Dear Members of the St Paul’s Community

Congratulations
I am delighted to announce the happy news that Chiara Duffy and her husband Sean Duffy are expecting a baby early in September. Chiara will continue teaching the Year 1 class until the end of Term 2 and will carry out a comprehensive handover period with the replacement teacher for the start of Term 3, Semester 2. We are very excited and pleased for Chiara but will certainly miss her beautiful presence, dedication and exceptional teaching abilities. Please be assured that next term a rigorous recruitment process will be put into place to find a suitable teacher to take over from Chiara while she is on maternity leave. Congratulations Chiara and Sean!

Communal Reconciliation
Thank you to Father Tim and the visiting priests who came to the school last Thursday to provide the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the Years 4, 5 and 6 students in preparation for Easter. It is wonderful that the children are given the opportunity to receive this Sacrament regularly throughout the year.

Mission Day
Congratulations to everyone involved in our Mission Day last Friday. We are delighted to announce that we raised a total of $1,141.00 for Project Compassion. Our thanks go to the wonderful parents who prepared an assortment of delicious goodies and assisted in setting up and running the stalls. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Swimming Carnival
St Paul’s swimming carnival was held on Wednesday this week at Belmont Oasis. Our congratulations go to all the students on their wonderful team spirit and excellent behaviour. Special thanks go to Loretta Kerse, our PE teacher, for organizing a most successful carnival. Thank you to the staff and parents who assisted in various roles and came to support the children.

‘Opera’s Got Talent’ Incursion
Yesterday the children from Pre Primary to Year 6 were entertained by a group of professional opera singers, from the WA Opera Company, who pitted their wits and voices in a quiz show like no other! The performances featured well-known popular arias from composers such as Bizet, Delibes, Puccini and Offenbach. Especially enjoyable was the beautiful ‘Flower’ duet from the opera “Lakme” (used by British Airways in their advertisements). It was a fun and engaging show with opportunities for the children to interact by singing, clapping and dancing. We are very grateful to Terasa Letizia for assisting us in securing this very special and much sought-after incursion.

St Patrick’s Day
Everyone enjoyed our celebrations for St Patrick’s Day yesterday. It was a great opportunity to dress up in green “for a gold coin donation”, with the proceeds going towards Project Compassion. Our thanks go to the fabulous mums who made and sold us ‘green’ treats as part of the fund-raising activities.

Young Writers’ Award
Congratulations to Isabella Crean for winning the Red Gum Book Club Young Writers’ Award with her story, ‘Heart of a Home’. At a special assembly this morning, Isabella was presented this award by the Hon. Michael Sutherland, MLA. Well done Isabella!
P&F Meeting
Today a P&F Meeting was held in the Barbier Hall. Thank you to everyone who came along and got involved in initiatives to support the school.

‘Have Sum Fun Face to Face’ Mathematics Competition
Good luck to the Year 5 and 6 students who are participating in the “Have Sum Fun Face to Face” competition this Saturday from 3pm until 6pm at Penrhos College, Como. It is a great opportunity for our capable mathematics students to challenge themselves, work as part of a team and represent St Paul’s at an interschool level. Our thanks go to Mrs Julia Waller for providing this opportunity and supervising at this event.

Condolences
Our thoughts and prayers are with the Crisafio family, Anna, Roberto, Marysia (Yr 4) and Tiffany (PK) on the recent loss of their loving grandmother and great grandmother. May happy thoughts of time spent with her give them comfort at this sad time.

2017 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.

Shave for a Cure
One of our Year 6 students, Meghann Townsend, participated in the World’s Greatest Shave last week. Sporting her new look, all in the name of cancer research, Meghann has demonstrated both courage and commitment. While money is still coming in Meghann has currently raised close to $12,000, placing 3rd highest in Western Australia and 20th in Australia. Congratulations Meghann on your amazing achievement!

See you at the Palm Sunday Parish School Mass hosted by Year 6 at 9.30am this Sunday!

Joanna Noonan
PRINCIPAL
Don’t forget to send in your Project Compassion Boxes as soon as possible so that we can send them to Caritas Australia.

Parish/School Mass/Palm Sunday
This Sunday 20 March, we have our first Parish/School Mass hosted by the Year 6 students and parents. This is also Palm Sunday which will lead us into the beginning of Holy Week. Fr Tim has requested that everyone comes dressed in RED. We would love to see as many families as possible attend this special Mass and join us for morning tea afterwards. Please make every effort to attend.

St Patrick and St Joseph’s Feast Day
Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. He was born in Wales around AD 385. He was carried off by pirates and spent six years in slavery before escaping and training as a missionary. The most famous story about Saint Patrick is that he drove the snakes from Ireland. He died on 17th March in AD 461 and this is the day we commemorate him. Let us ask St Patrick to protect us.

The Feast of St. Joseph is celebrated on March 19, St Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus Christ. We pray to St. Joseph as the protector of the dying for a special reason. We believe that Joseph died peacefully in the arms of Jesus and Mary when God finally called his faithful servant to the joy of heaven. St. Joseph died before Jesus’ passion and death on the Cross.

Harmony Day
This Monday we will celebrate Harmony Day and the Year 6 students will lead us in a Prayer Assembly. Each class has created a set of hand prints that we will combine to symbolise the unity of many cultures. The children will also receive an orange ribbon, as orange is the symbolic colour for Harmony Day.

LENT
Holy Week Events
Holy Week is a very special time in the church calendar 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 join us during Holy week to help us reflect on the importance and meaning of Easter.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Sunday 20 March Palm Sunday Parish/School Mass 9.30am (Yr6) St Paul's Church
Monday 21 March Harmony Day Prayer Assembly 8.45am (Yr 6) Barbier Hall
Wednesday 23 March Holy Thursday Reflection 8.45am (Yr 3 & 4) Barbier Hall
Thursday 24 March Stations of the Cross and Benediction 9.15am (Yr 5 & 6) St Paul’s Church

Mac Callisto & Jesse Yock
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS
SCHOOL NEWS

LITERACY ZONE  YEAR 1

In Year One, we have had a successful start to our Literacy Program. Our dedicated literacy time includes fun reading activities, SmartWords spelling groups, use of Core 5 Lexia on our iPads and the Talk4Writing program. Here are some of our favourite activities:

“I like doing Lexia Core5 on the iPads.” - Juwan

“I loved learning the story off-by-heart with Mrs Duffy.” - Stephen

“The actions when we do our Talk4Writing story are fun.” - Mackenzie

“I like when the mums and dads help us in our groups.” - Ramiro

“It is fun reading the Big Book with the sparkly pointer.” - Maxwell

“I love making silly sentences.” - Lachlan

Chiara Duffy
YEAR 1 TEACHER
Mission Day

We held our annual Mission Day on Friday 11 March to raise money for the missions. It was a hugely successful day with many interesting stalls, including the crazy hair and tattoo parlour, lolly jar guessing game, baked goods stall, ice cream station, chocolate crackle stall, pick a pop stick game and a variety of other activities and raffles. Well done to the teachers and parents that helped out on the day. It was amazingly successful.

Opera’s Got Talent Incursion

The students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 were treated to an amazing performance from the West Australian Opera on Thursday 17 March. Set up as a quiz show and tackling the stereotypes associated with Opera it provided something for all ages. It was a great opportunity for students to further their experience of The Arts learning area. The photos don’t do the performance justice!

Family Life Education Parent Meeting

On Wednesday evening the parents from Years 5 & 6 had the opportunity to take part in an information session on how to handle the difficult conversations that come up when discussing human growth and development with children. The session was led by Christine Fernandez from Catholic Marriage and Fertility Services. The session was informative and educational and parents walked away with strategies and the vocabulary to enter into these discussions with confidence. These information parent sessions are held every 2 years at St Paul’s

Jesse Yock
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
On Monday 14 March, the Year One and Two classes braved the heat and went on an excursion to ‘Sculpture by the Sea’. We started our visit with a delicious fish and chips lunch overlooking the sculptures on the beach.

Following this, both classes participated in a workshop with an artist exhibiting their work this year. The Year One group was led by Elyssa Sykes-Smith who created “The Break Wall”. She talked to us about making 3D shapes and taught us about ‘abstract’ art. We then went on to create our own abstract 3D sculptures using popsticks.

In Year Two, we met an artist called Andrea Vinkovic. At first, she brought us to her amazing sculpture called ‘Memories of the Ocean’. We observed many things about her sculpture e.g. size, shape, material, weight etc. Andrea then talked to us about how she was inspired to create her beautiful piece of art. Then, we went on to create our own sculptures in the shape of a ball, just like Andrea’s sculpture shape. It was tricky but with the help from parents, we were very successful at making them.

A big thank you needs to be sent out to the fantastic parent helpers on the day! Overall, we had a fantastic excursion and we can’t wait to get into our own Art unit on Sculpture.

Chiara Duffy & Christina Connolly

YEAR 1 & 2 TEACHERS
Catholic Performing Arts Festival 2016

Next week all children from Year 4 – 6 will receive a Performing Art note outlining important information pertaining to this year’s festival.

Entries are now being taken for the Catholic Performing Arts Festival for 2016. In order to enter the festival and obtain a username and password for your child, please return the form below, with your child’s details and your contact email address. You are asked to return this form by Wednesday 6 April. A username and password to access the online entry for your child will be emailed to you.

If you entered your child last year, please go to the website http://festival.catholicarts.wa.edu.au and log in using last year’s email address and password. If you cannot remember your password, enter your email address and a temporary password will be sent to you.

All entries must be completed online no later than Friday 29th April. This allows time for the school to screen, and electronically submit all forms by the closing date.

For further information please refer to the note that will be sent home with your child.

Natasha Flexman
PERFORMING ARTS CO ORDINATOR

Meghann Townsend met with Michael Sutherland on Wednesday the 9 March before she shaved her head for the World’s Greatest Shave. She then kindly came in to show Michael the results.

It was such a brave thing for Meghann to do and it was wonderful for Michael Sutherland to take part in the process.

Collette Wainwright
Electorate Officer
ST PAUL’S 2016 SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

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Congratulations to all our award winners! Bring on Interschool Swimming!

The notes for Interschool Swimming will be handed out next Monday to those who have been successful. All details regarding Interschool Swimming will be outlined in the permission slip.

Diary Dates

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Loretta Kerse

PE SPECIALIST
HOLY (Maundy) THURSDAY
- 7:30pm—Mass of the Lord’s Supper
- Stripping of the Altar & Tenebrae afterward
- Adoration at the Altar of Repose till 10pm

GOOD FRIDAY
- 10am– Solemn Stations of the Cross
- Confessions heard during and after stations
- SEVERAL PRIESTS AVAILABLE
- 3pm– Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
- 7:30pm-The Seven Last Words of Christ

HOLY SATURDAY
- 12 noon– Confessions until finished
- 7:30pm– Solemn Easter Vigil Mass
- THERE IS NO 6PM MASS TODAY

EASTER SUNDAY
- 8am-Mass of the Resurrection
- 9:30am– Solemn Mass of the Resurrection
St Patrick’s Day, the St Paul’s Way

T’anks a million to the St Paul’s Community for celebrating St Patrick’s Day with us today. Special thanks go to the following lovable leprechauns:

Rachael O’Callaghan, Lachlan O’Callaghan, Emma Gregory, Lina Coletti and Kellie McElligott for organising the St Patrick’s Day treats; Ashleigh Hugo and Jessica Bruining for their Irish dancing; our favourite Dubliner, Dave Murphy, for organising the Tug-of-War

Thank you also to Father Tim for a wonderful St Patrick’s Day Mass this morning. The craic sure was mighty at St Paul’s today!

Easter Raffle 2016

Don’t forget to:

• hand your raffle tickets into the class or office
• place your donations of Easter eggs and/or novelty items in the basket in your child’s classroom

The Easter Raffle will be drawn at 2:30pm in the Barbier Hall for children in Pre-Primary to Year 6.

Please hand in tickets and donations for this raffle by Wednesday, 23 March 2016.

The raffle for our Kindy children will be drawn in the Kindy classroom around 9am on Thursday, 24 March 2016. We would be very grateful for our Kindy children’s tickets and donations by Wednesday, 23 March 2016 please.

Many thanks everyone, for your kind and enthusiastic support of the P&F.

Juliet Bruining
P&F PRESIDENT
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!

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In a world where children’s toys and playthings constantly become mechanised, digitalised or sanitised it’s good to see some things haven’t changed – the use of swap cards.

The allure of collecting and swapping cards with your friends at school is something many generations can remember. People of my vintage probably can recall collecting and swapping footy cards, celebrity cards and even cards with the favourite pop groups of the time. What swap cards were popular when you were at school?

There was nothing quite like the feeling of satisfaction which comes from collecting the full set. However getting the full set was an expensive exercise as it usually meant buying more of the products that they were packaged up with. Inevitably you’d have five or more of one card and plenty of holes in your collection. How frustrating was that?

But there was nothing as frustrating as almost having a full set and not being able to find anyone at school who was willing to swap with you at the going rate. So on went your negotiation hat as you’d try to outsmart a budding extortionist.

While the fun was in the collecting, the thrill was definitely in the chase.

Fortunately kids can still have the same fun as past generations, as well as the opportunity to learn the same lessons we had. Sometimes the best social lessons kids can learn come from the more dubious interactions they have during lunchtime and recess.

There can be problems
There is no doubt that the swap card craze can cause consternation for adults. Some children can and do take advantage of others in the hierarchical world of the playground. While the majority of interactions kids have with each other at school are positive, there are times when they can be negative, difficult and in extreme cases of a bullying nature.

Kids need the freedom to negotiate their own interactions so they can learn from those experiences both good and bad. The street smarts that children pick up from their free and unrestricted play can be a huge advantage when negotiating tough social situations in school and beyond.

But there are solutions
Teachers and parents need to coach kids in the skills and techniques that they need to negotiate the many situations they meet in the schoolyard. They also need to be cognisant of the fact that some children may take advantage of others. Even so unpleasant experiences can provide great social lessons such as how to avoid the same situation next time, how to handle the disappointment of being taken advantage of and how to negotiate better outcomes.

Parents and teachers need to be aware of bullying behaviours, which by definition are repetitive, intentional behaviours by one or more children on another that robs that child of any power to change the situation. If swap cards are at the centre of bullying then act to protect kids. If not, then it may be best to coach kids to cope or to be smarter next time.

Banning activities such as the use of swap cards robs kids of valuable learning activities.

Similarly a parent who buys a full set of cards for a child robs him of the thrill of the chase, as well as the chance to practise persistence, be organised and negotiate well, which are still valuable skills to have at school and most workplaces as well.

Swap cards. So much fun and so much learning. How good is that!

Michael Grose


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