Principal’s Perspective

Dear Members of St Paul’s School Community

2017 Year 4 1:1 MacBook Program information Evening – Change of Date!
As mentioned in the text message sent out this week, due to the timing of the Preliminary Football Final, we have had to change the date for the 1:1 MacBook Program Information Evening from Thursday 8 September to Wednesday 7 September at 6.30 pm in the Barbier Hall. It is important that a parent of every child in Year 4 in 2017 attends this meeting to ensure all information is directly communicated and understood. This is also a fantastic opportunity for all parents in the school to see what the 1:1 MacBook program at St Paul’s has to offer. Teachers and representatives from St Paul’s IT company will be present on the night to answer any questions.

Athletics Carnival
Due to the inclement weather on Wednesday, we have rescheduled the Athletics Carnival to take place next Monday 5 September. Fine weather is forecast and we look forward to a wonderful carnival.

Tournament of Minds
Last Saturday, the TOM team competed in the Tournament of Minds at ECU Joondalup. They performed very capably and represented St Paul’s with pride. We thank Julia Waller for her excellent work with these students.

Fathers’ Day Breakfast & Liturgy
We are looking forward to celebrating our dads and grandfathers at the Fathers’ Day Breakfast & Liturgy this Friday, 2 September, commencing at 7:30am. Please come along and let us spoil you!

Bishop Sproxton’s Visit
Today when Bishop Sproxton visited the Year 6 Confirmation class he was very pleased with the children’s knowledge about the sacrament. Bishop Sproxton also visited the Year 1 classroom to see one of our newly refurbished 21st Century classrooms. Then to conclude his visit, the bishop enjoyed morning tea with the staff. Bishop Sproxton was generally very impressed with the school and the learning that is taking place at St Paul’s.

Confirmation
Next Tuesday the Year 6 students will be participating in the Confirmation Retreat. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Friday 9 September.

Students not returning in 2017
In accordance with the enrolment policy, a term’s notice is required when withdrawing students from the school. For the purposes of future planning, we need to be aware of students who will not be returning in 2017. If you know that your child will not be returning to St Paul’s next year, please inform the school in writing as soon as possible.

Wishing all the Dads a very happy Fathers’ Day this Sunday!

Joanna Noonan
Principal
UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 5 September  Prayer Assembly  8.45am Year 2
Tuesday 6 September  Confirmation Retreat Year 6  (9.00am-3.00pm)
Undercroft St Paul’s Church
Tuesday 6 September  Communal Reconciliation (Year 4-6) St Paul’s Church
Friday 9 September  Confirmation Mass  6.30pm Year 6 St Paul’s Church

PARISH/SCHOOL MASS

Last Sunday 28 August, we had our Parish School Mass that was hosted by the Year 1 class. We thank Mrs Tierney, Ms Bonotto and all the families in their preparation for this Mass. The children are to be commended for all their efforts in the roles they took during the Mass. We also thank the parents for providing the lovely morning tea. Thank you to all that were able to attend.

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

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

On Tuesday 30 August, the Year 6 students had a visit from Bishop Donald Sproxton. The Bishop spoke to the students about the importance of the Sacrament of Confirmation and how it was an initiation into adulthood. The Candidates will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 9 September at 6.30pm in St Paul’s Church. We pray as a community that the Holy Spirit will come upon these Candidates and be with them through their life journey and know that they are not alone.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST AND LITURGY

This Friday 2 September at 7.30am, we will celebrate breakfast with all our dad’s. There will be breakfast supplied by the P & F Committee that morning for the dad’s. During the breakfast, there will be a brief liturgy that the Year 5 students will lead us in. We look forward to seeing all the dad’s there with their children.

YEAR 6 CHRISTIAN SERVICE – MENORA RETIREMENT VILLAGE VISIT

On Monday the Year 6 students visited the Menora Retirement Village as part of their Christian Service. The students presented their choral speech poem, “Dear Friends, We Surely All Agree” to the residents. Students also participated in structured games, activities and discussions with the elderly. Well done to our Year 6 leaders who acted responsibly and respectfully at all times. You are a credit to St Paul’s.

Mac Callisto
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week:

Sofia Rossi
Chloe Yap
Sophia Willcox
Jamie Robinson
Max Rees
SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 3 PARENT 1:1 MACBOOK INFORMATION EVENING - CHANGE OF DATE!
Due to circumstances beyond the school’s control (such as the Eagles elimination final), and to ensure a higher number of parent attendees, the school has decided to move the date of the 1:1 parent info night. It is important that a parent of every child in Year 4 in 2017 attends this meeting to ensure all information is directly communicated and understood.

When: Wednesday 7 September @ 6:30pm

Where: Barbier Hall

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

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS’ CHOIR – ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP
All girls in Years 1-6 will have the opportunity to attend the small group assessment workshop held by the Australian Girls’ Choir on Friday September 2 after recess. If you did not receive the flyer and permission note, please see the office for a replacement. Permission slips must be returned by tomorrow for those girls wishing to participate.

ST PAUL’S DADS BEERS & BURGERS NIGHT
It was a good turn out for the Dads Beers and Burgers evening on Wednesday night. There were plenty of drinks and food to go around and everyone who attended had a nice night off. Thank you to the St Paul’s Dads Group for organizing this evening. The next event on the Term 4 calendar will be a Dads and kids session. Stay tuned for further updates.

Jesse Yock
Assistant Principal

YEAR 1 NEWS

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
This term the wonderful ones have been using the interactive TV to assist with the learning of mathematical concepts. We have been busy doing Koala Racing and reading of bar graphs in small groups.

We have also been learning about Money in Mathletics and practising our addition skills.

This week we have been learning to record ourselves while doing a weather report.

Next week we will be using the ipads to create our own stories and imovies...we cannot wait!

Stay tuned.......

Jerelyn Tierney
YEAR 1 TEACHER
On Saturday 27 August, 7 of our finest, braved the showers and wind and made their way to ECU Joondalup to compete in the Regional Final of Tournament of Minds often referred to as TOM.

There are four Challenges to choose from each year, Language Literature, Social Sciences, Science Technology and Maths Engineering.

Our team prepared the Language Literature Long Term Challenge. As well as the Long Term challenge there is a Spontaneous Challenge which cannot be prepared ahead of time.

Congratulations to Sophie Gregory, Taylor Harris, Caitlin Ryan, Meghann Townsend, Isabelle Hampson, Izak Margaretic and Aidan Sack for their dedication in preparing for this year’s challenges.

Julia Waller
EXTENTION TEACHER
Australian Wildlife Animals come to Pre Primary

Last Monday, West Oz came to visit Pre Primary. They brought a koala named Judah, a dingo named Yappa, two pythons named Rambo and Rosie and a blue tongued lizard named Bob. We got to feel the animals and we learnt many interesting facts about them.

It was a very EXCITING incursion.
Athletics Carnival - Rescheduled

Hot beef rolls and delicious soup will be available for sale at lunchtime on the day of the carnival. Cakes, biscuits and slices will be available throughout the day. Thank you to all the wonderful parents who have volunteered to help with the P&F Carnival lunch.

Dad’s Group - Bowls Night

Don’t forget the Dad’s Bowls Night on Wednesday, 31 August 2016. We hope you all have a great night. Thanks to the Dad’s Group for organising this event.

Fathers’ Day Breakfast

We are so excited about the upcoming Fathers’ Day Breakfast and Liturgy, which will be held in the Barbier Hall on Friday, 2 September 2016 (commencing at 7:30am). Thank you so much to all the wonderful mums who have volunteered to help out with the breakfast.

Thank you for all your RSVPs to the Fathers’ Day breakfast. If you haven’t done so yet, could you please RSVP to the class representative of your eldest child by Wednesday, 31 August 2016.

Please give your children breakfast before they come to school with dad.

Golden Ravioli

Just a reminder that your Golden Ravioli orders are due by Friday, 2 September 2016. Thanks everyone.

Health and Nutrition Working Group

If you are interested in joining a working group that will consider healthy eating and nutrition initiatives in the school, please contact Emma Gregory by email to elle74@live.com.au

School Disco

Don’t forget to put the disco date in your diary - it is Thursday, 22 September 2016. A flyer will be going home shortly.

Next P&F Meeting

The next P&F meeting will be held on Thursday, 15 September 2016 at 6:30pm (please note earlier start time). Please join us for wine, cheese and our monthly P&F meeting.

Lunch Order Pick-Up Roster

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Juliet Brumling
P&F President
Term 3 Banking rewards still available!

Term 3 rewards with an Outback Savers theme are still available and going fast!

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmite token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every Monday in the Heritage Hall from 8.15-8.45am.
If you would like to join school banking, please come and get an information pack on banking day. If you have any queries, please contact Kristy Parker on 0407711509 or parkertgkj@bigpond.com

ST PAUL’S PARISH ALTAR SERVER ROSTER
3 September & 4 September 2016

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Building parent-school partnerships

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When kids bend the truth

As a rule of thumb, step back and try to identify the purpose of a child’s untruths. This indicates to parents how they should deal with the behaviour.

Children often bend the truth to suit themselves. They sometimes tell fibs to escape punishment or avoid being caught when misbehaviour occurs.

Some kids fantasise about their exploits to make themselves appear bigger, more daring or more exciting than they really are. These children often think that they are not much good and so invent a few tales to make themselves seem more interesting. Of course, some children fantasise purely because it is fun to stretch the truth a little. It is more fun to run away from ‘a ferocious man-eating tiger’ than be scared of the next-door neighbour’s moggie.

As a rule of thumb, step back and try to identify the purpose of a child’s untruths. This indicates to parents how they should deal with the behaviour.

Escaping negative consequences
Eight-year-old Pamela spilt a container of milk on the kitchen floor. She panicked, replaced the empty container in the refrigerator and went off to her bedroom to read. When her mother saw the mess, she asked Pamela if she knew what had happened. The child denied any knowledge of it. “What milk do you mean, Mum?” said Pamela, with an innocent look on her face. Her mother, knowing immediately that her daughter was responsible, asked her to help to clean up the mess. Avoiding a scene, she made sure that her daughter didn’t escape the consequence of cleaning up the mess that she had made.

A matter of trust
Thirteen-year-old Britta was refused permission to visit an older friend after school, as her mother thought the friend unsuitable company for her daughter. Resenting her mother’s interference Britta frequently visited her older friend. When her mother asked her where she was going after school she would lie and tell her that she was visiting a friend that her mother approved of. Eventually her mother found out through an acquaintance that Britta had been lying to her about her visits. She confronted her daughter with the truth. Her mother dealt with the matter of the illicit visits. She was not permitted to go out after school for two weeks. This was an appropriate consequence that matched the misbehaviour. She dealt with the matter of lying separately; pointing out that it was difficult to trust her daughter when she didn’t tell the truth.

Fantasising
Some children continually exaggerate to make everything appear bigger or better than in real life. In this way they appear more exciting or interesting than they think they are. This is a sign of discouragement. It is best to go along with these children’s tales, although you should let them know that you are aware of the truth without bursting their bubble.

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It is fine to exaggerate, but they should never be too far away from reality. Persistent fantasisers often need plenty of encouragement. Let them know that they are OK as they are. Fantasising and telling tall tales may be fun but they don’t need to fantasise to build themselves up. Youngest children in the family often tell whoppers in an effort to make themselves seem important in the eyes of older siblings.

**Imaginary friends**

Some children will use imaginary friends to avoid doing things they don’t want to do. ‘Mr. Bear says I don’t have to go bed.’ If it only happens once in a while then it’s a bit of fun. It can become wearing if it’s a continuous avoidance strategy. If that’s the case, try the direct approach: ‘Mr. Bear could be right. But I’m your mum and I know it’s bedtime. Mr. Bear can join you if he likes.’

**Don’t overreact**

Be careful not to overreact when children tell lies. It is better to recognise the child’s goal and act in a way that prevents the behaviour from achieving its purpose. There is little point moralising about the evils of lying. Children know that they should be good; they don’t need to be reminded all the time. Children will continue behaviours that serve a purpose, regardless of whether the actions are morally good or bad. It is more useful to ensure that lying doesn’t achieve its goal and to encourage children at every conceivable occasion.

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