Dear Members of the St Paul’s Community

P&F Welcome Night
It was great to see so many happy families at the P&F Welcome Night last Friday. Sincere thanks go to the President of the P&F, Juliet Bruining; Emma Gregory; Maureen Quin; Kirsten Dechan; Rachael and Dane O’Callaghan; Melinda D’Orsogna; Lina and Mark Colletti; Carly Willcox; Heather Allingame; Lisa Battalis; Sally Roberts-Leader; Liz Kodituwakklu; Marina Murphy; Caroline Philogene; Priscilla and Scott Redclift for organising the event. The Welcome Night is always great fun and gives everyone the opportunity to welcome new families and catch up with old friends.

Opening / Ash Wednesday Mass
On Wednesday we had our Opening / Ash Wednesday Mass. The students from Years 1-6 celebrated Mass and received their ashes in the parish church. It is always great to see parents at these Masses offering prayerful support to their children as they commence the new academic year. At 11.20 am the Kindy and Pre Primary children received their ashes in a short ceremony at school.

Parent Information Night
The Parent Information Night will be held next Tuesday 16 February at 6.30pm in the Barbier Hall, commencing with a general address. We will then break into class groups and the teachers will run two identical 30-minute sessions in their classrooms, so that parents with more than one child can attend two different class sessions. Parents with more than two children may need to schedule another time to meet with the class teacher. It is most important that at least one parent from each family attends these meetings to meet the teacher and set expectations for the rest of the school year.

P&F Meeting
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.

Have a happy Valentine’s Day on Sunday!

Joanna Noonan
PRINCIPAL
St Paul’s Parish ‘All Sacraments’ Parent Information Meeting
Fr Tim will be presenting St Paul’s Parish ‘All Sacraments’ Parent Information Meeting tonight, Thursday 11 February, at 6.30pm at St Paul’s Church. 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.

Parish Sacramental Commitment Masses
This weekend we have the Parish Sacramental Commitment Masses on Saturday 6pm and Sunday 8am and 9.30am. Students preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation must attend one of the Masses. The children love signing the Commitment Register on the altar during these special Masses.

Lent
Yesterday we all celebrated the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday Mass. As we begin Lent, we have made our commitment for six weeks to renew and deepen our faith through reflection, prayer and sacrifice something which shows us how we can put our faith into action. What will we do to change and become closer followers of our Lord? Whatever we do, must be done with all heart and soul. It is a wonderful opportunity to be selfless and think of others who may need our love, prayer and support. How will you prepare for lent? This is a good opportunity as a family to discuss around your dinner table what you might do and how you will support each other through this time and commit to your promise. We pray that during lent we have the strength to endure and challenge ourselves to become the people that Jesus would want us to be. Good Luck and know that Jesus is with you all the way.

Project Compassion
Today the yearly mission boxes with pamphlets were handed out to all children to take home. We encourage you to talk to your children about the importance of giving and praying for others in our world that need our prayers. Each week in Lent, there is a special story related to different people all over the world who tell their story and how they have been supported by Caritas. Please do take the opportunity to look at these stories on line and other material you can share with your families about how we can all provide help. The website is: www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Together we can empower the world’s poorest people with the opportunity to learn, grow, and create change.

Mission Day will be held on Friday 11 March and this will be a big fundraiser for Project Compassion. Keep a close eye on the newsletter in the next few weeks and also any notes from class teachers as to what stall their class will prepare. Parents may be asked to provide some goods for this. Students will have an opportunity on the day to bring loose change and purchase items from the different stalls. We thankyou in advance for your cooperation.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Saturday/ Sunday 13 and 14 February  
Sacramental Commitment Masses  
Sat 6pm Sun 8am & 9:30am
Monday 15 February  
Prayer Assembly 8.45am (Yr 4)
Tuesday 16 February  
Class Prayer 9.00am (Yr 3)
Thursday 18 February  
Mass 9.15am (Yr 5) Yr4-6

Mac Callisto & Jesse Yock

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

FEbruary
Fri 12  Assembly Yr 6
Sat/Sun  Commitment Masses
Mon 15  Prayer Assembly Yr 4
Tue 16  Class prayer 9am Yr 3
Thur 18  Mass 9:15am Yr 5 (4-6)

Happy Birthday!
Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Charles Horton
April Cue
Marcus Muccilli

Honour Certificates
Yr 1  Alexandra Ridler
Finian Jordan
Yr 2  Scarlet Blechynden
John Chatzimichail
Yr 3  Meghan Giumelli
Dylan Blinco
Yr 4  Eve Chatzimichail
Ciara Harris
Yr 5  Isabella Crean
Ben Corney
Yr 6  Alexander Dowling
Isabella Mackin
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.

IT NEWS

Year 6 enjoys a school-funded 1:1 Chromebook program in the classroom this year. These web-based devices are supplemented with a bank of iPads to allow for increased learning opportunities.

This term students will focus on the meaning of leadership and what it takes to be a good leader. Students selected a famous Australian leader to study and research. They used a mind mapping chart to take notes on aspects of their chosen leader’s life, such as their accomplishments, leadership qualities as well as why they believed they were a good leader.

Reports could be presented in any way the students desired. Many made videos using the iMovie app, posters using the Pic Collage app or slideshows using Google Slides on the chromebooks. These were then presented to the class for viewing.

It was a great way to ease into our leadership unit and allowed students to showcase their technology skills in a variety of ways.
This week, the Liturgical Choir gathered for their first practice.
Pre Kindy

Welcome to all our little 3 year olds who are starting school for the first time. This term, our Pre Kindy class will begin learning all about themselves. We will talk about how God made every one of us unique and the different things we like to do. Students will explore their different feelings and learn how to manage them when playing with others. We will also look at recognising the different colours in the world and begin experimenting with these. Towards the end of the term, students will learn more about the meaning of Easter through simple Bible stories and prayer.

Kindy

Religious Education: Explore our uniqueness and how God created us all.

English: Children will be provided opportunities to role-play writing. A variety of writing paper and writing tools will be provided. Listen to stories daily during mat sessions and provide opportunities for students to retell, answer questions and share feelings and thoughts. Students will be provided with opportunities to recognize their names and other names in the class. Begin to recognize letters and letter names.

Maths: Provide opportunities for measuring through cooking and other art activities. Read/write and say whole numbers, using them to say how many things there are, make collections of given sizes and describe order.

Science: (Life and Living) Understand that people are examples of living things and that like all living things, they change over time.

Humanities: Understands that people live in places made up of various features.

Pre-Primary

Welcome to a FUN FILLED Term in Pre-Primary. We feel as if we are BIG KIDS this year as we are at Pre-Primary every day and we are wearing a uniform.

We are going to be doing wonderful activities based around the theme of ME. This theme is also covered in our Religious Education topics of ‘Special Me’ and ‘Me and My Body’. We will be looking at Senses and an integration of colour using primary and secondary colours.

In LITERACY our focus will be on Concepts of Print, rhyme, oral stories, alphabet, visual/auditory discrimination, printing of our name and alphabet.

In NUMERACY our focus will be numbers 0-10. This will involve: number recognition, 1:1 correspondence, counting, sequencing, number printing, SHAPES-2D and making patterns.

Please come on Roster and be part of our EXCITING LEARNING JOURNEY!
Year 1

Our integrated topic this term is Australia and this includes looking into Aboriginal culture and traditions. In English, our focus will be dreamtime stories. We will be reading lots of different stories and having a go at writing our own too! We are looking at Number and Place Value, using Units of Measurement and Chance in Mathematics over the term and we have some fun hands-on activities planned. Our History unit of work is all about comparing family life in the present to the past. We will look at different family structures and investigate families from a range of cultures in Australia. Sculpture is going to be a focus for Art this term and we are excited to be visiting Sculpture by the Sea later on this term! There are many other exciting learning opportunities happening in Year One this term. We can’t wait to share our learning with you.

Year 2

Hi everyone and welcome back to the new school year. We hope you had a fantastic holiday and that you are prepared for an exciting year ahead. This will be a positive year for your child as we build on the past successes and learn new things in Year 2.

Our theme for this term is ‘The Ocean’ therefore, you will see many beautiful art pieces based on our theme throughout the classroom. We will be working closely with the Year 1 class in Technology and Enterprise (T&E) and History. We have a BIG T&E project to complete this term. For this project, we will be creating sculptures just like they do in the ‘Sculptures by the Sea’ event in Cottesloe, HOW EXCITING! We also have St Patrick’s Day during this term and we are hoping to celebrate this super fun day with parents. Expect to see little leprechauns, lots of GREEN activities and maybe some jigs and reels!

During this term our Writing focus is on recounts and narratives. Our emphasis in Maths will be based on, numbers to 100, addition, subtraction and time. We are covering two units in RE which are ‘Gathered Together’ and ‘Just Like Jesus’. We hope you will attend the Year 2 class prayer in week 4 so that the children can demonstrate all of their learnings.

We hope that your child enjoys the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 2 has to offer!

Year 3

There’s nothing better than starting a new year in a new classroom! We have all made a wonderful start to the year and have settled into the daily classroom routine.

In our classroom, we have begun learning new and exciting things. In Religion we have just discovered how our feelings can sometimes be mistaken and lead us into danger. In Health, our focus will be on success and confidence. In Mathematics, we will be focusing on lots of different areas of Number, Measurement and Chance and Data in preparation for NAPLAN in Term 2. History and English will be integrated as much as possible, so we will be learning about the importance of Country and Place to Indigenous people and in conjunction, learn a variety of text types to present what we’ve learnt. We cannot wait to start our Technology and Enterprise project, as we will be working closely with the Year 4s to design and create marvelous things!

That’s our term in a nutshell! To see more exciting things happening in our classroom, please feel free to jump onto our class webpage. We wish everyone a wonderful term ahead!
Year 4.
The students are very excited to be working with their MacBook Airs this term and are coming to grips with what they can do.

There are several large projects coming up for the Year Four class this term. Firstly they are making a documentary about a world explorer using iMovie. This will involve researching, storyboarding, script writing and filming. The class will also be writing narrative with an emphasis on suspense. Finally, they will be investigating, designing and constructing bridges using popsticks.

In Religion the class will complete the units ‘All Powerful God’ which emphasises the bible and ‘Loved and Forgiven’ that focuses on Lent and Easter.

During Spelling, we will be using the SMART Words program which is being implemented across the school, and our daily Literacy rotations will be based on comprehension, reading, language conventions, handwriting and typing.

Our Maths focus will be on times tables, place value, measurement, addition and subtraction. In History the class will look at the Indigenous history of Australia as well as the discovery and early settlement by Europeans.

Year 5
In Year 5 we are off to a flying start. The students are showing themselves to be motivated, interested, positive and open to new learning. In our class over the course of this term:

- Theological scholars will complete two units on Lent / Easter and the Church.
- Writers will have an opportunity grow and blossom, with a focus on narrative and persuasive writing.
- Readers will expand their minds and comprehension skills through group reading activities.
- Mathematicians will discover new patterns, concepts and problem solving strategies in place value, common and equivalent fractions, solving algorithms, time, measurement of length and area, 2D shapes, and chance events.
- Historians will focus’ their attention on colonial Australia in the 1800’s.
- Artists will explore using art to express beliefs and view points.

The students will work individually, collaboratively in groups and cooperatively with the 6 students. They will work hard to improve both their skills of independence and organisation.

Year 6
Welcome back to what is shaping up to be a very busy term in Year 6!

We’re all eagerly counting down the days until our Leadership Camp in Week 4, where we will challenge ourselves and create memories that will stay with us forever.

Term 1 will also see us preparing ourselves to receive the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation later this year.

During our Numeracy Dedicated Time our focus is on Orders of Operations, Place Value and Mental Computation, while our Literacy focus continues to include the new Smart Words program, Grammar and Report Writing.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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 contact her every Tuesday or Wednesday at school.

Junior Primary Hockey Incursion

**DUE TO THE EXTREME WEATHER THIS EVENT WAS RESCHEDULED TO:**

**Monday, 15 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 15 February** for this event.

LUNCH ORDER NEWS

**LUNCH ORDER ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK:**

| Monday 15 | Kristy Parker | Wednesday 17 | Carla Morris-Luck | Friday 19 | Melissa Townsend |

PARISH NEWS

**ST PAUL’S PARISH ALTAR SERVER ROSTER**

**13 & 14 FEBRUARY 2016**

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LENT at St Paul’s

TUESDAYS - 7.30 to 9pm
Bible Study - Old Testament Lessons
   for New Testament Living

WEDNESDAYS - 6.15 to 8pm
Adoration - Silent prayer / confession available / Chaplet of
   Divine Mercy / Simple Benediction

THURSDAYS - 7.30 to 9pm
Catechism / RCIA - What Do Catholics Believe?
   (for inquirers and members - all welcome)

FRIDAYS - 6.15pm (after 5.45pm Mass)
Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Mass every weekday evening at 5.45pm
OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS
for
NEW TESTAMENT LIVING

We will read selected passages from the Old Testament, and then view portions of films that dramatise those passages, before discussing the ethical and personal issues that the scriptures portray. We will focus on five major Old Testament figures and the real-life situations they faced:

Jacob cheating * payback * true love * family reconciliation
Joseph favouritism * sibling rivalry * pride * forgiveness
David talent * lust * betrayal * questioning God * humility
Solomon wisdom * infatuation * depression * making choices
Esther beauty * prejudice * desperation * faith * self-surrender

Please bring your own Bible!

Tuesdays of Lent - 7.30 to 9.00pm
St Paul’s Church Undercroft / 106 Rookwood Street / Menora
Lenten Faith Formation
Thursdays - 7.30 to 9.00pm
St Paul’s Church Undercroft
106 Rookwood Street - Menora

We will view portions of this acclaimed new video series and examine corresponding paragraphs from The Catechism of the Catholic Church as we discuss basic elements of the Faith:

The Journey of Faith / Who is Jesus?

The Seven Sacraments

The Eucharist / A Walk through the Mass

Why Do We Need the Church?

Mary and the Saints / The Last Things

All are welcome to these sessions: Catholics wanting to learn more about the Faith, non-Catholics seeking information, and non-Catholics who are interested in joining the Catholic Church.
10 mindsets to improve your parenting

The best intentions may not be enough to raise happy kids. Here are 10 mindsets to help you on the path to parenting success.

1. Believe in your child
This is easy if you have an early maturer, a child who has talents you value, or one who easily achieves anything he or she puts his mind to. But it’s a different story if you have a child who struggles at school or to make friends, or just has a different interest to you. Your belief in your child’s abilities is revealed through your expectations, your body language, even the expression on your face.

2. Look for the best
What you focus on expands so if all you see is misbehaviour, weakness and poor performance than you’ll get more of those things. Set your antennae for children’s strengths, abilities and social behaviour and you’ll invariably get more of those.

3. Think long term
If you want your child to become independent then don’t do everything for him or her. You need to teach them some skills so they can become self-sufficient.

4. Awareness, teaching and opportunity are the main requirements for kids to pick up these skills. They need to be aware of what can be done. They need to acquire the skills - some take more teaching than others. They also need the opportunity to put things into practice.

5. Be brave
Parents of large families invariably give their later born children more freedom than they gave their first-born. We are always tighter with our first-born than later born as by the time you have 4 or 5 kids you’ve worked out what’s worth worrying about. So if you are parent of one or two kids give them more freedom and responsibility; you need to be brave!

6. Think family
Successful parents have found a way to lead their family in one direction. To do this you must think in terms of parenting ‘the gang’ rather than individual children. “What’s in the best interest of my child?” has replaced “What’s in the best interest of the family?” as the guiding family principle. This has partly come along as a result of small families, and partly it’s a social imperative that is common among aspirational parents where wanting the best for your kids means wanting what’s best for each child as an individual, rather considering what may be in the best for the entire gang.

7. Build your community
Parents don’t raise kids well in isolation yet there is often a reluctance to share the parenting with others. Successful parents know they haven’t all the answers so they build a community of support and expertise around them.

8. Trust the process
Sometimes the desire to want the very best for our child can lead us to interfere at school, pre-school, childcare, even when kids are at their grandparents. It’s best to trust the process and allow people to educate, care for and look after your child in their own way.

9. Adversity builds character
It’s natural to want life to be easy for our children, but sometimes an effort to ensure their well-being we smooth things over for them. It is through the small hardships that kids experience that they build the persistence and resilience necessary for continued success.

10. This too shall pass
The hardest part of parenting is supporting kids when life doesn’t go their way. There is plenty of research that suggests that kids benefit from having parents who have a positive parenting style that get the balance right between protecting, teaching and nurturing kids when life gets hard. This starts with the belief that “This hardship too shall pass.”

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