Dear St Paul’s Community,

Welcome back everyone for an exciting Term 4. The Year 6 students start counting down the days until the end of the year and our new students for next year start visiting our school. Just a reminder that if you have not enrolled your child for next year, please do so as soon as possible to help the school make decisions on staffing, and please also advise if you are not returning in 2014.

Some things to draw to your attention:
♦ We welcome two new families to our school ~ Hannah has joined Mrs Cotter’s class and Camille has joined Miss Lauren Penny’s class.
♦ This week we announced that the new Assistant Principal Religious Education at St Paul’s from 2014 is Mr Alain Van Gurp. We congratulate Alain as the successful candidate. Tracy Flynn and Alain will work closely together this term to ensure there is a smooth transition in this role.
♦ NAPLAN Results: All students in Years 3 and 5 have now received their NAPLAN results. Overall, I am very pleased with the results of the school. I have had other schools and the Catholic Education Office congratulate the school on our results. Well done to all students, staff and families.
♦ Before the holidays two of our students, Olivia Burgess (Year 6) and Georgia Brohier (Year 5), were involved in the Catholic Primary Schools public speaking competition. All Year 5 and 6 students attended Sacred Heart Primary School for the competition. Both the girls did very well, Olivia talking about “Election,” and Georgia “Floods” in the impromptu section of the competition. We are very proud of both students and congratulate them on their efforts.
♦ Mission Mass: On Friday 18 October we will celebrate our Mission Mass at 8:45am, then each class will be participating in various activities throughout the day. Children will be able to wear sun smart clothing and bring a donation. We invite all members of our community to the Mass. Mission Mass is a time when we recall the efforts of Catholic Missions Australia.
♦ Small visitor to school. This week the students may have told you about the unexpected visitor under our sports shed. Although at first it was thought to be a snake, a ranger identified it as a goanna. (We couldn’t see the legs!!) Well done to all the students and staff who quickly followed our lock down procedures. The safety of the children is always our first priority.

At the end of this Newsletter there is a parent feedback form which I ask that you complete.

God Bless
Anthony
**Parent Learning Tips**

Fluency in reading is one of the important things for a child to improve their comprehension. If a student can read fluently, it helps them to understand the writing easier, rather than stumbling on each word. To improve a child’s fluency you can do a number of things.

- Get your child to read aloud to you for two or three minutes to hear their level.
- Read aloud with them at the same time to increase their speed.
- Play games like Go Fish to improve their letter and word recognition.
- Practice breaking words up into syllables. (A quick trick: Put your hand under your chin, when your hand moves, that is a syllable. Try it for Hap –py))

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**Book Club** orders have been sent home today. Orders close Tuesday 22nd October. No late orders will be accepted. Thank you

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**School Uniform**

If Hawthorn or The Roosters players did not wear their uniform on game day they would not be allowed to play.

Wearing the school uniform reflects our identity not only at school but also within the wider community. When students are out attending excursions, positive comments are often received regarding our students and they identify the school through the school uniform. The wearing of the uniform not only reflects who we are but it eliminates any competition and fashion wear as well as any arguments at the beginning of the day regarding what to wear to school. At times, school uniform items are not worn correctly, especially in regards to items such as shoes. If students are not wearing the correct uniform, a uniform note will be sent home from the class teacher identifying the uniform area to be addressed. All St Paul’s students are expected to wear the correct uniform with pride.

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**ELC AND OSHC NEWS**

**Christmas Closure**

The ELC and OSHC will be closed for two weeks over the Christmas holidays. The last day will be Friday 20th December and the services will re-open Monday 6th January 2013.

A reminder that all ELC and OSHC accounts are to be fully paid and kept in credit by 2 weeks. Credit will be reflected on your account with a (-) sign. We appreciate your support in this matter. All accounts are to reflect a 0 or negative balance by the end of the 2013 school year.

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**SCHOOLS NETBALL COMPETITION**

The Schools Netball Competition begins next week and runs from wks 2-9 of Term 4. On Wednesday 16th October the Year 3/4 team and the Year 5 team play at 5pm. The Year 6 team plays at 6pm. A draw will be made available early next week.

All players are expected to be on time and are asked to wear black shorts/skirt and the school sports shirt. Playing bibs will be supplied to all teams. Parents are responsible to dropping off and picking up students from the Marrara Netball Courts.

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**CITY CLUSTER SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The much anticipated City Cluster Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 24th October (week 3) at 5pm for a 5.30pm start. The selected swimmers will be finalized by the end of this week. Money and permission forms will need to be returned to Mr Van Gurp or Miss Mohr by next week. This highly competitive and exciting event is a highlight for many schools as the night carnival always draws a huge crowd. If you would like to support our swimming team on Thursday 24th October at Casuarina Pool please feel free to come down and cheer on the swimmers.

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To access the Learning Platform

Enter your child’s Username and password.
Mental Health Week
In yesterday's NT News there was a butterfly template for everyone to use to celebrate Positive Mental Health Week. Members of the public are invited to write their personal promise on pre-made butterflies to be displayed as a public art installation at Mindil Beach Markets on Thursday 10 October.

The organisers are aiming to place over 1000 butterflies in the lawn area then upon the ‘shell’ covering the stage. The butterflies will be attached by either blue tac or double sided tape, or placed in the ground with wire.

We encourage families to take this opportunity to discuss positive mental health and how we can keep ourselves mentally fit.

Asthma and anaphylaxis awareness
The St Paul’s staff has a commitment to the health and wellbeing of the whole child. As part of this commitment, we maintain appropriate First Aid qualifications, including asthma and anaphylaxis awareness. Asthma Australia is also aware that parents need to be informed as to how they might support children with either of these conditions.

How Parents Can Help
Parents can help schools manage asthma better by following five simple steps:

- Discuss your child’s asthma concerns with the teacher in charge as soon as possible
- Provide written instructions signed by the doctor about your child’s asthma medications (Asthma Plan)
- Give signed permission for staff to administer asthma first aid if necessary (4x4x4)
- Pack a spacer, mask and blue reliever medication in your child’s school bag.
- Make sure equipment is clearly labelled.
- If your child has asthma symptoms talk to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

National Children’s Week
National Children’s Week will be held on 18-27 October at locations around Darwin and Palmerston. There are a number of fun events planned to mark the week. Further details t.sellers@darwin.nt.gov.au

Author Visit – Dell Brand
Today we were delighted to welcome Dr Dell Brand to St Paul’s. Dell has written four books teaching world history through exciting time-travel adventure stories for 9-13 year olds. She spoke to students in Years 4 and 5.

If your child would like to purchase a personal copy of one or all of the books, money will be collected through the front office until the end of next week. The books cost $24 each. They will be personally signed by the author. Alternatively, books can be purchased through www.authordellbrand.com.au or from Zeus Publications. They are also available as eBooks ($6.99) through amazon.com

O’Loughlin Catholic College—ENROLLING NOW!
Year 7 for 2014

Enrolments for 2014 are now underway; places are filling fast, so we urge prospective parents to obtain information packages from the College.

Interviews have begun, please get your forms to avoid disappointment.

If you require any further information please call 8945 1277 or email: secretary.oloughlin@nt.catholic.edu.au
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Do you love books? Do you love to help people? Vinnies are holding a second hand or pre loved book sale at the Palmerston Recreation Centre.

We would love to see you there and help us raise funds for our Palmerston clients.

The St Vincent de Paul Society aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering “a hand up” to people in need. We do this by respecting their dignity, sharing our hope, and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny.

When: Friday 25 October, 4.00pm to 9.00pm and Saturday 26 October, 9.00am to 12.00pm.

On Saturday we will also have our Knockabout Chef and his helpers selling tea/coffee, wraps and cakes, funds raised through this will also be given back to Palmerston clients.

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**QUIZ NIGHT**

**CAZALY’S SPORTS CLUB**

**SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER**

**7.30 PM**

$10- per person. Tables of 10 max.

Get a table together or come along and join another one on the night. Come along early and have tea there to support Cazaly’s as they are supporting our school.

Bring your coins for some games. We are also having a silent auction with lots of great prizes including a signed Rugby Union Wallabies jersey.

Tickets available at the office. Eftpos facilities available.
Parent Feedback Form

What do you like about St Paul’s

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What would you like to see more of?

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What would you like to see less of?

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What would you change?

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Please return to the office by Friday 18th October 2013.