PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Members of St Paul’s School Community

The Catholic Schools Performing Arts Festival

We are delighted to have received notification that St Paul’s Liturgical Chorale has gained an Honourable Mention for their performance in the festival last week. Our congratulations go to the students, Fr Tim and Natasha Flexman for this great achievement.

Well done to the Years 3/4 and Years 5/6 Choirs for their performances today at the Vasto Club, under the direction of Nick Dabbs. They sang well and represented St Paul’s with pride.

We look forward to the Year 6 Choral Speaking presentation next Monday, 22 May at the Morley Recreational Centre. We wish the students and their teacher, Jesse Yock, the best of luck.

Prayers Needed

Please keep one of our mums, Kellie McElligott, in your prayers as she is dealing with a serious medical condition. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kellie and her family at this difficult time.

P&F Meeting

Please try to make it to the P&F meeting this Friday, 19 August, at 9.00am. We’d love to see as many parents attend the meeting as possible to contribute to the many wonderful initiatives being organised by the P&F for the benefit of the children.

Book Week

We are all excitedly organising our costumes for next week’s Book Parade and looking forward to the activities planned to celebrate our love of books during Book Week. The theme this year, “Australia: Story Country” will provide much inspiration for activities and games to promote reading and literature. Among the many Book Week activities will be the involvement of a select group of students in the “Write a Book in a Day” competition on Tuesday 23 August. We thank Shelley Antoni and Peta Taylor for their invaluable work in the library.

Tournament of Minds

The students in the Tournament of Minds (TOM) team, under the direction of the Extension teacher, Julia Waller, have been busily working behind the scenes preparing their challenges for the competition in the Language Literature section. Aidan Sack, Izak Margaretic, Isabelle Hampson, Meghann Townsend, Caitlin Ryan, Taylor Harris and Sophie Gregory will be competing in the Regional Finals at ECU in Joondalup on Saturday 27 August. Good luck TOM team!

Therapy Focus Art Competition

We look forward to Milena Kim’s artwork being published in the book ‘Outback Jack’s Great Race’. Milena was invited to visit with Michael Sutherland MLA last week and he is looking forward to coming to our assembly when the book is presented to Milena. Date to be advised.

Queenship of Mary

O God, who made the Mother of your Son to be our Mother and our Queen, graciously grant that, sustained by her intercession, we may attain in the heavenly Kingdom the glory promised to your children. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Joanna Noonan

PRINCIPAL
REMARKABLE EDUCATION NEWS

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Monday 22 August     Prayer Assembly     8.45am Year 4
Tuesday 23 August    Class Prayer       9.00am Year 5
Thursday 25 August   Mass              9.15am Year 4

CONFIRMATION DETAILS
Please put these dates in your diary regarding Confirmation:

Confirmation Retreat:  Tuesday 6 September @ St Paul’s Church (All Day)
Confirmation Mass:     Friday 9 September @ 6.30pm St Paul’s Church

PARISH/SCHOOL MASS
Sunday 28 August, is the Parish School Mass that will be hosted by the Year 1 class. We invite you all to attend and support the children. Mass will commence at 9.30am at St Paul’s Church and after Mass there will be morning tea, provided by the Year 1 class parents. We look forward to seeing you all there.

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (22 AUGUST)
The Blessed Virgin Mary has many titles given by the Church. For instance, The Roman Catholic Church gave her the title of Queen of Heaven and Pope Pius XII established the feast of Queenship of Mary.

The Queenship of Mary is one of the Marian feast days in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church. Pope Pius XII established her feast and pronounced it on October 11, 1954.

Pope Paul VI moved the feast of the Queenship of Mary to August 22 in 1969.

Mac Callisto
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 3 PARENT 1:1 MACBOOK PROGRAM IN 2017 INFORMATION EVENING
Parents in Year 3 are invited to the 1:1 Macbook Information Evening. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend so that they can be informed of the 1:1 learning program available at St Paul’s in 2017.

When: Thursday 8 September @ 6:30pm
Where: Barbier Hall

This is a fantastic opportunity to see what the 1:1 program at St Paul’s has to offer. Teachers, leadership and representatives from St Paul’s IT company will be present on the night to answer any questions. Further information to follow.

FATHER’S DAY CELEBRATIONS – PHOTOS NEEDED
We are excited to invite all fathers and grandfathers to the annual Fathers’ Day Liturgy and Breakfast on Friday 2nd September at 7:30am in the Barbier Hall. Breakfast will be provided by the P & F and there will be a short liturgy and photo slideshow. In preparation for this we ask that families send in photos of dads with their children to admin@stpaulsmtl.wa.edu.au Make sure you put this date in your diary. We look forward to seeing all our doting dads there.

ABSENTEES
It is important that parents are following the correct procedures for informing the school of their child’s absences. We ask that parents access the school website and click on the Quick Links – Absentees icon (as shown in the photo below)

Phone calls to the office during the busy morning period should not be for student absenteeism. Please know that by using this method no further documentation is required by the school to authorise your child’s absence as the link sends an email to the school on behalf of the parent.

We appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Jesse Yock
Assistant Principal

PARISH NEWS

ST PAUL’S PARISH ALTAR SERVER ROSTER
20 August & 21 August 2016

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This week is National Science Week and we had a visit from Dr. Castalanelli, Maxwell’s Dad from Year 1.

Dr. Castalanelli is a Molecular Biologist who studied Entomology, the importance of insects, and then specialised in Arachnology, the study of Arachnids.

WA is an ideal place to work in this area as we have 8 ancient landmasses which are diversity hotspots! We have more than 8000 unique plants and 150,000 species!

Maxwell and Harriet (his sister) have trapdoor spiders named after them. Hesperonatalius Maxwelli and Hesperonatalius Harriettae. When you discover a new species you get to name them.

The students really enjoyed this presentation and had many questions for Dr. Castalanelli.

Julia Waller
SCIENCE TEACHER
LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES

WRITE-A-BOOK-IN-A-DAY COMPETITION

The ‘Paul’s Publishers’ consists of: Nadia Battalis, Jessica Bruining, Isabelle Hampson, Ashleigh Hugo, Milena Kim, Meghann Townsend, Juliette Trestrail, Taylor Harris, Caitlin Ryan and Sophie Gregory and they will come together to write a story book in a day. This is an amazing challenge whereby students are given parameters to work with in the morning, and have to write, edit, illustrate and publish a story book within 12 hours. It is a long but rewarding experience, providing an opportunity for students to practise their writing, illustrating, team work and collaboration skills. We wish them every success.

If you wish to support us, you can sponsor our team, Paul’s Publishers at: https://www.writeabookinaday.com/findteams1.php?school=993
All money raised goes to The Kids’ Cancer Project and we thank you for your contributions.

DRESS UP PARADE

Next Wednesday 24 August is our Book Week dress up parade. This is a chance for the students to come dressed as their favourite story book character. Students should bring a copy of the book their character is from or a sign saying who they are. The parade will take place in the Barbier Hall at 8.50.

Book Week Book Club – Commencing Tuesday 23 August, we will have a selection of books from the current Beaufort Street Books catalogue on display in the Barbier Hall. BSB support us in many of our literacy endeavours and this new book club is just another way to support St Paul’s. I will be available after the assembly should you have any questions about the rewards program. Please take the time to peruse these beautiful, quality books.

CRAZY SOCK DAY

Crazy Sock Day will be held next Friday 26 August. Wear your craziest socks in the most creative ways. Please bring a gold coin or small note donation. All proceeds go to The Kids’ Cancer Project.

GUESS HOW MANY?

During the week, students will have the opportunity to “Guess How Many Marbles” are in the jar. The winner will not only win the jar of marbles but also a secret prize. Guesses can be made before school.

50c a guess or 5 guesses for $2
Robotics

It was wonderful to see the robots that had been built and programmed by our Year 6 students on display at the Assembly last Friday. The robotic kits used to build the robots were funded by the P&F earlier this year. It was great to see that the entire Year 6 class was able to use them, and that our school was able to enter three teams out of the forty four teams that entered the Robocup this year. What a wonderful, educational experience for our children. We are pleased to have been able to support their endeavours.

Golden Ravioli

In order that we may continue to support the school in providing great opportunities and experiences for our children, we ask you to please support our Golden Ravioli fundraiser. Everybody is welcome to order their Golden Rav from us, not just families with children currently attending our school. Please tell all your family, friends and neighbours.

All orders must be placed by Friday, 2 September 2016 and the products will be available for collection from the school on Wednesday, 21 September 2016.

Survey

An electronic survey has been issued that is designed to gauge parent interest levels in positive behaviour workshops and other topics. Thank you to those who have already completed the survey. If you haven't completed it yet, please do take the time to do so as we really want and appreciate your feedback.

Netball

A note went home last week regarding the Perth Netball Association’s upcoming Spring Carnival for Year Threes, Fours, Fives and Sixes. Please return your application form by this Friday if your child would like to play.

Diary Dates and Other Upcoming Events

Please note the following dates for P&F – related events:

- **Friday, 19 August**  
  P&F meeting at 9am in the Barbier Hall. All welcome.
- **Wednesday 31 August**  
  Sports Carnival lunch.
- **Friday 2 September**  
  Father’s Day Breakfast at 7:30am in the Barbier Hall. Please RSVP for catering purposes to your Class Rep.
- **Thursday 15 September**  
  P&F meeting at 7pm in the Barbier Hall.
- **Thursday 22 September**  
  School Disco.

Upcoming P&F Meetings

You are all warmly invited to the next P&F meeting, which will be held on Friday, 19 August at 9am in the Barbier Hall. We would love to see you there.

LUNCH ORDER PICK-UP ROSTER

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Juliet Bruining

P&F President
Catholic Performing Arts Festival 2016

Dear Parents

Monday 22 August will be the final day of Performing Arts for our students. Our last entry will be the Year 6 Choral Speech, we wish them all the best.

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As previously advised, photographs may also be taken of performances/performers for publicity purposes related to the Festival that may include articles in the official magazine of the Catholic Education Office, Community Newspapers and the Catholic Arts website. If you do not want your son’s/daughter’s image used, please contact Mrs Flexman or Mrs Quin immediately.

Please note that the **FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM** (including jumper, red ribbons, grey tights for girls and ‘polished’ shoes) must be worn for all events.

Parents are welcome to attend the performances. Please note the following charges.

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**VENUE ADMISSION CHARGES** (all prices are GST inclusive)

- **Day Admission**
  - Adults $4.00  Children school age, not performing $3.00  Children, under school age, no charge
- **Evening Admission** (Concert Bands/Orchestra, Big Band, Jazz Combo, Contemporary Band)
  - Adults $6.00  Children school age, not performing $3.00  Children, under school age, no charge
- **Evening Admission** (Secondary Choral, Secondary Drama & Mime)
  - Adults $5.00  Children school age, not performing $3.00  Children, under school age, no charge
- **Season Passes (available at venues)** Covers entry to all venues except Perth Convention Exhibition Centre and Perth Concert Hall
  - $12 per person: $25 per family
- **Admission to Church Venues**
- **Donation**

**Perth Convention Exhibition Centre**

- Adults $22  Students $18  *Bookings (General Public) through Ticketek from Mon 25th July ph 132 849 (toll free number)*  
  or online [www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au)

**Festival Concert**

- Monday, 12th September at 7.00pm: Perth Concert Hall, St George’s Terrace Perth
  - Adults $22  Children/Concessions $18  *Bookings through Ticketmaster from Mon 1 August ph 136 100*  
  or online [www.ticketmaster.com.au](http://www.ticketmaster.com.au)
This is a ‘Father and Father’ Activity, open to all father figures of St Paul's Primary School – including dads, step-dads, uncles, grandfathers and teachers. The event is a simple get together intended on building the community amongst the male role models of St Paul's.
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“How do I get my kids to behave?” is a perennial issue for parents.

However, talk to coaches of children’s sports teams and they’ll tell a similar story but with one major difference. They’ll replace ‘kids’ with ‘parents’. I spent some time with a group of football coaches; recently and they were swapping stories of parent interference; some that bordered on the bizarre! Like the mum who asked the Under 12 football coach to have two full forwards, to accommodate her son as the position (her son’s preference) was already filled. Huh!

Then there was the story of the dad who would race onto the ground at every break in play to conduct a private coaching session with his son. This may have been acceptable if he would just stick to giving advice to his son. However, this dad likes to share his thoughts with players on the other side as well as the officials on the ground.

But for pure ridiculousness you can’t beat the parent who at the start of the year handed her daughter’s football coach a list of preferred positions, as well as a list of positions that didn’t suit her child. The midfield was out, but defence and attack were out, which somewhat restricted the coach’s options.

There is nothing like kids’ sport to bring out the worst in parents. Whether it’s parent meddling with coaches; abusing the opposition; giving advice to the officials; or simply being super-competitive it seems that it’s parents, not the players, game plans or tactics that keep junior sports coaches awake at night, and potentially away from continuing in their volunteer roles.

If you’re a parent who can relate to any of the above, here’s some advice guaranteed to help:

1. Get a job

Junior sport is run by volunteers so there is no shortage of jobs. My coaching mates tell me that parents who are volunteers rarely behave poorly. Presumably, this is due to the fact that they see the bigger picture. That children play sport for many different reasons including to make friends, be part of a team and have fun. While winning increases in importance the older kids become most participants see well beyond winning as reasons for sports participation.

If you struggle to contain yourself at your child’s sport then it’s simple – volunteer to help. Even offer your services as a coach.

2. Watch someone else’s child

One of the biggest problems with junior sport is that most parents tend to focus on their own children. While their eyes are firmly focused on their child they dissect every move their younger makes. Sound familiar? If so I suggest you are taking your role as a parent too far. Better to keep it simple. That is, encourage your child’s participation; provide the means for them to participate well; and encourage them to behave well toward participants on both sides. If you struggle with this, then I suggest that you start tracking another child’s form for a game or two – any child but your own.

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... Would you please behave! ... 

This may help you take your child’s sport less personally and enjoy it for what it is – a healthy endeavour that should be enjoyable for everyone.

1. **Say this**
   If you find yourself offering your child plenty of well-meaning advice before, during and after a game, you may actually be turning your child off sport. It’s the coach’s job to coach and mentor, while it’s your role to support your child and, of course, the coach. That’s a great formula for success. Rather than give advice, say “I love to watch you play.” It’s a simple statement of approval that says to your child “I don’t care how well you play. I just love the fact that you are taking part.” That’s it.

2. **Play yourself**
   My coaching mates also tell me that it’s often the parents that have never, or rarely, played sport that are the worst in terms of interfering, abusing or overstepping the parenting mark. That makes sense. When you’ve participated in a sport or game, you appreciate how hard it is to master and also have a healthy level of respect for the game itself, which carries over to being a spectator. So consider participating in sport yourself so you can gain some perspective.

3. **Model right**
   Kids take many of their cues from their parents, including how they should behave at sport. As a valued role model, your behaviour is on show. If you want your child to be a solid citizen, then you need to model socially acceptable, even generous behaviours and attitudes when spectating at your child’s sporting events. If you struggle, then do all you can to change.

4. **Take a break**
   Most children love it that their parents are interested in their sports and interests. And they generally enjoy it when you witness many of their firsts (kick, goal, win, backhand, etc.) and other big moments. On the other hand, kids often benefit from a little parental space, so consider taking a raincheck on occasions rather than going to every game. Instead let your child tell you about the game and, of course, take a genuine interest in their blow-by-blow match report.

Junior sport is an integral part of an Australian childhood and it’s wonderful that most sporting bodies currently report that children’s participation rates are up. In an era when childhood obesity is a genuine concern as a community, we need to do all we can to make sure children are participating in healthy endeavours, including sport. The attitude and behaviour of parents at sport can have a massive impact on children’s immediate enjoyment and as well as their long-term participation. If you overhear your child’s coach or worse, your child, saying “How do I get my parents to behave?” then it may be time to rethink your behaviour at your child’s sporting events, particularly if you want to encourage their long-term participation in sport.

Michael Grose

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