Dear Parents and Friends of St Paul’s,

Confirmation – Yesterday our Candidates spent a prayerful reflection day at Don Bosco Youth Centre. Fr Sean attended and the children received the Sacrament of Penance. The celebration of the Sacrament is nearing quickly. Next Wednesday at 10am we will be joined by Archbishop Hart who will meet the children and give further insights into the meaning of the Sacrament.

Funding Issue – Last week I sent home information from the Director of Catholic Education Melbourne, Mr Stephen Elder, in regards to concerns we have as a system about the new funding arrangements. Over the next few weeks I believe more information will be made available to all in the community. There is only scant detail about the funding model for Catholic Primary Schools, which is a major concern. If you have written a letter to Mr Kelvin Thompson, thank you. If you are yet to write, just go to our website: www.spcoburg.catholic.edu.au and click on the link to last week’s newsletter. You will find the suggested letter on the last page.

School Review – This week we have welcomed Mrs Elizabeth Monahan to our school to work with us on our direction for the next four years. She has interviewed staff, parents and teachers and today we worked on developing specific plans in areas of operation. Thank you to all who have contributed this week and completed the surveys over the last few years. This information is very valuable to us.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea – Thank you to Mrs Pat who organised our annual fundraiser for those with cancer. Although not a huge turnout, we are most appreciative of those who could make it and understand that many parents have work or other commitments and cannot always attend.

Headlice – Tomorrow we will be sending a detailed note to all families with lots of information about our pesky friends. We are sending it on a Friday so that every child can hopefully be checked and if headlice are present, treated over the weekend. Please read the letter and information. We are relying on all families to take action.

Interschool Sport – This week the seniors will play St Matthew’s Primary School William St Fawkner North Melways Reference 7J12. The Football team will play at Mutton Reserve Creeden St Melways Reference 17J5 and the Netball and T-Ball will held at the school. This is our last game for the season. The kids have all done extremely well.

Great effort by Socceroos – two wins at home and they will make the World Cup! Cats play GWS then the bye. Hopefully we can build our percentage a little. Good luck to your sporting teams over the weekend whether playing or watching.

All the best, Paul

Reflection

It is not small people who ask for forgiveness. It is large hearted, magnanimous, courageous people who are ready to say what are some of the most difficult words in any language: “I am sorry”. But once uttered, they open the way to a new opportunity, the possibility of a new beginning, the chance to start again, having learnt a lesson from the past.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu (1998)
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.

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