Principal’s Perspective

Dear Members of the St Paul’s Community

Academic All Stars Competition
This Wednesday 25 May, eight students from Year 5 participated in the Interschool Academic All Stars Competition, which was hosted here at St Paul’s as we were the overall winners last year. Students from St Paul’s, St Dominic’s, St Thomas’, Holy Spirit and St John’s competed in the areas of Chess, Engineering, Poetry, Art, English, Maths, General Knowledge and Drama. Our thanks go to Julia Waller for coordinating the event. Congratulations to the overall winners, St Thomas’ Claremont.

May Crowning, Rosary and Benediction Thursday 28 May
Today we had the beautiful May Crowning, Rosary and Benediction ceremony. This is a wonderful way to show our devotion to Our Lady and celebrate Mary’s month of May.

St Paul’s Spelling Bee
Tomorrow, Friday 27 May, we will be holding the St Paul’s Spelling Bee. I hope all the little “spelling bees” in Years 3-6 are busily practising their spelling lists in preparation for their class competitions. Finalists from each class have been selected to compete in the St Paul’s Spelling Bee tomorrow. We have some amazing trophies just waiting to be won... Good luck everyone!

Condolences
Our thoughts and prayers are with the Brescacin family, Dean, Deanne, Otis (Kindy) and Archie (Yr 3) on the loss of their loved aunt and sister in law. May she rest in peace.

Pupil Free Days on Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 June
Please remember that we have two pupil free days coming up on Tuesday 6 June (WA Day public holiday) and Wednesday 7 June, (Staff PD). This is a wonderful opportunity for families to have an extra long weekend or make alternative arrangements for the supervision of their children on these days.

Joanna Noonan
Principal
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Parish/School Mass
This Sunday 29 May, is the Year 4 Parish/School Mass at 9.30am in St Paul’s Church. Our Year 4 Students will lead us in this Mass as we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. We invite all families to join us on this special day and stay after Mass for morning tea, which the Year 4 parents have organised. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Feast of Corpus Christi
The feast of Corpus Christi is one time when our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is exposed not just to faithful Catholics but to all the world. This is a time when Catholics can show their love for Christ in the Real Presence by honouring Him in a very public way. It is also a wonderful way in which we can show our love for our neighbours by bringing Our Lord and Saviour closer to them. So many conversions are a result of Eucharistic Adoration experienced from inside the Church.

The Feast of Corpus Christi goes back to the 13th century, but it celebrates something far older: the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper. While Holy Thursday is also a celebration of this mystery, the solemn nature of Holy Week, and the focus on Christ’s Passion on Good Friday, overshadows that aspect of Holy Thursday.

Other Sacraments
Please note that many parents have not returned the application form for the children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation or Reconciliation. These must be returned to the school office as soon as possible. We require this information so that we know numbers attending the Sacraments. Confirmation Candidates are also required to pay a $40 fee. Some of you may have done this already if you have a child receiving the Sacrament of First Communion.

Upcoming Events
Sunday 29 May Parish School Mass 9.30am Year 4(leading) Feast of Corpus Christi
Monday 30 May Prayer Assembly 8.45am Year 6 (Sorry Day)
Tuesday 31 May Class Prayer 9.00am PP
Thursday 2 June Mass 9.15am Year 4 (Yr4-6) Sacred Heart of Jesus

LifeLink
On Friday 3 June, the students will make a paper chain that we will join together as one school community in support of people in need within the community. For every paper chain link we make, students are invited to bring along a gold coin donation that will go towards this special day. Please support this worthy event. All the money raised supports our local community. Many agencies such as: The Shopfront, Catholic Outreach, Centrecare, Emmanuel Centre, Identity WA, Samaritan Projects and Catholic Migrant Services, to name a few. There are many other agencies that benefit from the donations we make.

On LifeLink Day Wednesday 8 June 2016, Archbishop Costelloe has invited representatives from every primary school to join him at Lake Monger Reserve for the launch of LifeLink Day. Everyone will gather and join their individual ‘school chains’ to make one long continuous chain.

In this Year of Mercy, we hope to present a powerful and visual demonstration of our young people joining together to help people in need and provide an opportunity for Archdiocesan schools and students to join together, as one Catholic family, to celebrate and share LifeLink Day.

Our representatives for St Paul’s on this day will be Sophie Gregory, Mohammad Jafarlou, Kizito Mutoya and Alyssa Olivieri. They will attend with Ms Noonan and Mr Yock.

Mac Callisto
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL PHOTOS UPDATE
School photos took place last week for all students across the school. Academy Photography has indicated that it will take approximately one month for the photos to be available. The school will inform the parents as soon as they are ready. Thank you to all the teachers, students and parents who helped to make the event such a success.

START SMART INCURSION Y1-6
Due to presenter sickness the Start Smart incursions, run by representatives from the Commonwealth Bank, were postponed this week. We look forward to rescheduling these for later in the year.

WALK TO SCHOOL
Thank you to all those students (and parents) who walked to school (or at least part of the way) to reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour, promote the health benefits of being active and develop vital road-crossing skills. All students who participated received a special sticker from our Year 6 student leaders and went into the draw to win a prize. Well done to all involved!

ST PAUL’S DAD’S NIGHT
We had a great turnout to the inaugural Dad’s Night on Wednesday evening - a total of 50 dads! Held at the North Perth Bowls Club our dads were able to have a beer and a burger but missed out on the barefoot bowls due to the weather.

Richard, from the Fathering Project, shared some of his experiences of being a father in schools. All dads came away from the evening knowing more people and looking forward to their next get together. We now have a champion dad group with over 10 dads to assist with the organising of future events. They might even bring the kids along for the next one!

THERAPY FOCUS ART COMPETITION
Therapy focus is proud to present their 15th annual Art Competition and storybook project; encouraging greater understanding, acceptance and inclusion of children with special needs. All students from Years 1-6 will be involved in the project by creating artworks that illustrate the pages of a supplied storybook entitled Outback Jack's Great Race.

Outback Jack’s Great Race has been written by Krystal Cotterill, a young aboriginal woman from the remote town of Leonora, and is inspired by the 2016 National Children’s Book Week theme, Australia. The narrative features characters who have disabilities and encourages readers to celebrate the unique talents and abilities of every individual.

From the entries received, 100 finalist artworks will be selected and go on display at Westfield Carousel, Whitford City and Innaloo shopping centres in the July school holidays. The community will then be invited to help select 20 winning artworks to feature as the illustrations in the published storybook by voting online.

We look forward, as a school, to participating in this visual art competition.

Jesse Yock
Assistant Principal
Year Three Information Technology Zone

This term, we have been learning how to use Google Docs and Google Slides on the computer and iPads to publish written work. We have successfully published our persuasive writing on Google Docs and are currently working on our Australian Days of Commemoration assignment on Google Slides.

We have been taught how to start new documents in the correct drive folder and have learnt how to make our work look cool and funky! We now know how to change the size, colour and font of our texts and insert cool pictures into our documents.

We love using technology to publish our work. Some of us are already talking about the special Macbooks that you get to have in Year 4!

Irene Pangestu
YEAR 3 TEACHER

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Maths Banned At School

By Aaron Hugo

I strongly believe that maths should be banned at school and here are some reasons why.

Firstly, I think that if maths did not exist people would not have such a big head. If you do maths at school you will store a lot of maths questions in your head and that means you will have a big head.

Secondly, I think that if maths did not exist people would be more interested in sport because sport is very fun and maths is not fun at all.

Thirdly, I think that if maths didn’t exist, teachers would finally have a BIG rest because they need to print maths sheets all year.

In conclusion, I think that if you are doing maths you are wasting your time and you might get a big head. It might even EXPLODE. The teachers actually do deserve a GREAT BIG rest. Also everyone hates maths and I bet you they will want to replace it with sport. Plus you do not want to stick your head in maths because it is BAD!
PRE PRIMARY WINS STATE LIFE EDUCATION PRIZE

Last week Pre Primary was informed that they were the State winners of the Life Education Art Prize. The children and Pre Primary staff are very excited about the win; not only because we are the state winners but also because it comes with a $500 voucher to spend on resources for the Early Childhood Centre. The children had to draw their favourite healthy foods under the banner of THE MAGIC OF BEING ME. The Pre Primary Staff collated their work and displayed it on a HUGE healthy apple and submitted it to the Life Education committee where we were deemed the winners. The theme for the artwork evolved from their visit to the Life Be In It van which visited the school late first term. The artwork is displayed in the Pre Primary if you would like to view.

Helen Mason
PP TEACHER
LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR

Wow! A record breaking year for our Book Fair! Thank you parents, grandparents, friends for your purchases. A proportion of the sales goes back to St Paul's which we use towards new resources. So thank you from all of us.

We couldn’t achieve such a wonderful book fair without the help of our volunteers led by Juliet Bruining. These parents gave up their time to come and run the fair. Many thanks to Lina Coletti, Louise Carson, Heather Allingame, Emma Gregory, Priscilla Redclift, Sally Roberts, Terasa Letizia, Erika Faraone, May-Ling Ryan, Vivian Wang, Lan Cao, the Castalanelli family, Liz Kodituwakku, Luise Mackin, Laura Dowling, Anna Dang and of course, our Year 6 students for the help with the stalls and Geronimo Stilton. If I have missed anyone please let me know. Unfortunately our roster blew away in the storm before we got everyone's details!

CHESS CLUB

On behalf of the staff and chess club students we would like to say a great big thank you to Mr John Bryson (grandfather of Ashley and Nicola, year 3 and Thomas, Kindy) for his dedication to our school chess club. We started this club in 2014 and John has given his time every week for the last two and a half years as our chess mentor. He has travelled to inter-school competitions with us as an official adjudicator. Most importantly he has passed on the joys of chess to many past and present students. He even managed to teach me! John has decided to retire as our chess mentor and we wish him a nice relaxing time in his retirement from our club. I will forever be able to pass on the knowledge, “This is not a horsey, it’s a knight!”

Shelley Antoni
LIBRARY

SPORT NEWS

WA Soccer Academy Incursion

Thank you to Soccer WA Academy for coming and conducting soccer clinics with all of the students. The students had a blast practising their soccer skills and having a game in the inflatable soccer field. We are looking forward to putting out soccer skills into action at the Interschool's Winter Lightning Carnival on the 17th June.

St Paul's Cross Country 1st June

Please be advised that the permission slip for our St Paul's Cross Country Carnival went home at the start of term and the students are to return them to their classroom teacher. All students from Year 2 to Year 6 will be participating in this year's cross country.

Interschool's Cross Country

Some students from Years 3 to 6 (5 boys & 5 girls) will be representing our school at the Interschool Cross Country Carnival on 23rd June. Good luck to all those students wishing to successfully achieve a position in our Interschool Cross Country team.

Loretta Kerse
PE SPECIALIST
COMMUNITY NEWS

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ST PAUL'S PARISH ALTAR SERVER ROSTER
28 MAY & 29 MAY 2016

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P & F NEWS

P & F Snippets

P & F MEETING

The next P&F meeting will be held in the Barbier Hall, on Friday 10 June at 9am. Hope to see you all there.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books are now available for purchase. You should have received a flyer regarding the Entertainment Books earlier this week. If you wish to purchase a book, please contact Clare Salfinger, or your Class Representative, who can forward on relevant details.

Juliet Bruining
P&F PRESIDENT

Keyed Up Music is running Guitar, Keyboard, Flute, Clarinet and Violin lessons this term
Lessons start from $15.95 plus GST for half an hour in a small group
For enquires please phone Therese on 1300366243 or fill out an enrolment form
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4 - 15 JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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Parenting Ideas Insights

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Easy ways to develop independence in kids

If you are anxious about your child’s safety and tend to be more protective than you want, then start creating JUNIOR VERSIONS of independent living, so that kids can learn to stand on their own two feet rather than be dependent on you.

A major challenge for parents is to find ways of safely moving children from being reliant on adults to a position of independence. This can be tough because your natural instinct is to nurture them.

Training for independence starts from a young age and continues into adolescence and beyond. Developing independence is one of the best ways to promote self-confidence.

When you teach children to do jobs for themselves, you send a powerful message that you believe that they are capable. Your actions speak louder than words.

Developing independence in kids can be tricky these days. Recently I heard a brilliant, yet deceptively simple idea that all parents can use to develop independence in their kids of any age.

I attended an advanced presentation skills seminar, conducted by Australian professional speaker Glenn Capelli. Glenn said that many speakers complicated matters for audiences, making things too complex. One way of making it easy for audiences to learn is to create a JUNIOR VERSION of whatever we are talking about.

He likened this to the way that many sporting bodies have now developed modified versions of adult sports, so kids can learn the basic skills of the sport in fun, enjoyable ways.

I had one of those light bulb moments as I listened, and realised that effective parents create JUNIOR VERSIONS of the GAME all the time to help kids develop the skills of self-sufficiency and independence from a very early age.

Here are some examples:

1. We get toddlers to smooth the doonas and arrange their teddies on their beds – that’s a JUNIOR VERSION of making a bed.

2. We encourage early primary school kids to make snacks, prepare breakfasts and help prepare a meal. That’s a JUNIOR VERSION of cooking an evening meal.

3. We drive primary school kids half way to school and let them walk the rest. That’s a JUNIOR VERSION of walking to school.

4. We let an early teen go to a local cinema with friends. That’s a JUNIOR VERSION of going out without adult supervision.

There are plenty of ways to create JUNIOR VERSIONS of independent living every day so kids can become more self-sufficient.

What JUNIOR VERSIONS of independent living are you creating for your kids?

If you are anxious about your child’s safety and tend to be more protective than you want, then start creating JUNIOR VERSIONS of independent living, so that kids can learn to stand on their own two feet rather than be dependent on you. Remember, REDUNDANCY is your aim as a parent.

Similarly, one way for kids to develop self-help skills is to create JUNIOR VERSIONS of what you already do, so they can develop the skill-sets needed to look after themselves, and help out the rest of the family. Now that’s an idea worth thinking about!

Michael Grose


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