Dear Members of the St Paul's Community

Welcome Back!
Welcome back to school everyone! A warm welcome is especially extended to all the new students and their families at St Paul’s this year. It is always a joy to see the children when they come in to school on the first day refreshed and excited to start the new school year.

P&F Welcome Night
Everyone is invited to join us for a picnic / sausage sizzle this Friday 5 February from 5.00-8.00pm, hosted by the P&F to welcome all families to the new school year. BYO picnic or a sausage sizzle and drinks are available for purchase. There will also be a Gymbus and a vintage ice-pops cart, so make sure you bring your wallet!

School Improvements
We have been very busy over the holidays making improvements to the school. The usual holiday jobs have been carried out, including an overall spring clean, carpet shampooing, pest control treatments and gardening.

- In the Early Childhood Area the sand in the sandpit has been replaced. New fencing has also been installed and the boundary extended to provide more playing space for the Pre Kindy, Kindy and Pre Primary children.

- The floorboards in the Heritage Hall have been sanded and highly polished.

- In the Year 4 and 6 classrooms upstairs in the heritage building, the electronic whiteboards have been upgraded to TVs and a connecting doorway has been installed to facilitate team teaching and learning between the classes.

- In the primary toilet block, the roof has been replaced and new ceilings installed to include new exhaust fans in the girls’ toilets and a Velux opening skylight in the boy’s toilets. The urinal has also been upgraded.

My sincere thanks go to all the staff for their hard work during the holidays preparing interesting programs of work and setting up attractive learning spaces in readiness for the students.

New Staff
I’m sure you will join me in welcoming the following new staff members to St Paul’s, Mark Fitzpatrick (Year 4), Donna Robins (Reading Recovery), Loretta Kerse (Phys Ed) and Peta Taylor (Library). We look forward to working with these wonderful staff members this year.

St Paul’s Primary School is committed to Christ-centred education, inspired by the vision of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions and the teachings of St Paul, empowering us to seek the truth and grow in knowledge from darkness into the light of Christ.

A Prayer for the New School Year
Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year! Amen
Kindy Information Night
Just a reminder that tonight, Thursday 4 February, there will be a Kindy information session in the Kindy at 6.00 pm. It is important that all Kindy parents attend this meeting.

CEO Staff Commissioning Mass
Please note that, next Tuesday 9 February, the staff will attend the annual CEO Staff Commissioning Mass at Infant Jesus Morley Parish Church. The Mass commences at 4.30pm so the staff will not be available to meet with parents after school on that day. Parents are asked to ensure that their children are picked up promptly.

P&F Meeting
The P&F meetings are usually held in the second week of the month. The first P&F meeting this year will take place next Friday 19 February at 9.00am in the Barbier Hall. All parents are warmly invited to attend. Please come along, have a cup of tea, meet other parents and get involved in the many worthwhile projects around the school.

Assemblies for 2015
Each Monday at 8.45am the students from Years 1 to 6 have a brief Prayer Assembly in the Barbier Hall, during which we pray as a whole school, announce the events for the week and acknowledge children’s birthdays. Parents are warmly welcomed to attend these assemblies.

Friday Assemblies (Years 1-6) are held every fortnight throughout the year, commencing at 8.45am. During these assemblies Student Merit Awards are issued and each class takes turns in presenting an item. On Friday 12 February, we will have our first Friday Assembly presented by the Year 6 students.

THE ‘ST PAUL’S WAY’ ROAD SAFETY POLICY
As we start the new school year, we need to remember the parking and drop-off/pick-up procedures which have been put into place to ensure the safety of your children.

PARKING:
• It is important to show consideration for our neighbours by not parking on their verges or across their driveways. The City of Stirling Ranger will take action if people park illegally around the school.
• Drivers of 4WD vehicles and vans should try to park in Rookwood St, as they block the view of other cars when reversing out on Learoyd St.
• Sedans should park in Learoyd St, if possible, rather than taking a bay on Rookwood St.
• To alleviate congestion, people are welcome to park in the church car park in Rookwood St and walk the rest of the way to school.

Please note:
• There is definitely no parking in the drive-through pick up zone. Do not park and leave your car in the drive-through (even if picking up your Kindy child at 2:45pm), as this blocks other cars and causes traffic congestion.
• Follow the arrows when approaching and exiting the drive-through.
• Cars travelling southward (toward ECU) along Learoyd St need to go around the block and come back along Learoyd Street in a northerly direction (from Rookwood St) to approach the drive-through correctly.

A copy of the St Paul’s Way Road Safety Plan is attached to this week’s newsletter. Please keep this document for your reference throughout the year and share it with any of the other carers who may be picking up your children from time to time.
Before & After School Duty of Care
Children are not to play in the school grounds before and after school.

**Before School:** Students should not arrive at school before 8.30am as there is no playground supervision until then. On the occasions when they arrive before 8.30am they must sit on the benches outside the office. Classrooms open at 8.30am so that the children can go directly to their classrooms to prepare for the day. If your child arrives at school later than 8.45am you must sign them in at the office before they go to their classroom.

**After School:** There is no teacher on duty in the playground after 3.30pm. The children must go straight to the teachers on duty in the drive-through area when they are dismissed from class at 3.10pm, unless their parents have walked to the classroom to collect them. Parents who are on the school grounds must ensure that their children refrain from playing on the equipment or the court area during the busy time straight after the bell from 3.10-3.30pm.

These procedures have been set in place to ensure the safety of all the children at St Paul’s and we look forward to your support in this matter.

School Calendar for 2016
The school term calendars for 2016 are posted on the school website. For your convenience we have attached the Term 1 calendar to the end of this newsletter. Please be aware that, due to unforeseen circumstances, there may be changes to some dates during the year and if this happens you will be notified through the newsletter.

2016 Pupil Free Days
Catholic schools are allocated Pupil Free Days each year for staff professional development. One day of leave is also allocated to staff in recognition of their commitment to Church activities outside school hours. We are directed to schedule these days to adjoin term holidays or a long weekend, if possible. The staff attended two professional development days at the start of the school year on January 28 and 29.

The Pupil Free Days and Public Holidays for 2016 are listed below:

**Term 1**
- **Week 6**
  - Mon 7 March - Labour Day
  - Tues 8 March - Pupil Free/Staff PD
- **Week 8/9**
  - Fri 25 March - Good Friday
  - Mon 28 March - Easter Monday
  - Tues 29 March - Easter Tuesday

**Term 2**
- **Week 1**
  - Mon 25 April - ANZAC Day
- **Week 7**
  - Mon 6 June - WA Day
  - Tues 7 June - Pupil Free/Staff PD
- **Week 10**
  - Fri 1 July - Pupil Free Day / Staff Catholic Day

**Term 3**
- **Week 1**
  - Mon 18 July - Pupil Free/Staff PD
  - Fri 23 September - Pupil Free/Staff PD

**Term 4**
- **Week 1**
  - Mon 10 Oct - Pupil Free/Staff PD

These dates are posted on the school webpage. Please mark them on your calendar and remember to arrange alternative supervision for your children on these days.

May God bless us and guide us on our journey through the 2016 school year.

Joanna Noonan
PRINCIPAL
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' NEWS

Prayer Assembly
Every Monday morning at 8.45am, the students come together for a Prayer Assembly. We come together as a school community to sing the National Anthem, pray the school prayer and acknowledge student birthdays and we sing the school song. We invite parents to join us as we begin the start of each week. We look forward to seeing you there.

Opening / Ash Wednesday Mass
Our opening Mass this year will take place on Ash Wednesday, 10 February at 10.00 am, and the students from Years 1-6 will celebrate Mass and receive their ashes in the parish church. It is always great to see parents at these Masses to offer prayerful support to their children as they commence the new academic year. At 11.20 am the Kindy and Pre Primary children will receive their ashes in a short ceremony at school.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME
St Paul’s Parish ‘All Sacraments’ Parent Information Meeting
The annual St Paul’s Parish ‘All Sacraments’ Parent Information Meeting, will be held next Thursday 11 February, at 6.30pm at St Paul’s Church. Fr Timothy Deeter will present at this meeting and discuss very important information with regard to the Sacraments. Please remember that it is compulsory for parents of children in Years 3, 4 and 6 preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation to attend this Parish Sacramental Meeting.

St Paul’s Parish ‘All Sacraments’ Commitment Masses
Sacramental Commitment Masses will be held on Saturday 13 February at 6.00pm and Sunday 14 February at 8.00am and 9.30am, at St Paul’s Church. Parents and Candidates receiving one of the sacraments must attend one of the Masses at the above times. This is a commitment in preparing for the sacrament during the year and also an opportunity for the community to pray for these students and their families. The children love signing the Commitment Register on the altar during these special masses.

Upcoming Events
- Monday 8 February Prayer Assembly 8.45am (Year 5)
- Wednesday 10 February Opening Whole School Mass/Ash Wednesday 10.00am St Paul’s Church Year 1-6 (Year 6)
- Thursday 11 February All Sacraments Meeting St Paul’s Church 6.30pm

Mac Callisto & Jesse Yock

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

SCHOOL NEWS

School Fees—Health Care Card
2016 School fee accounts will be issued shortly. I remind families wishing to claim the Health Care or concession card discount that they need to call in at the office to complete the appropriate form and produce a current card. Please note a new form must be completed at the start of the year.
Details must be received by Friday 12 February to obtain the discount.
Please contact the Bursar, Mrs Virginia Thomas on 9271 8593 if you have any questions.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Hours
- Each Wednesday afternoon 2:45pm-3:30pm.
- Otherwise orders/payment can be left in office.
- Cash or Cheque ONLY.
1:1 Macbook Program

There is much excitement in Year Four this year as the 1:1 Macbook program gets underway. Year 4 parents were invited to a Macbook Set Up session on Wednesday evening and feedback about the program in its initial stages has been very promising. We look forward to bringing you further updates of this new initiative in the future.
Congratulations to Dr Catherine Keenan, one of St Paul’s past pupils, who was the recipient of an Australian of the Year Award this year. St Paul’s has produced many outstanding citizens during the course of its history since its founding in 1929.

Australia’s Local Hero 2016

Dr Catherine Keenan
Youth educator

A former journalist, arts writer and literary editor, Catherine Keenan turned her back on her career in 2012 to help nurture the talent and creativity of marginalised young Australians. As the co-founder and executive director of the Sydney Story Factory, Catherine has helped thousands of primary and high school students express themselves through writing and storytelling. Catherine, who has a doctorate in English literature from Oxford University, is focused on helping people from Indigenous and non-English speaking backgrounds, but everyone is welcome to attend the Sydney Story Factory and all classes are free. With energy, enthusiasm and sheer hard work, Catherine has raised funds, established partnerships and trained more than 1,200 volunteers who work with students one-on-one or in small groups to teach them writing skills, cultivate their creativity and help them find their own voice. Catherine’s passion for language, literature and creative writing is building self-esteem and academic achievement, opening pathways to higher education and improving the life choices of many young Australians.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Welcome back everyone! We are looking forward to an active and successful 2016 for all our students. Here is the outline for Physical Education at St Paul’s for this term.

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If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Miss Loretta Kerse at kerse.loretta@cathednet.wa.edu.au or alternatively every Tuesday or Wednesday at school.

Junior Primary Hockey Incursion

Next Monday, 8 February, all students in Years 1-3 will have the opportunity to participate in a modified hockey session. Modernians Hockey Club has joined forces with Hockey WA to promote the sport to junior players in our school setting. A Professional Development Officer from Hockey WA will come to St Paul’s to give our younger kids an introduction to the game via the Hook in 2 Hockey program. This is a great opportunity for the students in junior primary to experience a different sport in a supported session. All students in Years 1-3 will need to wear their sports uniform on Monday 8 February for this event.
ST PAUL’S FAMILY WELCOME NIGHT PICNIC

This FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2016
5pm – 8pm
On the lawn area

All of the St Paul’s School community are warmly invited and welcome to attend

BYO PICNIC
OR A SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND DRINKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
(WATER, JUICE AND SOFT DRINKS)

LUNCH ORDER NEWS

LUNCH ORDER ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK:

Monday 8 Anna Dang       Wednesday 10 Vicky Cirillo       Friday 12 Geraldine Hall

ST PAUL’S PARISH ALTAR SERVER ROSTER
6 & 7 FEBRUARY 2016

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KEYED UP MUSIC
We will be running Violin, Clarinet, Flute, Guitar and Keyboard lessons starting in Term 1
Lessons start from $17.00 for half an hour in a small group
For enquires please phone Therese on 1300366243 or visit our website
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Prayer Assembly – Yr 6 | 2 | 3  
Yr 4 Parent Information Session  
5:00-7:00pm in Barbier Hall  
1:1 Macbook Set Up | 4  
Kindy Info Night 6:00pm | 5  
P & F Welcoming Night  
5.00pm-8.00pm | 6/7  |
| 2 | 8  
Prayer Assembly - Yr 5  
Junior Primary Hokey Incursion Y1-3 | 9 Shrove Tuesday | 10  
ASH WEDNESDAY  
10:00 Opening Whole School Mass & Distribution of Ashes (Y1-6) Y6  
11:20 K-PP Distribution of Ashes | 11  
No Mass  
All Sacraments Parent Meeting 6:30pm  
St Paul’s Church | 12  
Assembly – Yr 6  
P&F Meeting in Barbier Hall  
9.30am (TBC) | 13/14  
Valentine’s Day  
Sacramental Commitment Masses | |
| 3 | 15  
Prayer Assembly – Yr 4 | 16  
Class Prayer 9:00 - Yr 3  
Parent Information Night  
6:30pm (PP-Y6) | 17 | 18  
Mass 9:15am (Yr 4-6) Y5 | 19  
5/6  |
| 4 | 22  
Prayer Assembly - Yr 3  
G&T TOLA Testing | 23  
Class Prayer 9:00 - Yr 2  
Board Meeting 6.30pm | 24  
Year 6 Camp | 25  
Year 6 Camp  
Mass 9:15am (Y4 & 5) Y4 | 26  
Year 6 Camp  
Assembly –Yr 5 | 27/28  |
| 5 Mar | 29  
Prayer Assembly - Yr 2 | 1  
Class Prayer 9:00 – Yr 1 | 2 | 3  
No Mass | 4  
10:00am Mass  
World Day of Prayer  
“Cuba” (Y4-6) Y6 | 5/6  |
| 6 | 7  
LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY | 8  
PUPIL FREE DAY | 9 | 10  
Communal Reconciliation  
(Yr 4-6) 9:15am | 11  
Assembly – Music  
P&F Meeting in Barbier Hall  
9.30am (TBC)  
MISSION DAY | 12/13  |
| 7 | 14  
Prayer Assembly – Yr 1 | 15  
Class Prayer 9:00 – Yr 6 | 16  
School Swimming Carnival  
Belmont Oasis Y3-6 | 17  
ST PATRICK’S DAY  
9.15 Mass (Y4-6) Y5 | 18  
19/20  
PALM SUNDAY  
Parish/School Mass 9.30am (Y6) | |
| 8 HOLY WEEK | 21  
HARMONY DAY  
Prayer Assembly - Yr 6  
Catholic Marriage & Fertility Services Incursion (Yr 5 & 6) | 22  
Holy Week Reflection  
Palm Sunday 8.45am (Yr 1 & 2)  
Board Meeting 6.30pm | 23  
Holy Week Reflection  
HOLY THURSDAY 8.45am (Yr 3 & 4)  
Board Meeting 6.30pm | 24  
HOLY THURSDAY  
Stations of the Cross & Benediction 9.15am  
(Yr1-6) | 25  
GOOD FRIDAY | 26/27  |
| 9 Mar/April | 28 EASTER MONDAY  
Public Holiday | 29 EASTER TUESDAY  
Pupil Free Day | 30 | 31  
Mass 9:15am (Y4-6) Y4 | 1  
Assembly –Yr 3 | 2/3  
Parish/  
School Mass 9.30am  
Divine Mercy’  
Yr 5 | |
| 10 | 4  
Prayer Assembly – Yr 5  
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Parent Teacher Interviews  
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Parent Teacher Interviews  
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The Annunciation 9:15 End of Term Mass (Y1-6) Y6 | 8  
Last day of term  
P&F Meeting in Barbier Hall  
9.30am (TBC) | 9/10  |
The 'St Paul's Way' Road Safety Plan

Making the streets and community safer for our children.

The winning design from the Bumper Sticker Competition (shown above) was put in families' car windows to show support and honour their pledge to safely drive the 'St Paul's Way'.
St Paul’s Primary School Traffic Management Plan

The following Traffic Management Plan includes strategies to address:

1. How access and parking to the school site is to be managed.
2. How the plan is to be implemented.
3. How the school will resource the management of the Learoyd St “drive-through”, the drop-off and pick-up and set-down facility.

INTRODUCTION

- In partnership with the City of Stirling, St Paul’s Primary School developed the ‘Drive the St Paul’s Way’ initiative several years ago. Our purpose was to get our children home safely, while promoting safe driving habits and relieving traffic congestion, especially at pick up time.

- The ‘St Paul’s Way’ road safety awareness plan is reviewed and refined regularly.

- At pick-up time after school, staff members wearing high visibility vests are on duty to direct traffic entering the drive-through.

- The St Paul’s Parish Church car park on Rookwood Street (approx. 5 minute walk) has also been designated as an overflow parking area.

- Motorists (parents and grandparents of school children) are regularly advised in notes and articles in the school newsletter that they are required to follow the ‘St Paul’s Way’ plan and obey any instructions given to them by the staff on duty when picking up and dropping off their children.

- A Bumper Sticker Competition to find the best logo to advertise the ‘St Paul’s Way’ Plan was held and parents were encouraged to sign a pledge to support this initiative.

- We frequently support schemes like “Walk to School Day” and reward children for walking at least part of the way to school.

- We ask that ALL families, including grandparents and relatives who occasionally pick up students, read this information and pledge their support, to safely ‘drive the St Paul’s way’. It is important that this information is shared with all members of your family who are likely to pick up your children, even if only rarely.

- Please treat the staff on duty with respect and follow their directions. Directing the traffic (in all weathers) is over and above a teacher’s call of duty and done out of concern for the safety of the children.
‘St Paul’s Way’

To ensure the smooth and safe pick up of students it is imperative that we all abide by the following guidelines.

Parents are asked to use the roads around the school block as a **ONE-WAY system** during pick up and drop-off times to ease traffic flow and allow easy access to parking bays.

Drivers should aim to keep the school on their left at all times so the traffic flows –

- Along Learoyd St
- Left at Thongsbridge St
- Left at Robin St
- Left at Rookwood St
- Left back into Learoyd St
If you enter the drive-through area and your child is not there, do not stop and wait for them. Instead, continue through the drive-through and turn left into Learoyd St and proceed around the block.

Do not try to pass a car in the drive-through that has stopped to pick up a child.

Cars should NOT park in the drive-through at any time as this blocks other cars needing to drive through.

Do NOT queue in Learoyd St.
It is important that the parking bays along Learoyd St are not obstructed. Cars should not queue beyond the entry to the school drive-through, but continue along Learoyd St as mentioned above.
Rules of Drop off / Pick Up Zone

- Enter Drive-through at 5km/hr from Learoyd St using the ‘St Paul’s Way’
- Move as far forward as possible into the driveway
- Children must enter/exit the vehicle from the left hand side if possible
- Buckle children in before leaving drive way
- Leave drive way turning left only into Learoyd St.