From Paul's Desk

Dear Parents and Friends of St Paul's,

Pope Francis 1 - Today is a momentous day for our Church with the election of our new Pope Francis 1. We pray that he lead the Church well. It is interesting to note that our new Pope has a couple of firsts. He is the first Jesuit to be elected as Pope and the first from Latin America. It has been over a thousand years since a Pope has not originated from the continent of Europe. I am sure our senior and middle years' children will be researching the life of our new Pope. We wish him well in this demanding role.

Student Leadership at St Paul's – School should never just be about academic achievement. It should also be a place where every child develops their serving leadership potential. This type of leadership is alive and well at St Paul's as this next story demonstrates. Our Senior children are very keen on soccer at recess and lunchtime and have an area where they can play. We have been happy with how the children have been playing but two boys in Year Six, Evan Stamatakis and Jack Cotsanis, thought it could work better.

They approached the Senior teachers and asked if they could use the sports bibs at break times. Then they called all the children together and came to an agreement with everyone that the children be split into four teams and two teams would play each other while the other children watched or did other activities. Also the two boys sacrificed their own game by agreeing to referee the games so there would be no disputes. All the children agreed that this was a great plan and it has worked a treat. What is most pleasing about this initiative is that the plan was totally organised by the boys and the outcome agreed to by all the Seniors without any teacher direction.

This is an example of true selfless and serving leadership and the boys, for designing the plan, and all the Seniors, for agreeing to the plan, are to be congratulated. They are modelling fantastic attitudes and behaviours that are great examples to children and adults alike!

Also today our student leadership team from the Seniors headed to The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre for a Student Leaders' Conference where they will hear inspirational talks from community leaders and learn more about serving leadership. We also were represented by nine of our students at the Annual St Patrick’s Day Children’s Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral. Over two thousand children and staff from Melbourne Catholic Schools gather to celebrate the life of our Archdiocese Patron Saint and to celebrate Catholic Education in Melbourne.

FETE NEWS! FETE NEWS! FETE NEWS! – Three pieces of information today.

1. Hamper Donations – Many parents are asking if we are still taking donations and we are. We will be accepting hamper donations until Wednesday March 20th.

2. Children’s Ride Wristbands – A gentle reminder that the pricing of the wristbands for five or more children was to support those families who have more than five children or have an extended family member coming for the day. We trust that families will not join together and order a lot of the wristbands. We have to pay for the rides and the prices have been worked out to not only pay for them but to support larger families as well. Thanks for your honesty and cooperation in this matter.

3. Cake Stall – We will be sending home information and material for every family to bake a cake or something similar for the Fete Cake Stall. If everyone baked a cake we would have 197 cakes!!! Yum!!

MySchool Website – The ACARA MySchool website is up and running. On the website you will find lots of information about our school and every school in Australia. The address is http://www.myschool.edu.au/. It makes interesting reading. All the best, Paul
The Prayer of St. Patrick

I arise today
Through the strength of heaven;
Light of the sun,
Splendor of fire,
Speed of lightning,
Swiftness of the wind,
Depth of the sea,
Stability of the earth,
Firmness of the rock.

I arise today
Through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me
Afar and anear,
Alone or in a multitude.

Christ shield me today
Against wounding
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.

I arise today
Through the mighty strength
Of the Lord of creation.

Sports News
Steve and Mel from Hockey Victoria had clinics with the year ones, twos and threes on Wednesday giving them a taste of Hockey. The students participated in skill sessions, games and had lots of fun.
BoxFit is a new and exciting group fitness class that will be held in the multipurpose room on 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!

For enquiries contact Raluca:
0414 144 971
Email: ralucalazarescu20@gmail.com
Cost: $10

Dear St Paul's families,

This year the St Paul's Warriors Basketball club is introducing FOOTY TIPPING for the first time.

Below is a flyer that explains how to register, pay (only $20) and play.

Great cash prizes will be awarded at the end of the season but more importantly you get to prove how “your” system for picking an AFL winner is better than the rest.

Give it a go and remember that our club’s fundraisers are for our club's players.

Footy Tipping is here for 2013!

Support St Paul's Warriors Basketball Club and prove to your fellow players, parents and coaches what you know about AFL footy (or show off your good luck!)

Cost is $20 per entry, with cash prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place

All you need to do is advise Diane or Joe in person or via email at: diane05@mysoul.com.au that you wish to participate. Please pay your entry fee of $20 by 19/03/2013, using either of the following methods:

Direct credit to –
Account Name: St Paul’s Warriors Basketball Club
BSB: 633108
Account number: 1376 23880

Pay in cash to Diane (u14 boys Team manager), Joe (coach of u12 Orange team) or your Team manager.

To start tipping, go to www.foottips.com.au and register your details to create a log in. Using the ‘Find a Comp’ feature, search for and join "Warriors Basketball Club".

Enter your tips each week, well before the game is due to start
The 1st AFL game for 2013 will be Friday 22nd March, 2013.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!!