Term 2 - Week 2 April 24th 2013

From Paul’s Desk

Dear Parents and Friends of St Paul’s,

Special Event - As part of the Seniors RE unit we are fortunate enough to have Paul Spence come and talk to the students about the Holy Spirit in Scripture, and link this to his work in Uganda. Students will be given the opportunity to reflect on their gifts and talents and how they can use these to serve God and others. Many of you would have met and been inspired by Paul during our sacramental workshops. He is an experienced presenter in both adult and children’s Religious Education and is always warmly received at St Paul’s. Therefore we would like to open this presentation up to parents also. The presentation will take place at 2.30pm on Monday 6th May in the multi-purpose hall. It will run until afternoon dismissal.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Melanie Gleeson, RE Leader.

Family Mass – Just a reminder to our Senior families that our first Family Mass will be held at 9am at St Paul’s on Sunday May 5th. The children will be involved in the Mass at different stages with Fr Sean talking about the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Sacrament that many of our Seniors will be receiving on Friday June 14th. We would like to see all families join us for Sunday Mass at St Paul’s followed by a short gathering to share tea or coffee and a biscuit afterwards in the Multipurpose Room.

ANZAC Day – Today our Seniors lead the school in an ANZAC Day reflection. We all took the time to remember all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in War. Thank you to the children and teachers that prepared and presented our reflection.

NAPLAN Assessments – At the moment our Years 3 and 5 children are completing some examples of previous NAPLAN tests. These assessments will be held in three weeks time. As the NAPLAN assessments are quite foreign to how we normally assess children (in design and amount of time children have to complete them), we provide these trials so there is as little stress as possible for the children on the days of the tests. We would ask that you not put too much pressure on your children leading up to the tests. It must be remembered that the NAPLAN assessments are not a complete indication of your child’s progress. They provide a snapshot on a particular day. We use the NAPLAN assessments, along with our other assessment procedures, to inform us of how we can improve our teaching. For example, if there is a general trend that the children are struggling with their understanding of themes in texts, then we will have to gain better understandings and practice in how to teach this area. We never use NAPLAN as the definitive assessment to determine the progress of a child. We have collected evidence from every child related to National Standards to give us a more accurate understanding of their progress, especially in the areas of English and Maths. This information is presented to you in our half yearly reports and Parent/Teacher interviews.

School Photos—Next Thursday May 2nd is our school photo day. All children are to wear their winter uniform. Prep children have P.E. on this day and are to bring their runners in their bag.

Did not think that the Cats would 4-0 after four rounds! I hope it continues!

All the best, Paul

St Paul’s Pantry

Thank you to all those who have kindly offered to donate a meal for our pantry. A note will be sent home shortly with all the details you need to get started. We have just purchased a new freezer and will hopefully be ready to go next week. If you haven’t volunteered but would like to please let the office know. We are excited to involved in such a worthy cause.
Hot Lunches
This term we need to place the hot lunch orders with the bakery so no late lunch orders will be accepted.

Cleaner Wanted
An elderly couple in the parish are looking for someone to clean their house on a weekly basis.

Please contact the school office if you are interested.

Coburg Library

Meet the illustrator Craig Smith
7pm, Friday 3rd May

Meet well known and loved illustrator Craig Smith. Craig has illustrated some of Australia’s best loved children’s books; Billy the punk, Cat, Stuck in the Muck, and the Emily Eyefinger and Too Cool series. His latest book is The Windy Farm. Craig will share his passion for his work and demonstrate his drawing! Paper and pencils will be provided for those who want to have a go.
Booking: 9353 4000

Prayer of Remembrance
Today we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world.

The Lord is my Shepherd
Psalm 23: 1–6

The Lord is my Shepherd; I have everything I need.
He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water.
He gives me new strength.
He guides me in the right paths as he promised.
Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord, for you are with me.
Your shepherd’s rod and staff protect me.
You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me;
You welcome me as an honoured guest and fill my cup to the brim.
I know that Your goodness and love will be with me all my life; and Your house will be my home as long as I live.
Dear parents,
In Term 2 we will be offering hot lunches on Fridays. Children will be able to order pies, party pies, sausage rolls, vegetable pasties and cottage pies. Donuts will also be available. As you know this can only happen with parent volunteers. If you are able to assist with tallying, picking up orders or packing orders please fill in the roster below and return it to the school as soon as possible. If we have volunteers hot lunches will begin in WEEK 2.
If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.
Warm regards,
Pat

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