Dear Parents & Carers,

22nd February, 2012

Lent begins today

Today, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent in our Church Year. Lent is a period of six weeks in which the memory and enduring impact of the extraordinary story of Jesus is captured. During this time we are called to reflect on his life and death, his response to his calling, his ministry, his death and resurrection. While in the Catholic tradition customs and rituals have changed, Lent is still a time to stop, to give, to remember and to connect in a bigger way to the life of the church and to our own inner life. The children attended Mass this morning and will be engaged in learning about Ash Wednesday, Lent and Easter over the next six weeks.

Thanks P and F

A huge thank you to Alisha Blackwood and Kym Morris our P and F co-presidents for organising the Welcome BBQ last week. They were well supported by Mark Davidson and Jon Sorohan from the Community Centre. We were thrilled to see and meet so many families – it was a lovely afternoon.

Anniversary of the Sorry Day Speech

Last Wednesday Mrs Connie Koch, our ATSI teacher, organised a school assembly to commemorate the day Kevin Rudd addressed the Australian Parliament to say, amongst other things, sorry to the Stolen Generation. A special and moving part of the liturgy was when Mrs Mills shared her story with the school. Thank you Mrs Mills – we are lucky to have you at St Paul’s.

Drop Off and Pick Up

We are having a “blitz” at drop off and pick up times Please note the following:

• The car park off Jean St, the Church car park, IS NOT a drop off and Pick up area and is unsupervised.

• You can park in the limited car parks in St Paul’s Drive and walk into the school but you can’t drive into the school grounds for dropping off or picking up your child.

• Talganda St is the main area where you are encouraged to drop off your child and collect them in the afternoon. Remember you have until 3:15pm to pick them up.

• Burrigan St (at the back of the oval) though not supervised is also a suitable place to park your car when collecting your children.

God bless and have a great week!

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