie Gleeson,
Senior KS – Mrs Kim Simpson
Senior SM – Mr Sam Maguire.

Staff Conference Days – Tomorrow and Friday are our annual Staff Conference days. The teachers will be completing work on the new Australian Curriculum (AusVels) especially in the area of Maths and Literacy. Please remember no classes are held either of these two days.

Grandparents’ Morning – We all notice that a number of families rely on grandparents or significant older people in assisting with the needs of their children. We would like to invite all grandparents or those significant older folk who are available to join us next Wednesday morning from 9.30am – 11.30am. During this time the children will have their normal lessons (some grades may do a couple of special things).

Our special visitors are invited to visit the children’s grades to see how the kids work these days and then at morning recess, join us for a cuppa and a snack in the Multipurpose Room. I know this is short notice but we want to acknowledge the role that these special people play in the life of the children, parents and the school. I hope many can make it.

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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 dasilvatj@optusnet.com.au
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SCHOOL DISCO
Yes …. It’s that time again!
The much anticipated end of year disco is almost here!

FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER
@
ST. PAUL’S HALL
FROM 6pm - 8:30pm
Single ticket - $8.00
Family ticket - $15.00

Tickets will be available at the office from December 3rd

This is a children-only event, fully supervised by the teachers. Food, drinks and snacks will be provided. Music provided by ‘Funky Monkey.

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ST. PAUL’S FETE –
MYSTERY BOTTLE STALL-
DONATIONS NEEDED

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