Dear Parents and Friends of St Paul’s,

Lots of events coming up in a very busy end to the year and some important information for next year. Make sure you read all information coming home to keep up to date.

Sacraments 2014 – Miss Gleeson has been able to finalise details of the Sacraments for 2014. You will find the dates below. Before we can set the dates we must wait for the Confirmation time and date from the Archdiocese, then we place the other Sacraments throughout the year. We will hold Penance in fourth term next year as Fr Sean will be on a well-earned holiday in third term (he hasn’t had one for at least three years!)

Athletics Carnival – All families would have received information on the postponement of the Carnival. We were diligently checking forecast right up to 3pm yesterday and the bureau was telling us that there was a ninety percent chance of rain Thursday and Friday – now the weather looks fine. It is difficult making these decisions and very frustrating but our main reason for postponing was that we know many parents will change working arrangements to be at the Carnival and it is unfair on those that do this to suddenly be told, “Sorry not happening today.” Parents would have every right to say that we should have checked the forecast a couple of days before the event. We now look forward to holding the Carnival on Friday December 6th. Once again an early call must be made on the Wednesday 4th December. If rain or temperatures above 28 degrees are predicted, we will have to cancel. Keep those prayers going!

Christmas Concert – The children, staff and of course Mr Faraci, are busily preparing for the concert on Wednesday 11th December at 7pm on the Grassed area. Make sure this is marked in capitals on your diary.

School Disco – Tickets and glow stick orders are now available for our Disco on Friday December 13th. Great night for all the kids.

Staff Conference – Just a reminder that the staff conference will be held on Thursday November 28th and Friday November 29th. Over these two days all staff will be completing a full day’s training in Level 2 First Aid and planning in their 2014 teams. Academy 4 Kids will provide care on both these days from 8am - 6pm. The school newsletter will go home Wednesday next week.

Thank you for your understanding with the Athletics Carnival

All the best, Paul

### 2014 Sacrament Dates

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Reflection
Take time to think —
It is the source of power.
Take time to read —
It is the foundation of wisdom.
Take time to play —
It is the secret of staying young.
Take time to be quiet —
It is the opportunity to seek God.
Take time to be aware —
It is the opportunity to help others.
Take time to love and be loved —
It is God’s greatest gift.
Take time to laugh —
It is the music of the soul.
Take time to be friendly —
It is the road to happiness.
Take time to dream —
It is what the future is made of.
Take time to pray —
It is the greatest power on earth.

Knitting in Seniors
Last term, the Senior children learnt how to knit. This came in handy as we knitted different coloured squares to create warm blankets for asylum seekers in Mo- reland. Thank you to the Tamer family’s grandmother and the St Paul’s Craft Club for sewing our knitted squares together to form the blanket. We are very happy to know that our blankets will be keeping children and adults warm at night and that we are making a difference in the lives of people of all ages seeking asylum.

Written by Alessia and Melissa

Cadbury Chocolate Drive
Could money and unsold chocolates please be returned to the office as soon as possible, so that we can work out how much money we have raised.

Pat Servello

Craft Club
The craft club is making clips and decorations for Christmas. If anyone is interested in learning how to make them, they are most welcome to come along Thursday mornings in the Multi-purpose room.
Samples of the clips are on display and for sale for $2 or $3 at the office.
Thanks,
Lori & Antionette
Mini Vinnies Update

Last week’s Mini Vinnies meeting was hosted by Georgia Nassour and Abigail Pereira. We discussed our fundraising plan and began making posters to display information regarding the Christmas hampers. Mini Vinnies fundraising group has decided to make Christmas hampers to help the less fortunate and those in need in our community. To help with this, these items will be needed:

- Cat or dog supplies
- Teenagers clothing
- Children’s toys and clothing
- Presents for the elderly
- Cardboard boxes
- Wrapping paper

Any donations would be greatly appreciated. All supplies must be at school by Friday 6th of December.

Thank you for your support.
By: Julia, Grace and Mia.

RAISING CHILDREN IN MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE SEMINAR

A FREE seminar for those interested in bilingualism and multilingualism for children at home and elsewhere.

When: Sunday December 1, 2013
12:30pm – 5pm
Where: Carrillo Gantner Theatre,
Sidney Myer Asia Centre,
Cnr Swanston St and Monash Rd,
University of Melbourne

Speakers include: Dr. Susanne Döpke, Prof. John Hajek

Raising children in more than one language is a very important process. There are many positive strategies that can be employed. The sessions in this seminar discuss issues in raising children bilingually, show you how to recognise your child’s needs in the language and provide you with important tools to foster your child’s language learning and maximise the advantages available to you.

TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
www.rumaccc.unimelb.edu.au

THE SEMINAR IS FREE BUT PRE-REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL.
What’s on at Moreland City Libraries  
December 2013 - January 2014

Swim in a sea of books

Celebrate Summer with Moreland City Libraries’ Summer Reading Fest. Collect a reading record from your local Moreland Library and read 5 books for your chance to win or write a short review. Each entry receives a giveaway and goes into the major prize draw. You could win iTunes cards, movie passes, book vouchers and more! The more you read, the more chances you have to win!

School holiday activities

Holiday activities will take place around Moreland City Libraries in January. Check your local library from the 16th of December for details of activities and book your place. All activities are free of charge, are suitable for school children only and bookings are essential.

Free online stories and games

Did you know you can access online websites for children that are fun and educational via the Moreland library website? Take a look at next time you go online. Click on For children on the library home page, and follow the links to:

- Tumblebooks  
- Ziptales  
- Busy Things  
- The Big Bus