Dear Members of the St Paul’s Community

First Holy Communion
The First Holy Communion Masses on the weekend were truly beautiful and we thank Fr Tim, Fr Peter Zwaans, the acolytes, altar servers and the musicians, especially the organist, Alessio Loiacono, for their efforts to make the ceremonies so special. Our thanks go to Mark Fitzpatrick, the Year 4 teacher, for preparing the children so well, to Mac Callisto for coordinating the event and to all the staff who came along and helped in some way to support the children. We are especially grateful to the wonderful ladies in the parish who provided the beautiful receptions after the two Masses.

Interschool Spelling Bee
The Interschool Spelling Bee will be held tomorrow, Friday 17 June, from 9.00-12.00 at Our Lady’s Assumption School in Dianella. Our representatives for St Paul’s are as follows: Emma Biundo & Stella Gregory (Year 3), Jessica Bruining and Ciara Harris (Year 4), Aidan Sack & Ashleigh Hugo (Year 5), Sophie Gregory & Caitlan Ryan (Year 6). We wish them all the very best of luck!

Winter Sport Lightning Carnivals
The Year 4-6 students playing netball and soccer are looking forward to competing at the Lightning Carnivals tomorrow, Friday 17 June. Loretta Kerse has sent all the information about these events to the relevant parents. We thank Loretta for organising this interschool sport event and wish the students representing St Paul’s the best of luck!

National Catholic Education Commission Conference (NCEC)
Next week Mac Callisto, Jesse Yock and I will be attending the NCEC Conference from Monday to Wednesday. While the Leadership Team is away, Helen Mason and Natasha Flexman will attend to any issues that may arise.

Dads and Lads AFL Game Night Friday 24 June
We hope that the dads and lads have a wonderful Pizza Night, bonding and watching the Fremantle Dockers/Collingwood Magpies game on the big screen, next Friday night. Go the Dockers!

Pupil Free day
Just a reminder that Friday 1 July will be a pupil free day and parents will have to make alternative arrangements for the supervision of their children on that day.

Important Message from the Principal
This afternoon I will be forwarding parents a letter via email entitled, “Important Message from the Principal”, regarding the upper years at St Paul’s. Please take the time to read it carefully. Thank you.

Dogs on the School Grounds
Please note that dogs are not permitted on school grounds at any time. Thank you.

Joanna Noonan
PRINCIPAL
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Thank you to Father Tim, Mr Fitzpatrick, St Paul’s staff, Parents and Parish Community for making the First Holy Communion Masses and celebrations very memorable for the children. It was a lovely day that concluded with a lovely reception after each Mass in the Barbier hall.

We pray for these children who received their First Holy Communion, that they will always walk with Jesus and continue to receive him in the Eucharist each time they go to Mass.

Parents Please note that First Communion proofs are now available in the office for your perusal. There are envelopes available for you to make your orders for photographs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 20 June  
Prayer Assembly  8.45am Year 4

Tuesday 21 June  
Class Prayer  9.00am Year 5

Thursday 23 June  
Mass  9.15am Year 4 (Yr4-6)

ST PAULS FEAST DAY WHOLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION

On Thursday 30 June, we celebrate St Paul’s Feast Day. The day will commence with a Mass at 9.15am which is also our End of Term Mass. We invite all parents and friends to come and celebrate this special Mass with us in recognition of St Paul who our school is named after.

During the day, the students will be involved in tabloid sport activities, an organised lunch provided by the Parents and Friends Committee and also some buddy activities in the afternoon that will conclude the day. It will be a day to remember I am sure.

CONFIRMATION DETAILS

Next term we commence preparation for Confirmation. We ask that those candidates who have not yet sent in their application form do so as soon as possible by the end of this term and also make their payment of $40 if you haven’t already done so.

Please put these dates in your diary regarding Confirmation:

Confirmation Parent/Candidate Workshop: Thursday 28 July @ 6.30pm Barbier Hall

Confirmation Parent Meeting: Thursday 4 August @ 6.30pm St Paul’s Church

Confirmation Retreat: Tuesday 6 September @ St Paul’s Church (All Day)

Confirmation Mass: Friday 9 September @ 6.30pm St Paul’s Church

Kindy Class Prayer

On Tuesday, the Kindy class had their first Class Prayer, which was well attended by all families. The children were beautiful in the way they presented their story of Noah. They performed an Echo Mime about Noah’s Ark and then finished off with a song called “Arky Arky” and finally a prayer. Thankyou to Father Tim for attending and making the children feel special.

Mac Callisto
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

REMINDER

A reminder that School fees were due last week. If you are experiencing any difficulty paying, please contact the Bursar, Virginia Thomas:

PHONE: 92718593
EMAIL: thomas.virginia@cathednet.wa.edu.au

WEEK AT A GLANCE

JUNE

Fri 17  Interschool Spelling Bee
Winter Sport
Carnival

Mon 20  Prayer Assembly
Yr 4

Tue 21  Class Prayer Yr5

Thur 23  Mass  9:15am  (4-6)
Yr 4
Interschool Cross Country Carnival

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Amelie Gasper
Melody Da Silva Jorge
Isabelle Hampson
Valentina Redclift
Juliette Trestrail

ST PAUL’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, MT LAWLEY - FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT - 2
PIRATE DAY

St Paul’s was overrun with pirates last Friday, 10 June, all in the name of children’s brain cancer research. Our teachers became captains and our education assistants became first mates. It was a fun and exciting way to raise $397.35 for this worthwhile cause.

INTERSCHOOL SPELLING BEE

Tomorrow, Friday 17 June, 8 selected students across Years 3-6 will compete in the Interschool Spelling Bee at Our Lady's Assumption. We wish them the best of luck and can’t wait to hear about their experience.

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GETTING READY TO RECEIVE YOUR CHILD’S ONLINE REPORT

This year we will again be using SEQTA to produce our end of semester reports. An extra component of this system is known as SEQTA ENGAGE. This is an online parent portal, which is able to provide you with your child’s past and present reports.

SEQTA ENGAGE will allow the school to provide your child’s report through paperless means. Parents were previously sent an email to provision their individual account. Once you log in with your chosen login details you will see a menu on the left hand side. The Reports label is the way you can access your child’s semester report. Reports will be made available online for you to see on any electronic device and print if you wish. **Your child's Semester 1 report will be available from Thursday 30 June, 2016 at 4pm.** The school web link to access SEQTA ENGAGE is:


Please note that parents who are unable to access their child’s report using an electronic device may request a paper copy from the school office.

Parents are responsible for ensuring that they have created a SEQTA ENGAGE account so that they can receive their child’s report online.

All SEQTA related enquiries need to be directed to Mr Jesse Yock at yock.jesse@stpaulsmtl.wa.edu.au

Jesse Yock
Assistant Principal
This term in Pre Primary we have been doing a variety of activities to enhance Literacy.

Here are some of them:

Story Writing in our story books. We had fun squeezing oranges, making toast and writing about what we did. We wrote stories about Pirate Day. We even chose our own story idea to write about.

I Pads - we use our I Pads to reinforce our letter names, letter sounds and rhyme. It has been a lot of FUN!

Smart Word Books- we have been learning letter names, letter sounds, writing letters, unjumbling sentences and making reading books to take home.

Interactive White Board- we use this to learn letter names and letter sounds through stories, song, and interactive activities.

Literacy Games- this reinforces letter names and letter sounds.

Big Books- we use our BIG BOOKS for Shared Reading and literacy activities.

All in all much valuable learning is taking place through a variety of different ways.

Helen Mason
PP Teacher
GREEN SCREEN FUN IN YEAR 6

Year 6 is busy utilising the latest Green Screen FX Studio app to create a class music video. We are learning about layering, special effects and ‘tweening’, when you move an object from an initial position to a final point over the duration of the clip. We are becoming budding Hollywood directors, actors and producers as we incorporate backgrounds, super imposing and animations to create the ultimate performance. We look forward to sharing our final product with the school at an assembly in the future.

Jesse Yock
Year 6 Teacher

Ella and Lachlan O’Callaghan’s Baptism

Last Thursday, Ella (PP) and Lachlan (PK) were baptised in a very moving and beautiful service at St Paul’s Church by Father Tim. Ella and Lachlan were surrounded by family, godparents, friends, their Pre Primary friends and families. Afterwards, a celebration was held back at school. It was a very special event for everyone that attended.
SPORT NEWS

WINTER SPORT LIGHTNING CARNIVAL

We are taking two Soccer and two Netball teams to the Winter Sports Carnival tomorrow **Friday 17 June 2016**.

The bus will leave school promptly at **8:30am**. Netballers will be dropped off at WA State Netball Centre (200 Selby St Wembley) and Soccer players at College Park (Princess Rd Nedlands) The games start at 9:30am and finish at 2pm. The presentations are at 2:30pm.

Students are to wear their sport uniform, runners, mouth guards, shin pads and soccer shoes (which are permitted but not compulsory). Students will need a packed lunch, plenty of water and healthy snacks for the duration of the day.

Loretta Kerse
PE SPECIALIST

P & F NEWS

**P & F Snippets**

Our thoughts and best wishes were with the Year 4 children and their families last Sunday. We hope they all had a very special and memorable day.

**ST PAUL’S FEAST DAY**

We are greatly looking forward to celebrating St Paul’s Feast Day with the children and staff on **Thursday, 30 June 2016**. This is also the last day of term. **The P&F are delighted to provide the children with a special lunch that day. Stay tuned for more details.**

**ELECTION CAKE STALL AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

On Federal Election Day, **2 July 2016**, the Year 1 and Year 2 classes will kindly hold a sausage sizzle and cake stall at the school. We will be asking for your kind donations of cakes, biscuits and slices for the stall. More information and instructions regarding packaging and drop-off of cakes will be issued shortly. Cake tins will be distributed closer to the date of the election.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Please don’t forget that we still have Entertainment Books available for purchase. If you wish to purchase a book, please contact Clare Salfinger, or your Class Representative, who can forward on relevant details.

**NEXT P&F MEETING**

The next P&F meeting will be held on **Friday, 22 July at 9am** in the Barbier Hall. We would love to see you there. Please come along and have morning tea and a chat with us. You are all so welcome.

Juliet Bruining
P&F President

PARISH NEWS

**ST PAUL’S PARISH ALTAR SERVER ROSTER**
18 June & 19 June 2016

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Calling all dads with sons in Years 4-6.
We’ve got an event for you!

Come see the Fremantle Dockers do battle with the Collingwood Magpies on the big screen.

Where:  St Paul’s Primary School, Barbier Hall
When:  Friday 24th June from 5:30pm
What:  Watch the footy with your son. Pizza and soft drink provided.

Get excited!

(a significant father figure is welcome in place of dad)
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Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

It’s not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time. It sounds simple, but it’s true. The correlation between school attendance and children’s achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, many teachers tell me, it’s often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned.

It’s hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year’s lost schooling over the school-life of a child. In today’s highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That’s not a reason to be away!

It’s now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling’s birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to part take in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don’t really value learning or their children’s school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

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It takes strong parenting...

As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as “It’s not fair that I have to go school today because Aunty is coming to visit!” Nice try. But the answer should be “No!”

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It’s reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.

AS A PARENT:

- Commit to sending kids to school every day.
- Make sure kids arrive at school and class on time.
- Inform the school when they are away, sending medical certificates and other evidence of genuine absence.
- Consider catching-up on missed work.
- Make kids who are away stay in their bedroom – that is where ill kids should be.