Dear Parents and Friends of St Paul’s,

Confirmation – Last Friday evening was a very reverent and special celebration for our Year Six candidates and two students who previously attended St Paul’s, Maxwell Johnstone and Natalie Giurdanella. Thank you to all the families for your support and cooperation leading up to and during the Liturgy. Also special thanks to the Archbishop, The Most Reverend Denis Hart, for being Principal Celebrant. The Archbishop only conducts the ceremony every seven or eight years at individual Parishes, so for this year’s candidates, there was a very special element. The certificates will be given out to the candidates at next week’s assembly.

Junior and Senior Choir Performance – Did you know that Mr Faraci and some dedicated children have been working during their lunchtimes at Junior and Senior Choir practise? Well next Wednesday both choirs will be performing a few songs in the Multipurpose Room at 2.45pm. All welcome and there are more details inside.

St Paul’s Feast Day – Saturday June 29th is St Paul’s Feast Day. On Friday June 28th we will be celebrating our feast day with the children. Please check out the day’s events in the newsletter. We would love to see as many parents come to the Mass at 12 noon and be part of our special day. We are privileged to have one of the most influential members of our Church as our Parish Saint. St Paul was truly a hero of the early church. We are looking at all aspects of our Catholic School’s operation and exploring how these actions can be related to the example of St Paul. For example, we do many Social Justice Acts as a community. The question we are exploring with our children is “How can we relate these acts to the message and example of St Paul?” Something interesting for us all to ponder.

Reports (tracking for 6 months) – On Monday June 24th the reports will be sent home. This year we are required to implement the new National Curriculum (AUSVELS). In Semester One we have introduced English and Mathematics; by Semester Two, we will be adding the areas of History and Science. As the Standards have changed for measuring Literacy and Mathematics, it is not possible for the comparison from this year’s mark to last year’s mark as has happened previously. The comparison will again occur in December 2013 when we are measuring against the same curriculum.

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Parent/Teacher Interview time forms went home yesterday. If you do not have a time please contact the ladies in the Office or your classroom teacher.

End of Term – Next Friday June 28th is the last day of term. Children will finish at 2.30pm. After School Care commences at this time.

Scarves in Playground – Obviously with the colder weather children (and staff and parents!!!) are rugged up. Whilst it is fine for the children to wear scarves to and from school, for obvious safety reasons (getting caught on play equipment, children running and being accidently grabbed etc), we cannot allow children to wear the scarves during playtime, lunchtime or during PE or Sport activities. Therefore we are asking the children to put their scarves in their bags before they go into class. All classrooms are very comfortably heated.

St Paul Window—Check out the new addition to the foyer—you can’t miss it!

Congratulations to the Socceroos – very early mornings coming up watching them in June 2014. Cats back against Brisbane this week. Nice and rested and ready to go! (I hope!)

All the best, Paul
Dear Families,

The children and I have been working on a special performance to present to the school community. There will be songs performed by our junior and senior choirs as well as two songs that the whole school have been practising. At our first performance of the school year, we warmly welcome all families to come and watch the children sing. Here are the details:

Date: Wednesday 26th June
Time: 2:45 – 3:15pm
Venue: Multipurpose Room

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind Regards,
Edward Faraci
Performing Arts Teacher

St Paul’s Day

On Friday 28th June, we will be celebrating St Paul’s Day. On this day children will learn about St. Paul’s untiring interest in and paternal affection for the churches, established by him. His feast day, which is June 29th, will be further celebrated at 12 o’clock mass on Friday. Families and friends are warmly invited to attend. After mass children will be given a special pasta lunch—free of charge, thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers.

On this day children are also permitted to wear casual clothes in return for a gold coin donation. This money will then be given to our friend Paul Spence. Paul will use this money to aid children in Uganda. We will make a difference in someone’s life, just as St Paul did!

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.” — Saint Paul

Library Guidelines

- 2 books each
- 2 week loan
- 1 renewal permitted
- students need a library bag to separate library books from other materials
- library books are for take home reading
- students are responsible for the books they borrow
- if students forget to return their books they cannot borrow until books have been brought back.

Library News

Dear Parents,

I have enjoyed working in the library this year with all the enthusiastic children at St Pauls. I receive many requests for books and information and am delighted they are so keen to find something to read, at times they run in the door.

I have circulated overdue notices across the school so please look out for these in your children’s bags.

Below is a reminder of library borrowing guidelines for students. Please note students must bring a library bag. Unfortunately I have had to discard two books this week that were dropped in a puddle and broken in half, both incidents could have been avoided if a library bag had been used.

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Kind regards,
Sarah Harris

Confirmation Ceremony

On Friday 28th June at 9.00 the school will participate in a confirmation ceremony. At this ceremony the grade 6s who were confirmed will be presented with their Confirmation certificates. Family and friends are warmly invited to attend this ceremony to celebrate the confirmation of the Grade 6 children.

Sports News

This Friday 21st June will be the final Interschool Sports game (weather permitting) against St. Matthews Fawkner. This is the makeup game from two weeks ago. Tee-ball and Netball will be at the school and football at Charles Mutton Reserve Fawkner.

Could all stickers for the Woolworths promotion please be sent to the office by the end of term. Thank you to all the families who have supported St Paul’s this year.
RockBody Fitness
BoxFit

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.

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

Barista Basics
Want to work in the Hospitality Industry?
Learn how to prepare espresso coffee using a commercial espresso machine in our Barista Basics course.
Dates: 15, 16, 17 & 24 July 2013
Time: 9.15am—3.15pm
Duration: 4 sessions + preliminary reading
Location: Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir
Statement of Fees: $28 plus Service & Amenities fee $10 conc./$25 non-conc.
Fee for Service: (not eligible for subsidised training) $215 plus S/A.

Food Handling - School Holiday Workshop
Gain the knowledge to follow current workplace hygiene procedures in this one day course. (1 Core Unit towards the Cert. II in Hospitality)
Date: Wednesday, 10th July 2013
Time: 9.30 –3:15pm
Location: Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir
Duration: 1 session
Cost: $72 (includes manual)

For more details ring PRACE on 9462 6077 or visit our website: www.prace.vic.edu.au

SchoolNuts Allergy Research is coming to St Paul’s

Researchers from The Royal Children’s Hospital will be visiting Senior class’ on Thursday 27th June, 2013 as part of the "SchoolNuts" program. Researchers are investigating food allergy, anaphylaxis and asthma - why are these conditions increasing and how do they impact children and adolescents? Even if your child does not have an allergy, your participation will help researchers answer these important questions.

All senior students will be invited to participate in the study. Upon completion students will attend an education session with allergy nurses from The Royal Children’s Hospital. An information sheet and consent form will be sent home with your child soon. Please complete the consent form that was sent home.

Even if your child does not have food allergy we encourage you to complete and return the forms as this will provide invaluable information which may help future children with allergy.