Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of St Paul's,

Sunday’s Gospel from Matthew spoke about salt of the earth people – life giving people. In the ancient world salt was used not just for flavouring but importantly as a preservative. Matthew asks us to be salt for the earth – to care for its beauty and continue to act in a way that preserves the earth and all the inhabitants of it. Matthew invites us also to be light for the world. That is to keep our light shining for all to see to make a difference to those around us. Our lights all vary from one another. We may have a variety of light or gifts and we are encouraged not to hide our light but leave it for all to see.

On Monday I had the privilege of going with the Year 6 leaders to a special day to celebrate their unique gifts as leaders. It was a fabulous day where the students participated in problem solving activities that invited them to work in teams. It soon became obvious the qualities and gifts all of them possess! I felt very honoured to be witness to this beautiful group of students and enjoyed getting to know them a little more. I would like to say a special thank you to Rebecca Borg and Danielle Bliss for transporting the children. They drove the children all the way to Springwood and back and I am very grateful for their assistance.

Last Friday we celebrated our opening school mass and I was thrilled to see so many parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who attended. It was a wonderful way to start the year and I look forward to sharing many more liturgies with you all.

We have had a great start to the teaching and learning here at St Paul’s. I am impressed with what I see as I roam throughout the classrooms. Most of the teachers have completed the MAI’s (maths assessment). This has given us vital information about where your child is situated in numeracy – we know their strengths and challenges and can get on with the business of meeting their individual needs as a learner. Assessments will continue in various forms over the next few weeks especially in literacy.

Thank you to all the families who have complied with the school uniform policy in regards to the correct sports shoes. There is still 1 week to get sorted and organise sports shoes that have a base colour of white with white shoelaces. There are a couple of families whom have sent requests for consideration and I am gradually working through those cases – thank you for your patience. I will be in touch later in the week. We are looking into purchasing white sports socks with St Paul’s across the top to replace the brown socks. I will let you know as more information becomes available. Until then, please continue to wear the brown socks.

I look forward to seeing you all at the parent information meetings next week:

| Monday 17 Feb. | Kindergarten - 7pm; | Year 6 - 8pm. |
| Tuesday 18 Feb. | Year 1 - 7pm; | Year 3 - 8pm. |
| Wednesday 19 Feb. | Year 2 - 7pm; | Year 4 - 8pm. |
| Thursday 20 Feb. | Year 5 - 7pm. | |

Have a great week everyone. Marian Bell

PUBLISHING TEAM NEWS

This year, children from The Publishing Team will be reporting on events around the school each week. Please check out the website for this week’s report by Jack Cawley and Monique Clenton. Click on ‘News & Events’ and then ‘Latest News’.

This Friday, February 14, the Publishing Team will be presented with their badges at the Primary Assembly in the Parish Centre, 2.30pm.
SYMPATHY
Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to Antoine Nakhoul (Chanel 6J and Alyssa 4TL) on the recent death of his mother.

REMINDER
There are still a number of Family Information Cards which have not yet been returned to the office. Please complete and return these cards so we can ensure our information is up to date.

P&F AGM
Our very first Parents and Friends’ meeting for 2014 will take place on Tuesday, 4 March at 7.30pm in the STAFF ROOM. Business of the Meeting will include reports on activities that took place in 2013 and the election of the P&F executive committee for 2014. All positions on the committee are open for nomination.

A Description of Executive Roles and a nomination form for these executive roles is being emailed or sent home to all families today with the Newsletter. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone for one of these positions please fill in the nomination form and return to school by Friday 28 February, addressed to Mrs Bell or Mrs Bliss. We are looking forward to welcoming many new families to our P&F Meetings.

At Springwood, for the Leadership Day Monday 10 February 2014

Dates to Remember

February
12 Gymnastics commenced today
14 Primary Assembly, Year 6  2.30pm Parish Centre
17 Parent Information Nights commence;  Life Education Van visiting this week
21 Infants Assembly - Year 2
24 Welcoming Ceremony 9.15am

SOCIAL SKILLS FOCUS
Our social skills focus for next week (Week 4) is
Wear your uniform correctly

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE WIDOWED
CCCSS Solo Parent Ministry is commencing two Bereavement Support Programs within the next few weeks. Seasons for Growth is a five week Program that commences on 19 Feb at Glenbrook, between 10.30 and 12.30. If we do not have a required number for this Program we will postpone it for a couple of weeks. The other Program is an 8 Session Bereavement Support Program that runs every fortnight at Blacktown between 10.00 and 12.00 and commences on 4 March (This was postponed due to lack of numbers on 4 Feb). Both of these Programs provide education and personal support within a small group setting, assisting those who grieve the death of their spouse to better understand the process of grief and to be supported in moving forward gently but assuredly in the midst of deep pain and loss. See Flyers on Notice Board. For further details and registration for both of these Programs contact Eileen or Rita on 9933 0205 or soloparentministry@cess.org.au
St Paul the Apostle, Winston Hills - P & F Association

Notice is hereby given of the **Annual General Meeting of the P & F Association** to be held on **Tuesday 5 March 2014 in the Staff Room at 7.30pm.**

*Business of the Meeting will include reports on activities of 2013 and the election of the executive committee for 2014.*

**Chairperson**
- Lead and coordinate executive team
- Chair general and executive meeting
- Be available as CEO committee member for the appointment of any Principal or Assistant Principal at St Paul the Apostle School
- Furnish reports to the Parish Council
- Make any presentations as required

**Vice Chairperson**
- Be available to stand in for the Chairperson if for any reason he/she is unavailable

**Secretary**
- Take minutes at General and Executive meetings
- Provide minutes of meetings and remind executive of forthcoming meetings
- General minutes to whole school. These are first to be vetted by the school Principal before distribution
- Send correspondence as required

**Treasurer**
- Maintain cashbook and bank account records
- Ensure accurate reporting of financial position of P & F Association
- Arrange drawing of cheques, cheque signatures and distribution
- Bank all monies received
- Reconcile bank statements and prepare Income and Expenditure Statements for presentation at Executive, General and Annual General Meetings

**Social Co-ordinator(s)**
- Co-ordinate social functions throughout the year (first point of contact for all social and fund raising activities)
- Organise sub-committees for social and/or fund raising functions
- Make reports to executive and general meetings
- Arrange for tea, coffee, biscuits etc at all executive and general meetings

**Publicity Officer**
- Assist Social Co-ordinator(s) with publicity as and when required
- Produce P&F Newsletter, incorporating information about upcoming events and other appropriate items
- Co-ordinate publicity throughout School and Parish of all P&F activities

**Working Bee Co-ordinator(s)**
- Co-ordinate working bees once a term and on special events if required (e.g. prior to end of year)
- Co-ordinate with Principal on jobs required to be completed during working bees and distribution of Working Bee note to families
- Organise food and drink, materials, tools, etc for each working bee
St Paul the Apostle
Parents & Friends Association

Nomination Form

To: The Chairperson
P & F Association

I, .............................................................. hereby
nominate ................................................ (please print)
for the position of ...................................... on the
Executive of St Paul the Apostle Parents & Friends Association
for 2014.

Signed  ......................................................

Acceptance of Nomination

I, .............................................................. hereby accept nomination for the
abovenamed position.

Signed  ......................................................

Date: ........................................