MESSAGE FROM MRS GIBSON

Dear Parents

I am delighted to be able to write this newsletter article to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and good wishes following my surgery. The flowers sent on your behalf by the P & F Executive are absolutely beautiful and received many compliments from the nurses. They survived their hospital stay and continue to cheer me up at home.

Life is full of the unexpected and my by-pass surgery certainly took me and my family by surprise. However every day I get a little stronger and have commenced cardiac rehabilitation. In truth I am lucky to be alive.

My three days in the Intensive Care Unit made me realise how nurses and teachers fulfil some similar roles. The nursing staff was amazing, constantly encouraging me to take that next step towards recovery. Just like a school student, I certainly responded to their positive feedback and words of encouragement, “well done”, “you can do it”, etc. as I took my first tentative steps.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to Ms. Fabri, Mrs. Standring and the staff for taking on added responsibilities during my sick leave. At this state I am not sure when I will get the all clear to return to work. In the meantime I will be following doctors’ orders and doing my best to assist my recovery.

Looking forward to seeing each one of you in the not too distant future.

God bless you and your families. Christine Gibson

CAR PARK PROTOCOLS

Dear Parents

Over the last few weeks I have received a number of complaints regarding some very dangerous and inconsiderate behaviour by drivers in the car park. Just a reminder that the yellow markings close to the main administration building is a ‘no parking’ zone. This specially marked area is to be used by pedestrians only and is often used by parents with small toddlers and babies in prams. Parking in this area means that pedestrians will have to navigate their way around vehicles making for a very dangerous situation. May I also ask you to consider the need for all drivers to adhere to parking rules by not parking in the designated disabled parking area, outside the church. Parking in this car spot, even for a little time, makes it very difficult for those members of our community who possess a disability parking sticker and who need to park there. As you can imagine, all parents wish to enter and leave the car park quickly and safely, and showing courtesy to other drivers, by following the car park rules, enables the morning and afternoon routines to be undertaken with the minimum of frustration and fuss. I think it is very important for us to remember how very lucky we are, here at St Paul’s, to have the convenience of a fairly large car park. Can I ask you to seriously consider both areas of concern made note of above and work together towards developing a more considerate driving and parking culture at our school. In this way we can ensure, both the safety of those using the car park, and that our children are observing and learning desirable driving behaviours. Can I also ask you to consider the following ‘St Paul’s Car Park Safety Rules’ which are issued in the folder distributed to all families enrolled at St Pauls. I know that I can rely on your support regarding this matter with thanks for your cooperation.

Kind Regards, Bernadette Fabri

ST PAUL’S CAR PARK SAFETY RULES

1. Do not park in yellow zones - they are there for the children’s safety.
2. Do not call your children over to your car, be that in the Car Park or in the street: Park, Get Out and collect them personally.
3. Do not double park, or park in undesignated areas.
4. Do not park either side of the Buckley’s Road entrance area - this stops the clear vision of cars leaving the car park.
5. MORNINGS: The area in front of the Parish Centre is designed as a ‘Kiss and Drop Zone Area’ between 8.00am and 9.30am. DO NOT PARK THERE if you are going to get out of your car.
GRADE SIX VOICE OF YOUTH COMPETITION

Congratulations is extended to our three school Voice of Youth Finalists; Gabriella Engesser, Keenan Fitzsimons and Maddie Hamilton who competed today at Cluster Final for the Lower Hills group of schools at St Angela’s Castle Hill. All the children are to be commended for the quality of their presentations, with special congratulations going to Gabriella Engesser who was awarded the Social Justice Medallion for her speech, “Poverty in Indigenous Communities.”

HISTORICAL PHOTO

This week’s historical photo depicts scenes from the 1980 Athletics Carnival at Gooden Drive.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

This week, from the 19th August to the 23rd August is Book Week and this year’s theme is ‘Read across the Universe’. Last Friday, the organisers of Book Week, The Children’s Book Council of Australia, announced the 2013 Book of the Year award winners. Some of the winning books include: *The Children of the King* by Sonya Hartnett, *The Terrible Suitcase* by Emma Allen, *The Coat* by Ron Brooks and *Tom the Outback Mailman* by Kristin Weidenbach. To celebrate Book Week the following events have been organized:

- A ‘Bake a Book’ Competition due by Friday, 30th August. (OPTIONAL)
- ‘Musical Stories’ – A performance by the Infants children (details below)
- ‘Space Jump’ Performance for Primary and Infants children (Thursday 29th August)

Notes with specific details about all these events was sent home last week.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

*The final day to enter your records is this Friday 23rd August. No entries can be accepted after this date.*

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Thursday 15 August 2013 students from St Paul the Apostle competed in the Hills Zone Athletics Carnival. We were fortunate to have a wonderful showing of parents on the day who volunteered to assist with serving morning tea, officiating and transporting the children. Thank you to each and every one of you for being there to encourage and motivate the students during their events. Congratulations to all the students who competed on the day and a special mention to the following students who made it through to the Diocesan Carnival:

- Jennifer Grubba 1st Shot Put
- Jennifer Grubba 2nd Discus
- Georgia Beeche 2nd Shot Put
- Cameron Bliss 4th Discus
- Tamekah Brennan 4th Shot Put
- Callum Walker 3rd Long Jump

TRIVIA NIGHT REMINDER

A reminder that the Trivia Night is on this Saturday, 24 August. As there are limited seats remaining it would be very much appreciated if anyone intending to come could return booking forms and money to the office by Friday morning 23rd August. Tickets are $10 each. Thank you

MUSICAL AFTERNOON CONCERT

Please find below details of a special musical concert prepared by Mrs. Nash and the infant’s classes, as part of Book Week celebrations. Parents are most welcome!

**Music Note**

KI, KP, 1L, 1R, 2C and 2G perform Musical Stories

Tomorrow, Thursday 22nd August, at 2.45pm Father Dave Scott Parish Centre