**From Paul’s Desk**

This week has been a somewhat difficult time for us as two staff members have had family members pass away. Last Friday, Tony Fimiani’s Mother passed away and on Thursday last week Frank Cananzi brother-in-law and aunty died on the same day from illness. On your behalf I send condolences to both families at this sad time.

On a happier note we welcome back Mr Beninati on Monday who has been on leave.

**Reconciliation** – On Tuesday our Year Threes will make their First Reconciliation at St Paul’s at 7pm. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Inservice Day** – This term’s Inservice Day is to be held next Friday August 16th. The staff will be completing work on differentiated learning, RE and Assessment and Reporting. There will be no classes on this day.

**Prep 2014 Interviews** – The interviews began last Monday and we have already met some very excited children eager to begin their journey at St Paul’s. If you have a child starting next year, make sure you ring Marilena and Fiona at the office on 93548970 to make a booking. Once again we will be conducting Saturday morning interviews this year to accommodate those families who cannot attend during the week.

As I stated last week, North always give us grief. Can’t afford to drop another one now! Go Cats!

**All the best, Paul**

**Lost Property Box**

I am presently holding 3 small-sized Bomber Jackets in the Uniform Shop—all without names.

Suggestion: At the back of the school logo there is a white patch where you can write your child’s name (also on the windcheater) Often the size label tags are cut off where parents write names.

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**Discovery Day—Mercy College**

If you are interested in attending the Discovery Day on Wednesday 21st August 2013, please phone Mrs Robyn Herrera on 9319 9299 to make a booking.

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**Saint Mary MacKillop**

Feast day: 8th August

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy. With confidence in your generous providence and joining with Saint Mary MacKillop we ask that you grant our respect...

We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by The Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.

Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this though Jesus Christ Amen
BOOK WEEK 2013 –

“READ ACROSS THE UNIVERSE”
19th – 23rd August

Book Week is always a highly anticipated event for the children at St. Paul’s. This year the children will participate in several Book Week related activities throughout the week, including:

- A study of the Book Week shortlisted books/novels/authors
- Excursion to Science Works and the Planetarium (Seniors)
- Visits to the Coburg Library
- An Italian drama performance for the whole school called “Dammi Il Cinque” organised by Signora Adele
- An author visit (Felice Arena – Australian author of the “Specky Magee” series, the “Andy Roid” series and the “Boys Rule” series of books)
- Shared reading activities with buddies and multi-age groupings.
- Book Week Parade Thursday 22nd August at 9.00am.

The theme does lend itself to a space theme, but children may like to dress up as book character (from the shortlisted books or their favourite book).

SO IT’S TIME TO BE CREATIVE!!!