Today we celebrate the feast day of St Patrick.

Much of St. Patrick’s life is shrouded in mystery. Historians disagree on many dates and places in his life story. Patrick was born sometime around 380 in Scotland or Wales. Despite constant threats to his life, Patrick traveled widely through Ireland, baptising, confirming and preaching. Through the power of Patrick’s message, Kings, their families and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17th, 461.

Christ be with me
Christ within me
Christ behind me
Christ before me
Christ beside me
Christ to win me
Christ to comfort and restore me
Christ beneath me
Christ above me
Christ in quiet and
Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger
(St. Patrick 389 – 461)

Dear Parents

The Leadership team are involved in a programme that helps guide participants through a whole school improvement plan. Over the next week you have the opportunity to participate in a survey that will provide valuable information on how you as parents perceive the school. This feedback is essential if we are to embark on an improvement journey. Please take the time to complete and submit the survey, it is confidential and anonymous as we really want honest feedback. You will require a login and password. These are available from the email sent yesterday (hyperlink). The classroom teacher also has a handout with login details. We will also be approaching parents, I-pad in hand, encouraging you to take part.

Thanks in advance for your time in completing the survey.

Open Night and Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the Open Night and Book Fair last night. It was wonderful to see so many parents here to help the children celebrate the work they have done so far this term and take the opportunity to wander through the various rooms, particularly the ones you don’t usually go into. Thanks to all the children and staff for the efforts they have made.
Thank you to Lyn Paraszczyn and Rae Murphy for setting up the Library and selling the books and Tim Maxwell for organizing the cultural performances.

**Celebrating Harmony Day**
Our multicultural community is one of our great treasures. Tomorrow the Year 2’s will be leading the Harmony Day prayer assembly. Children are encouraged to come in their national costume or the clothes of a team to which they belong. There will also be a shared lunch to enjoy with their year group.

**Lent leading to Easter**
Our season of Lent is rapidly passing with only two weeks to prepare for Easter. As part of our preparation, during Holy Week, the children will be involved in various prayer liturgies related to different events leading up to Easter Sunday.

Throughout this week Fr. Vinh has been taking time to allow all the children who have made their First Reconciliation to be able to receive the Sacrament of Penance as part of their Easter preparation. Times for Easter services at SJPII are included in the newsletter.

School is closed on Good Friday, 25th March and opens again on Wednesday 30th March.

**School Board Update**
Congratulations to the following who have been elected to executive positions on the School Board.

- **Board Chair** - Shane Sheely
- **Vice Chair** - Michael Richards
- **Secretary** - Stuart Glendinning
- **Treasurer** - Alexia Pierre
- **P & F Rep** - Mel O’Leary

God bless
Chris Lamb
Principal

**Message from the Board Chair**

2 weeks ago our School Board had their first meeting and I would like to say it’s going to be a great year. I would like to thank all the members that resigned and stayed on from last year for all their hard work last year and welcome in the new and current members back for a big year.

One of the first matters that the board is looking at for possible introduction, depending on a number of factors, is a girl’s summer dress. Stay tuned for more information over the coming months.

I have to say it was a pleasure to see the students and parents last night get up on stage to show their cultures through dance or music at the open night and book fair. Even with the black out it was fantastic to see the night continue and all guests enjoying themselves.

Yesterday we saw the school send out a parent survey and I would like all parents where possible to complete it by the end of next week as this is a way you can put your thoughts and improvements forward. Always remember the only way to be heard is to say something today and not wait for others.

God Bless and have a happy and safe Easter Break from your School Board.
**Dates to Remember**

### MARCH

18th Harmony Day  
Prayer Assembly Yr 2 8:30am  
Undercover area  
Canteen closed

20th Kindy & PP Cluster Mass 9:30 am  
Sunday Mass  
(Palm Sunday)

22nd Prayer Assembly 8:30am – (Yr 1)  
Undercover area  
(Jesus in the Temple)  
Year 2 Excursion to Perth Museum

23rd Prayer Assembly 8:30am (Yr 3 & 4)  
Undercover area  
(Last Supper)

24th Prayer Assembly 8:30am (Eagles)  
Undercover area  
(Passion of Christ)  
Interschool Swimming Carnival

25th Public Holiday Good Friday

28th Public Holiday Easter Monday

29th NO SCHOOL - Easter Tuesday

30th Prayer Assembly (Goannas & Roos)  
Undercover Area  
(The Resurrection)  
School Board Meeting 5:00pm

### APRIL

1st Pre Primary Assembly 8:30 am  
Undercover area

3rd Sunday Mass  
School Band & Choir

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**Parish Information**

**St John Paul II Mass**  
Monday to Saturday 8.00 am  
Every Saturday 6.00 pm  
Every Sunday 9.30 am

**Reconciliation**  
Sundays @ 8.45 am to 9.15 am  
After Sunday Mass if required  
Anytime by appointment

**Baptism & Weddings**  
By appointment  
Father Vinh Dong contact details 6400 0276 or 0422 422773

**Parish Office**  
St John Paul II Catholic Primary School  
Tuesday & Thursday 8.00 to 11.00 am

**Presbytery**  
79 Joseph Banks Boulevard  
Banksia Grove WA 6031  
Email: banksiagrovecatholiccommunity@gmail.com

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**Other Dates & Times**

**School Times**  
Start 8.25 am  
Finish Tue to Fri 3.00 pm  
Monday 2.00 pm finish

**Kindy Times**  
Start 8.25 am  
Finish Tue to Fri 2.45 pm  
Monday 2.00 pm finish

**Uniform Shop**  
Tuesday 8.00 am to 9.00 am  
Wednesday 8.00 am to 9.00 am

**Children’s School Banking**  
Every Friday

**P & F Meeting**  
30th March @ 6.15pm

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
30.03.16 @ .5.00pm
EASTER MASSES

Holy Thursday 24 March  The Lord’s Supper
 Mass  7:00 pm
 Adoration 8:00 to 10:00 pm (NO 8:00 am Mass)

Good Friday 25 March  Stations of the Cross
 10:00 am
 The Lord’s Passion
 3:00 pm (NO 8:00 am Mass)

Holy Saturday 26 March  Easter Vigil Mass
 7:00 pm (NO 8:00 am Mass)

Easter Sunday 27 March  Mass 9:30 am

KINDY 2017 INTERVIEW FOR SIBLINGS

Letters have been sent home to all Kindy 2017 siblings who have lodged a completed application for enrolment. Interviews will be taking place between Monday 21st March & Wednesday 6th April. If you have not lodged a form you need to do so ASAP. Enrolment forms and appointments are essential for a Kindy place. Please call into the school office if you require further information.

HARMONY DAY & SHARED LUNCH

Tomorrow, Friday 18th March
Dress in traditional national costume or uniform of a group or team to which you belong.

A shared lunch will be had with your year level so there will be NO CANTEEN.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Congratulations to Jack & Ivan Williams on the happy and safe arrival of their baby brother, Jacob.

Congratulations to Preston, Hudson & Logan Lynx who were Baptised on the weekend here at St John Paul II Parish.

THANK YOU

We would like to send a huge thank you to Mrs Davis who has given the school a statue of St John Paul II.

Please drop into the office where it is displayed.
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN SCIENCE?

Students in Pre-primary to Year 3 were lucky enough to receive a visit from Captain Waterwise this week. The students learned how our low rainfall levels here in Perth have resulted in a very low water supply in our dams. Captain Waterwise then chose some enthusiastic volunteers to demonstrate how we can all be water saving superheros in our homes by employing some easy water saving techniques. The water Corporation recommends:

1. Use less water in your gardens
2. Buy waterwise whitegoods
3. Have 4 minute showers
4. Use the half flush when you go for a tinkle!

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub flyers went home last week. Orders are due back to the school office by no later than Monday 21st March.

Please make sure you enclose the correct money for orders and your child’s name and class is listed on the order form.

CANTEEN NEWS

We have a change in the way sushi is ordered in the canteen. All sushi orders must be advised to the school office by no later than the Wednesday of each week the canteen is open. You will not have to pay for it then, payment can be made to the canteen on the Friday when your child comes to school. The different sushis available will be Tuna, Californian, Vege, Avocado & Teriyaki. If you do not order it on time, your child may miss out.

Example – If your child wants sushi for lunch on Friday 1st April, you need to lodge the sushi order to the office by no later than 3:30 pm Wednesday 30th March.

P & F NEWS

CLASS REPS

Class reps for 2016 are listed below. We are still requiring reps for some classes. Ideally, 2 reps per class is what we aim for. Are you able to help? If so, please contact the school office.

- Possums Class - Tanya Allcock & Joanne Jagger
- Sugar Gliders Class - Kerry Caporn
- Geckoes Class - Rachael Woodfield
- Quokkas Class - Julie May
- Bandicoots Class - Simone Owens & Karen Hanratty
- Wombats Class - Rebecca Solomon & Angela Walker
- Magpies Class - Class Reps required
- Blue Tongues Class - Class Reps required
- Joys Class - Julie May & Beth Roberts
- Koalas Class - Jen Glendinning
- Echidnas Class - Tash Heasman
- Black Swans Class - Alexia Pierre
- Goannas Class - Class reps required
- Roos Class - Amor Uy
- Eagles Class - Class reps required
EASTER EGG HUNT

The P & F will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 24th March. Donations of mini & small eggs would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be handed into your classroom. The more eggs, the bigger the hunt for the children!

Thank you in advance!

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NEXT P & F MEETING

We are trialing an evening P & F meeting for those who wish to attend but have not been able to make it in the morning. The next P & F meeting will be held on 30th March @ 6:15 pm in the staffroom. We look forward to seeing new faces that evening. Everyone is welcome!

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

Banksia Grove Family Camp  Initiative of Cheers Neighbours Network & Scripture Union WA. Accommodation is in cabin rooms on Geography Bay Busselton. Limited cabins are still available. Further information or to see the program contact Sally Westlake on 0410 432 370, 9206 3110 or sallywestlake@gmail.com

Relationships Australia  Dads Raising Girls – 6th April – 6:30 to 9:00 pm - $25.00 Limited places – 6164 0200 for bookings

Child & Parent Centre  Shopping with children made easier A discussion group for parents and carers Monday 21st March – 9:30 to 11:30 am Child & Parent Centre – 14 Viridian Drive Banksia Grove Ph: 9367 0964 to register or email banksiagrove@ngala.com.au

Child & Parent Centre  Toilet Education Workshops Nappies to undies - 18 months to 3 years Successful Toileting – 3 ½ years + Tuesday 22nd March – 6:30 to 8:30 pm (side by side sessions) Bookings essential www.ngala.com.au – Go to ‘In Perth’ choose ‘Banksia Grove’ and book there or register directly by downloading Child & Parent Centre – Banksia Grove App
Advertise Here!
For a small fee of $20 per term you can advertise your service or business.
Contact the school office for more information

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For all quotes, please contact Matt Watters on 0407 615 611 or email mattwattersplumbing@outlook.com
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Education in a stimulating, homely environment. Inside & outside play space.
Before & after school service to St John Paul II CPS. CCB & CCR available.
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