Dear Members of the St Paul’s Community

Interschool Spelling Bee
Our students did exceptionally well at the Interschool Spelling Bee, hosted by Our Lady’s Assumption School last Friday. All of our contestants are to be commended for the hard work that they put into studying the lists of words. Special congratulations go to the following winners:

- Sophie Gregory - Champion of the Year 6 Division.
- Caitlin Ryan - Runner Up in the Year 6 Division
- Jessica Bruining - Champion of the Year 4 Division

Great job girls! We were very proud of you.

Year 1 Teaching Position
I am pleased to announce that Jerelyn Tierney will be taking up the position as Year 1 teacher from the start of Term 3 until the end of this year, while Chiara Duffy is on Maternity Leave. Jerelyn is an experienced early childhood teacher and worked at St Paul’s some years ago. She has already been spending time with Chiara and the Year 1 children. In the first week of Term 3 Chiara and Jerelyn will work together in the classroom to provide a smooth transition for the children. I’m sure you will join me in welcoming Jerelyn back to St Paul’s.

Lightning Carnivals
The students in Year 4, 5 and 6 represented St Paul’s with pride when they competed in netball and soccer at the Winter Sport Lightning Carnivals last Friday. We thank our PE teacher, Loretta Kerse for organising these events.

St Paul’s Day
We are all getting very excited about celebrating St Paul’s Day next Thursday 30 June, the last day of the term. The day will start with a special Mass at 9.15am. Then, after recess, we will be holding two Tabloid Sports events, one for Kindy/Pre Primary and the other for Years 1-6. At lunchtime the P&F have planned a “surprise” lunch for everyone. In the afternoon the children will work with their class buddies on activities to help them learn about St Paul. It should be a wonderful day!

Pupil Free days
A reminder that we have two pupil free days coming up:

- Friday 1 July (The last Friday of this term)
- Monday 18 July (The first week of Term 3)

Please remember to make alternative arrangements for the supervision of your children on these days. Thank you.

Election Day Fundraiser
Our thanks go to the P&F for organising the cake stall and a sausage sizzle for the Election Day on Saturday 2 July. Thank you in advance to all the parents who are donating baked goodies and manning the stall and BBQ. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Joanna Noonan
PRINCIPAL

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS
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. Thankyou.

Upcoming Events
Monday 27 June 8.45am Prayer Assembly Year 3
Tuesday 28 June 9.00am Class Prayer Year 6
Thursday 30 June Mass 9.15am (Year 5) PP-Yr6 End of Term Mass (St Paul’s Feast Day)

ST PAUL’S FEAST DAY WHOLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION
On Thursday 30th June, we celebrate our St Paul’s Feast Day. The day will commence with a Mass at 9.15am which is our End of Term Mass also. 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 also 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 our preparation for Confirmation. We require that those candidates who have not as 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. Thankyou.

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

NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
Tomorrow we celebrate the Nativity, the birth, of St. John the Baptist. Throughout the year, the Church has marked dates upon which we remember the work of the Lord through particular people: Apostles and Prophets and pastors and missionaries and many other holy men and women of God through whom the Lord has proclaimed His saving Gospel and shown us His gracious good works. We remember and give thanks for the birth of St. John the Baptist.

St. John the Baptist was a unique man. He is rightly called the last of the Old Testament prophets. He is the last one to preach the Gospel before the Savior came. John is also the first of the New Testament preachers. His calling was to point out Christ for the world and to identify, for the people, the man who is God in the Flesh, Jesus, the Son of God, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Today, students in Year 4, 5 and 6 attend Mass. The Year 4 students lead us through the readings. Father Tim said that like John The Baptist, we can all point out to others the way to Jesus.

This weekend at Church the Parish is celebrating St Paul’s Day. Red is the colour to wear and all are invited to a reception in the under-croft after each Mass. If you are able to please bring a plate to share.

Mac Callisto
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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INTER SCHOOL SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to the students involved in last Friday’s Interschool Spelling Bee. All students competed admirably and were wonderful role models for our school. Special congratulations to the following students who placed in the top two for their respective competitions: Jessica Bruining – Year 4 Champion, Sophie Gregory – Year 6 Champion, Caitlin Ryan – Year 6 Runner Up

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 on line 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

YEAR 6 PARLIAMENT HOUSE EXCURSION

On Wednesday 15 June, the Year 6 students travelled to Parliament House as part their History unit on Government. We went on a tour to see both houses of Parliament in session. It was very exciting to see the Ministers debating bills and laws in real life! We even met the WA Premier, Colin Barnett, who spoke to the students about the different roles of government. We met our local member, Michael Sutherland, who gave the students each a memento of the experience. We now know the difference between the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly and the traditions and regalia involved with each. What an exciting experience!

Jesse Yock
Assistant Principal
This term in Kindy we have been learning about the letters of the alphabet and also the sounds they make. Each week we look at a different letter and do activities related to that letter. We have a sharing circle where each child speaks to the class about the special object they have brought in that begins with the letter of the week.

We include the letter of the week into our classroom activities. This week’s letter is (Ii) and we have made Indian headbands. We like to experiment with letters and make words up using magnetic letters. We also practice writing our names and making our names with letters.

This term we explored the theme of Jungles and we wrote our own story about our jungle animal with Ms Callisto’s help. We love to learn new things and share with others.

Mac Callisto
KINDY TEACHER
DEBATING

On Tuesday this week, 5 teams represented St Paul’s at St Hilda’s Primary School for the inter school GoZone Debating Evening.

A great night was had by all and we congratulate the following Year 5 and 6 students for their efforts.

Charles Horton, Adon Franchi and Alexander Hanjin De Filippo awarded Bronze
Sebastian Grant-Smith, Izak Margaretic, and Aidan Sack awarded Bronze
Emily Cirillo, Beth Hayes and Sophie Gazia awarded Silver
Alyssa Olivieri, Sophie Gregory and Alexander Dowling awarded Gold
Georgia Alingame, Taylor Harris and Caitlin Ryan awarded Gold.

Alexander Dowling, Sophie Gregory and Caitlin Ryan acted as Chairperson for a debate other than their own. Well Done!

Caitlin Ryan did particularly well and was awarded Outstanding Debater for her debate and Outstanding Chairperson for the evening.

Julia Waller
EXTENSION TEACHER
Thank you to everyone who assisted with the organising and running of the Winter Sports Lightning Carnival. It was a great success!

The 2016 results are as follows:

**Netball Div 1**
1= St John's  
2= St Thomas'  
3= OLGC  
3= Holy Spirit  
4= St Dominic's  
5= St Paul's  
6= Sacred Heart

**Netball Div 2**
1= St John’s  
2= OLGC  
3= Holy Spirit  
4= St Thomas'  
5= Sacred Heart  
5= St Dominics  
6= St Paul's

**Soccer**
1st St Dominic's  
2nd OLGC  
3rd St John's  
4th St Paul's 1  
5th St Thomas' 1  
6th Holy Spirit  
7th Sacred Heart  
8th St Thomas' 2  
9th St Paul's 2

**AFL Football**
1st St Thomas'  
2nd St John's  
3rd Holy Spirit  
4th St Dominic's  
5th OLGC  
6th Sacred Heart

We also had Gary from the WA Soccer Academy hand pick students from each school and offer them free training sessions with his specialised coaching team. I will have Gary send out more details regarding this training and the names of those lucky students later in the week.

Thank you again and we are looking forward to the Interschool Lightning Carnival being part of our yearly calendar.

Loretta Kerse  
PE SPECIALIST
P & F News

P & F Snippets

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. The children will be treated to a hot chocolate at recess and a sausage sizzle (sausage in a bun with tomato sauce) and 100% fruit icy pole at lunchtime. Please advise Juliet Bruining on jbruining@bigpond.com if your child has any food allergies or intolerances.

ELECTION CAKE STALL AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE

On Federal Election Day, Saturday 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 in Drive Through and in the school grounds next week. If you don’t receive a cake tin, please come and collect some from the Office next week.

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 on 0411 434 063 , 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. You are all so very welcome.

Juliet Bruining
P&F PRESIDENT

Parish News

ST PAUL’S PARISH ALTAR SERVER ROSTER
25 June & 26 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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Parenting ideas

INSIGHTS

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Five ways to know you are over-parenting

Here’s 5 tips to find a more balanced approach to over-parenting or helicopter parenting and encourage children to become independent young people.

Times have changed!

When I began as a parenting educator over two decades ago the biggest issues I spoke about in the media generally revolved around under-parenting. Neglected kids; kids with poor or delinquent behaviour and raising kids that lived on society’s margins were popular media topics in the early 1990s.

Now two decades later it’s over-parenting that captures the main media attention. Spoilt kids; kids with a false sense of entitlement and parents that place excessive demands on schools are among the popular media topics right now. These all fit into the over-parenting, or more colloquially helicopter parenting category.

Is over-parenting new?

While we hear a great deal about over-parenting at present it’s not a new phenomenon. Parents of past generations have been overly protective and over-indulgent of their offspring at times, however it does seem many parents today are a little over-enthusiastic in their endeavours to optimise the future prospects of the current generation.

In fact, the defining feature of twenty-first century parents is a fierce determination to provide children with the best possible childhood and the best possible start in life. In pursuit of these admirable goals a parent can easily over-extend their role entering areas of children’s lives that would have been off-limits to parents a couple of generations ago.

How to know that you are over-parenting

It’s a quick of twenty-first century parenting that we need an objective measure to assess our parenting. Past generations were satisfied with more subjective measures such as whether their kids were happy; whether they got good marks at school; whether they were employable; and whether or not if they stayed out of trouble (read goal in extreme cases)! It’s safe to say the parenting waters were far clearer in the past than they appear to be now. But the parenting industry has come a long way in a short time so we now have stringent indicators that let us know what parenting track we maybe on. And that, for many people, would appear to be the over-parenting track.

You know you are over-parenting if:

3 You take on all, or nearly all, of a child’s problems.

Kids are good at hardballing their problems to their parents. They’ll bring disputes with siblings for you to sort; expect you to take forgotten school lunches to school and peser you to organise their after-school lives. Mums and dads that over-parent invariably end up sorting out all their children’s problems which may make life easier in the short-term, but can mean kids become more dependent on their parents than children in the past.

Point to remember: Leave some problems for kids to solve.

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2 You regularly do for a child the things he or she can reasonably do for themselves.
It’s an irony of modern life that the busier parents get the more we tend to do for kids. In the race to get things done we dress young children; prepare children’s snacks and accompany them on trips outside the house even when they are old enough to do these activities themselves. If your child is becoming more rather than less dependent the older he becomes then it’s probably time to reassess your parenting.

Point to remember: Never do regularly for a child the things they can do for themselves.

3 You take on too many of your child’s responsibilities
Let’s see how you go with these questions: ‘Who’s responsible for getting your child up each morning? Who’s responsible for packing lunches and bags? Who is responsible for cleaning away children’s toys?’ If you answered ‘My children, of course’, then congratulations; you shifted responsibility to where it rightfully lay: with kids. If not, then you guessed it. It may be time for a parenting reassessment.

Point to remember: If you want a child to be responsible then give responsibility to him.

4 You know too much about your child’s life
Being an attentive parent of a small family invariably means that you know in minute detail every quirk and vagary of your child’s life. “He didn’t eat all his breakfast this morning. Hmm! That’s not good.”

“The seems a bit grumpy after school. What’s wrong?” “They left their jumper at home. I’d better take it to them.” Kids benefit from having some emotional and physical space from their parents. It gives them chances to rely on their own resourcefulness and develop the skills needed to get by on their own.

Point to remember: A little bit of benign neglect can benefit children’s development.

5 You parent the individual and not the gang
If you are constantly trying to make sure life is smooth for each child then you are probably parenting the individual, rather than for the good of the whole family. I’m not talking about ‘playing favourites’ but having an intense focus on meeting each individual’s wants can often be at the expense of family life in general. For instance, you allow a child to go on a sleepover rather than attend the birthday of a sibling. Parenting the gang means that children need to fit into the patterns of family life and don’t always get what they want.

Point to remember: Raise your small family with a big family mindset.

Most of the research indicates the authoritative approach as ‘parenting best practice’. Authoritative parenting is a mix of firmness and warmth; discipline and nurturance; high expectations and relationship building. It’s an approach that sits… surprise, surprise… somewhere between over-parenting and under-parenting.

Michael Grose

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