Dear St Paul’s Community

On behalf of St Paul’s School, I wish every family a Happy Easter. Let us remember the importance of this Holy time as we come together in celebration. Try to find the time to attend some of the Easter Services at the Church and think of the presence of Jesus.

Some things to draw to your attention:

* No School this Friday and Monday because of the Easter Weekend.
* Thursday is our Easter Hat Parade first thing in the morning, parents are very welcome.
* Car Park: A number of parents have contacted me regarding drop off and collection. A reminder to all that patience is needed. It appears more cars are using the drop off/pick up zone this year. If you have a number of children to buckle in, please move to the front parking bay to help traffic flow. Others coming up behind will know that it is appropriate to move off carefully once their children are loaded. The school has always encouraged families to park and come into the school to meet other families and teachers. It is an important way to build school community.
* Congratulations to Hartzer (Green) House and their win at the swimming carnival.
* Congratulations to Hargreaves (Gold) House for their win in the Spirit Trophy, great to see the team working so well together.
* A big thank you to the Parents and Friends Association, AB Mohr, Mr Van Gurp and Miss Megan Graham for their efforts on the day. The day ran very smoothly with a lot of positive feedback from all involved.
* This week we also had our Palm Sunday Liturgy.

Thank you to Miss Sally’s class and Miss Flynn for preparing this for us.

* Well done Wil Hotton in Room 8 for solving my very hard maths problem on the board this week. We have some great mathematicians in the school.

This week Alain Van Gurp attended a training day on Behavioural Management in Alice Springs presented by Bill Rogers, and Louise Peyton did Professional Development in Australian Curriculum-History. Both teachers will be sharing their learning with staff to improve our practices across the school. All teaching staff also worked with Dr Thelma Perso in their planning sessions this week. Dr Perso is leading staff to improve their practice of planning and responding to assessment of individual learning.

God Bless and Happy Easter

Parent Learning Tips

Play games such as Monopoly, Snakes and Ladders, dominoes or cards. Using two dice instead of one when playing board games can help with addition and subtraction.

Questions that only require a “yes” or a “no” are uninteresting. Ask ones that need a longer answer or require your child to give reasons for a decision.

Remember that children learn by example. Think how you can set positive models of literacy and numeracy at home. Teach your child how to measure in your home language.
D I A R Y

29th Mar  Good Friday
1st April  Easter Monday
4th April  Communion Meeting 6pm
5th April  End of Term
15th April  Term 2 commences

W E E K L Y

Mass Times:
Saturday Mass  6.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday Mass  8.30am and 6.00pm
1st Sunday of the month 10.30am
Syro-Malabar Mass
Last Sunday of month 8.30am Children’s mass

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H O L Y  T H U R S D A Y  
THURS. 28th March

Syro Malabar Mass of the Lord’s Supper  7.00 AM
Mass of the Lord’s Supper (English)  7.30 pm
Exposition Altar of Repose until Midnight

G O O D  F R I D A Y  
FRI. 29th March

Syro Malabar Celebration of the Passion  7.30 AM
Celebration of the Liturgy of the Passion.  3.00 pm.

E A S T E R  V I G I L  
SAT. 30th March

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night.  7.30 pm
Syro Malabar Mass of the Resurrection  11.30 pm

E A S T E R  S U N D A Y  
SUN. 31st March

Morning Mass of the Resurrection  8.30 am
Italian Mass  10.00 am
Evening Mass of the Resurrection.  6.00 pm

T R A C Y  F L Y N N  
Assistant Principal/RE

The program for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion begins next week. There will be two parent and child meetings to commence the program. Families can choose one or the other to attend. The first meeting is on Thursday 4th April at 6pm in the church. The alternate meeting is on Thursday 18th April at 6pm. If you have any queries regarding this program please ask.

With Lent coming to an end, now is the time to return your Project Compassion money boxes so that we can pass the funds on to Caritas who work in partnership with many communities around the world which are experiencing extreme poverty.

Tracy Flynn
Assistant Principal/RE
SRC
A final reminder about the Easter Hat parade which will be conducted tomorrow morning at assembly. Each class will have an opportunity to parade around the assembly area showing off their wonderful Easter Hat creations. A gold coin donation is requested from all students wishing to participate. All money raised goes to the Diocese of Rockhampton to help them rebuild following recent natural disasters. Parents and carers are welcome to join us for the assembly, and even wear a hat! All donations gratefully received.

The SRC Bake Sale will be held next Wednesday at recess. SRC reps will be baking the goods to be sold and students are invited to come and purchase their wares! Donations of baked goods would also be appreciated to sell.

Parent survey
Student assessment portfolios will be sent home with all students next week. A random selection of portfolios will have parent surveys included. If you receive a survey, we would appreciate you filling it out and returning it to the office by the end of Week 1 Term 2. The survey is confidential. For parents and carers who do not receive a survey in their child’s portfolio, you are welcome to collect a copy from the office. The survey will cover the following aspects of school life: portfolios, homework, canteen and the car park.

P & F NEWS
The new Parents and Friends Committee had their first meeting last week. If you are interested in seeing what was discussed, you can view the minutes from the meeting on the St Paul’s website: http://www.stpaulsnt.catholic.edu.au/community/parents-friends

The Committee is still in need of a Secretary, Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer. These are all interesting roles that enable the workload to be spread between all Committee members. Being a committee member is a great way to get involved in the school and it doesn’t take up as much time as you may think. Please contact Louise on 0417 830 160 if you are interested in taking on a role.

SRC Entertainment
“Light it up BLUE” Disco
Supporting International Autism awareness month
Where: Malak Shopping Centre, 16 Malak Crescent, Malak
When: FRIDAY 5th APRIL 6:00pm-9:30pm
Cost: $20 per child for unlimited games Laser Tag + Small Chips & Drink
      $10 per child for Playground for those NOT participating in Laser Tag
      Adult entry is free
      Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an Adult
      SOCKS REQUIRED FOR PLAYGROUND & SHOES REQUIRED FOR LASER TAG
      Café will be open 🍂 Glow sticks for sale
      Prizes best dressed and much more!

CIRCUS DIABOLOS
Call Fairy Jill 0422506723

Happy Easter
Sports News
VACATION CARE – Holidays April 2013

Family Name:

Child/ren’s Name 1: D.O.B

2: D.O.B

3: D.O.B

4: D.O.B

Parent Contact Details

Parent 1 – Name: Mob:

Parent 2 – Name: Mob:

Emergency contact name: Mob:

Please circle days required OR circle All Days/Fulltime

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to participate in the experiences and excursions as outlined in the Vacation Care Program.

I understand that my child/ren will be walking, using the public bus service and/or private bus service as modes of transport to the listed excursions.

I understand that ‘PG’ rated movies may be chosen if a ‘G’ rated movie is unavailable during that time.

I understand that my child/ren must behave in accordance with school rules and in a manner becoming to students who attend St Paul’s Catholic Primary School.

I agree to pay for the care required in advance. Bookings without payment will not be accepted.

Fees $50 per child per day or $200 per child per week

Parent/Carer Name:………………………………………………………………

Signature:………………………………………………………………………………           Date:………………………