PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Members of the St Paul’s Community

Music Assembly
This Friday at 8.45am Mr Dabbs will be holding a Music Assembly to showcase the talents of the music students. Please come along to encourage our budding musicians.

Swimming Carnival
The St Paul’s swimming carnival is next Wednesday 16 March at Belmont Oasis Swimming Pool. The events are scheduled to start at 10am and conclude by 2pm. We hope to see as many parents there as possible to cheer and support the children in their races. Please remember there will be no lunch orders for this day.

Whole School Incursion (Pre-Primary to Year 6) – Opera’s Got Talent!
On Thursday 17 March the students in Pre-Primary to Year 6 will have the opportunity to participate in an Arts Incursion entitled, “Opera’s Got Talent”. Two sopranos and a baritone pit their wit and voices in a quiz show like no other! This onstage battle looks at the stereotypes associated with this art-form and meets them head on. Featuring well-known popular arias from composers Bizet, Delibes, Puccini and Offenbach. Featuring something for all students, it promises to be an exciting event.

P&F Meeting
Please remember that next Friday 18 March at 9.00am the P&F Meeting will be held in the Barbier Hall. We had a great turn out for the last meeting and are looking forward to seeing lots of parents at this meeting. Everyone is most welcome to come along and get involved in supporting the school.

2016 Kindy Enrolments
In Term 2, we will be commencing the interviewing process for 2017 Kindy (4 Year olds) If you have a child already attending St Paul’s and you have not yet completed an application form for a younger sibling (turning 4 before June 2017 and eligible to commence 4 year old Kindy in 2017), please register your interest at the office as soon as possible and complete an application form.

If your child is currently in Pre Kindy at St Paul’s, this does not automatically guarantee them a position in Kindy. You must make a separate Kindy application if you wish your child to be included in the process.

Please remember that it is the parents’ responsibility to inform the school when their younger children are ready to commence Kindy, as we do not automatically know this information. Places in the Kindy program are limited and it would be very unfortunate if your child missed out on a place because you forgot to register them for enrolment in time.

St Patrick’s Day
Next Thursday is St Patrick’s Day and we ask that the children come dressed in ‘GREEN’ for a gold coin or note donation. They should also bring along some change to purchase some yummy goodies that the P&F will be selling on the day. All funds raised will go to the Missions Joanna Noonan
PRINCIPAL

OUR VISION STATEMENT

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.

REFERENCE

Dear Jesus
What have we done to deserve so much of your love? You gave yourself totally to us and died on a cross because you loved us.
Through our sufferings within our family life, help us to come closer to you. We offer you this prayer by reflecting on the Stations of the Cross and especially praying for our family and all families around the world.
Mother Mary, please hold our hand and take us in the manner you followed Jesus on the way to the cross.
Amen
International World Day of Prayer

Thank you to all the teachers, students and parents who attended the Ecumenical Service for International World Day of Prayer. We had positive feedback from many sources about how reverent and meaningful the service was. A big thank you to Juliet Bruining and the parent helpers who provided the morning tea after the service.

Mission Day

A quick reminder that on Friday 11 March, is Mission Day. We ask that on the day, students come with small change that they can spend on the stalls. Below is the list of classes and stalls. Thank you in advanced for your support.

MISSION DAY STALLS

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Parish/School Mass/Palm Sunday

On Sunday 20 March, we have our first Parish/School Mass that will be lead by Year 6. This is also Palm Sunday which will lead us into the beginning of Holy Week. We would love to see as many families as possible attend this special mass and then join us for morning tea afterwards. Please make every effort to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Holy Week Events

Holy Week is a very special time when we reflect and remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us all so that we may live. Please join us during this week as the children pray together and present each of the days in Holy Week, leading us into Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Please note that with Palm Sunday being on Sunday 20 March, we will celebrate this event with the students on Friday 18.

Holy Week Reflection

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<td>Stations of the Cross and Benediction 9.15am (Yr 5 and 6 leading) St Paul’s Church</td>
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ST PAUL’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, MT LAWLEY - FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT - 2
SEQTA Engage - New Parent Portal for accessing student reports (Pre-Primary to Year 6)

All parents with children in Pre-Primary to Year 6 should now have received an email with an invitation to create a new SEQTA ENGAGE account. This account is essential in order to be able to access your child’s online report at the conclusion of Semester 1 and 2. If you did not receive a provision email for any reason please inform the school immediately.

St Paul’s is now able to provision accounts for parents/guardians if they have an email account in our SEQTA database (on file at school). Provisioning an account sends an email to the individual with a special one-time URL which allows them to set up their username and password.

For first time users who need to set up an account they will receive an email as below and will have one week to act on it. Please contact Administration immediately if you do not have a current email address on the school file.

This is what you will see:

![Welcome to SEQTA Engage!](image)

After clicking on the link it will take you to the following page where you can set up your account.

![Set up your SEQTA Engage account](image)

If at any stage in the future we have to re-provision an account for an active user they will receive the following type of email and will have one hour to act on it.

Once your SEQTA Engage Account is set up you will have access to all your child’s past reports. It will also eliminate any issues with split families as both parents can set up their own separate logins (provided the school has both email addresses on file).

Please keep your newly created login and password in a safe place. However should you forget this there is now a “reset my password” option as described above. As a school we look forward to entering this new phase of 21st century communication with our families.

St Paul’s Administration
Writing in Year 2

In Year 2, we have been focusing on narrative writing. We are using an exciting writing program called, ‘Talk 4 Writing’. This is a fantastic program because it enables children to imitate the language they need for a particular topic orally before reading and analysing it and then writing their own version.

We have been focusing on this style of writing for 5 weeks now and it involved many stages. Our stories are based on the story of ‘The Enormous Turnip’. We have finally published our beautiful narratives and they are now on display. Please pop in to read them. Below are some pictures of us at work!

Here we met Mrs Lawson (the farmer’s wife) to interview her about the enormous turnip.

Can you see her????

Here are all the tools you need to write a good narrative

Here is a sneak peek at our published work!
ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, MT LAWLEY - FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT - 5

SCHOOL NEWS

THE PROCESS FOR PARENTS PICKING UP A CHILD OTHER THAN THEIR OWN
Due to the school’s duty of care requirements and student safety it is imperative that parents let the office know when someone else is picking their child up from school. Once the school receives this permission in writing we are able to legally allow this to happen. This can be an ongoing arrangement once the school receives written consent. As you can understand these situations put our teachers in awkward positions. We must follow correct procedures so that all students at St Paul’s can be safe and secure 100% of the time. We thank you in advance for your adherence to this policy.

VANDALISM
Last Wednesday and Thursday evening, the school was vandalised by intruders. Our CCTV footage shows 4 boys taking posters off classroom doors. These were then burnt in the trough outside Year 1 and also on the Early Childhood play equipment, which is now also burnt.

If you are driving or walking past the school and see anyone on the school grounds, either after hours or on the weekend, please take a photo if possible or approach them and ask them for their name. Should you feel that their behaviour is suspicious please call the police.

PE NEWS

SWIMMING DATES- Place these in your diary:

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RUNNING & CYCLING TRAINING- DATE REMINDERS:
Tuesday 15 and 22 will be the last of the after school running and cycling training. Please check out the newsletter and the sports board for upcoming triathlons.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Good luck to everyone for the Swimming Carnival. Parents please be advised that part of the Belmont Oasis policy is that parents are to fill out a consent form to allow you to take photographs as it is a public facility. Please take a copy of the photograph form from the front office.

We are looking forward to a fabulous cheer squad on the day! Thank you to all those who have volunteered for roles. I will email parents the roles for those who have volunteered.

Miss Kerse
PE SPECIALIST
World Day of Prayer

Thank you so much to all the wonderful parents that helped to provide the morning tea following the World Day of Prayer service last Friday. The delicious morning tea was very much appreciated by all, and we received many compliments regarding our school community’s cooking skills. Our kitchen definitely rules...

St Patrick’s Day

On Thursday, 17 March 2016, the P&F will be celebrating St Patrick’s Day by selling green ice creams and green jelly cups from the kitchen in the Barbier Hall at lunchtime. Ice creams and jelly will cost $2 each and proceeds will be donated to a Catholic charity. If your child would like a treat after they have eaten their lunch, please send some money in with them on 17 March 2016. There will also be a traditional Irish tug-of-war on the day, so kids, start pumping up your muscles...

Easter Raffle

The P&F are very excited to be holding an Easter Raffle again this year. Flyers will be sent home shortly. If you wish to participate, any donations of Easter eggs, chocolate, Easter novelty items and Easter craft items will be gratefully received. They can be placed in the baskets that have been placed in each classroom. The raffle will be drawn at the end of the day on Holy Thursday.

Next P&F Meeting

We would love to see you at the next P&F meeting, which will be held on Friday, 18 March 2016 at the 9am in the Barbier Hall. All are very welcome.

Juliet Bruining
P&F PRESIDENT
jbruining@bigpond.com
Back by popular demand!!

St. Paul's Presents

The Great Picture Book Challenge!

Calling aspiring authors and illustrators to get creative and make your own picture book.

Submit your entries on A4 paper or smaller to the library by Thursday the 24th of March.

All work must be original and your own!

Winners will be announced at the assembly on the 1st of April.

Open to students from Year 1 to 6. Visit the Library for more information and conditions of entry.

Loads of prizes to be won!

Proudly supported by Beaufort Street Books
SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Information Evening

Year 5 & Year 6 - Becoming a Man / Becoming a Woman

It is essential that the Church adequately explains and promotes the truth about human sexuality and relationships in the classroom. This formation begins in the early years helping children to develop a healthy understanding about their own sexuality, bodies and relationships.

Parents of Year 5 & 6 children have the opportunity to preview the presentations that their children will receive at school at a Parent Information Evening. This event will be held on Wednesday March 16 from 6:00-7:30pm in the Barbier Hall.

Catholic Marriage and Fertility Services run interactive, educational workshops with parents prior to working with your children in the classroom. We are committed to supporting you in your role as the primary educators of your children. On the night you will have the opportunity to preview our programs so that you are familiar with the language, content and underlying Catholic teaching regarding sexuality. You also have the opportunity to ask questions, express concerns and to share ideas on resources that are helpful for continuing discussions at home with your children. These programs have been developed specifically to fit into the religious education curriculum.

Information flyers and student permission slips went home today with children in Years 5 & 6. Parents who are interested in attending are asked to detach the response slip and send it back to your child’s class teacher by Monday 14 March. While the program session is aimed at parents with students in Year 5 & 6 we encourage any interested parents from other year levels to attend for their own information. Additional Parent Information Evening Flyers and response slips can be obtained from the office.

PARISH NEWS

ST PAUL’S PARISH ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

12 & 13 MARCH 2016

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# St Paul’s Primary School Parent Calendar
## Term One 2016
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**abbreviations:**
- **PP** Primary Prep
- **Yr** Year
- **PD** Professional Development
- **P&F** Parents and Friends
- **TOLA** Teacher Observed Learning Activity
- **ST PATRICK’S DAY**
- **HOLY WEEK**
- **HARMONY DAY**
- **PALM SUNDAY**
- **EASTER MONDAY**
- **EASTER TUESDAY**
- **The Annunciation**
- **Operas Got Talent Incursion**
- **Divine Mercy’**
- **Public Holiday**
- **Parent Teacher Interviews**
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.