Term 1- Week 5 February 28th  2013

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday 3rd March—First Eucharist Mass 2.45pm
Wednesday 6th March—Fete Meeting 7pm
Monday 11th March—Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 12th March—Teacher Inservice Day—No school for students

From Paul’s Desk

Dear Parents and Friends of St Paul’s,

First Communion – Sunday is a very special day for most of our Year Fours when they will receive the Eucharist for the first time. The families and children have prepared well and part of that preparation was the completion of a beautiful banner. Each family made a part of the banner and it was sewn together by Antoinette Dingle. Thanks Antoinette. It will be on display in the Church for the celebration and then hung in the corridor in the school. Thanks to everyone for their efforts in this important task. It obviously took a lot of time but in the long run, it was worth it.

School Fete – Behind the scenes things are really gearing up and many people have put up their hand to help on the day but we still need more. Don’t be surprised if a parent taps you on the shoulder to ask for your help. If you wish to help and haven’t been asked yet, just leave your name with Marilena or Fiona at the office and I am sure one of the fete coordinators will be in touch.

Car Park – There has been a noticeable difference in the Car Park this week. On wet mornings, as we had on Tuesday, a staff member will be out the front to help get kids out of the car in the drop off zone to make sure they get in to school as quickly and safely as possible. This is good training for us who might need a part time job once we finish teaching. Crown and other major hotels are always looking for people to wear the funny suits and open the car doors!

After school late pick-ups/front door – The only children or adults who should be in the office areas are the boys and girls whose parents may be late and adults who have business at the office. Marilena and Fiona have lots of work to complete and it is quite distracting when families enter and exit the school through the front doors from 3pm onwards. Please use the side way entry/exit between the school and the restaurant or the entry/exit near the bike shed.

Also parents must sign in when they enter the school, even if there for only a minute. If there is an emergency, we must know who is on site.

Emergency Procedures – Each term we practice an Emergency evacuation or lock down procedure. This is to prepare children for a situation (fire, gas leak etc) where we may have leave the buildings quickly and quietly to move to a safer place. For new Prep families, don’t panic if your child comes home one day next week and tells you that we had to leave the building – it will only be for a practise. Later in the year we do a surprise drill. This is always a true test of our procedures because it shows us how we, the staff, and the children respond at a moment’s notice.

Sibling Enrolment Forms for Prep 2014 – Families that have children already in school and have another child starting next year should obtain an enrolment form from the office and return it to school before Friday March 22nd. We need to know our sibling Prep numbers before the end of term. This will inform us of how many new family Prep children we can take in 2014. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

All the best, Paul

Craft Club

The Craft club is a hive of activity on a Thursday morning. With lots of really clever items being made in preparation for the fete. All welcome!!

Today the ladies worked on the bunting and various other things. Thankyou to all the mums who attended and a big thankyou to Antoinette who bought along her coffee machine!!!
First Eucharist

This Sunday our Year 4 students will celebrate their First Eucharist. We wish them all the best for their special day and ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Sharing with Others Prayer

After Jesus nourishes us in the Eucharist, we are asked to go out to be “bread for the world.” Eucharist calls us to help feed those around us who are hungry. Some people are hungry for food, others are hungry for love, or care, or friendship. Pray the following prayer together with your child.

**PARENT:** Some people in our world are hungry for food. They don’t have enough to eat.

**CHILD:** Open our hands, God. Help us to share what we have with others.

**PARENT:** Some people in our world are hungry for care. They are sad or lonely. They need comfort and support.

**CHILD:** Open our eyes, God. Help us to see the needs of those around us.

**PARENT:** Some people in our world are hungry for friendship. They are excluded because others think they are “different” in some way.

**CHILD:** Open our hearts, God. Help us to share your love with others. Together, make a commitment to bring the love of Jesus to someone in need.

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RockBody Fitness

BoxFit

BoxFit is a new and exciting group fitness class that will be held in the multipurpose room on a Tuesday mornings from 9.15am—10.15. BoxFit is a mixture of boxing and circuit class and is guaranteed to kick start your morning and burn off all that unwanted weight you’ve gained over the Christmas break!

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