With NAPLAN testing for year 3 & 5 students almost complete for another year I thought it opportune to share with you the following letter that I received recently via email. It was written by a teacher.

Dear students

Soon you will sit the NAPLAN test. Before you take this test there is something very important for you to know:

This test does not assess all of what makes each of you exceptional and unique.

The people who score these tests don't know that some of you love to sing, are good at drawing or can teach others how to use a computer program. They have not seen the way that some of you can dance with grace or speak confidently to a large group. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them when they are sad. They do not know that you participate in sports, help your Mum and Dad or that you play with your little brother, sister or cousins. They do not know that you are caring, thoughtful and that every day you do your best. Because these attributes cannot be tested.

The scores you get from this test will tell you how you did on that day, but they will not tell you everything. They can't tell you that you brighten up your teacher's day. They can't tell you how amazingly special you are.

So come to school ready to do your best for the NAPLAN test and remember there is no one way to 'test' all the wonderful things that make you, YOU!

NAPLAN
Children who missed a NAPLAN test are able to sit a make-up test tomorrow. Thanks to the teachers for their hard work in both preparing the children and administering the tests.

Birthdays
It was decided at our recent staff meeting to announce children's birthdays for the upcoming week at the Friday assembly. We will commence this practice from tomorrow.

Extra Curricular Activities
Cross Country training. Thanks to Mr Dalton and his merry band of parent helpers who provide opportunities for children in years 3-6 to practice endurance running before school each Monday and Friday.
A basketball clinic is being held for children in years 4-6 on a Tuesday morning.
An AFL footy clinic is being conducted each Friday morning for children in years 1-3.

Uniform Shop
We will be moving the uniform shop to a room on the other side of the undercover area at some stage over the next few weeks. This will enable us access to a room that we can use in a variety of ways each day to support children. I would like to thank Alexia Pierre and her many helpers for the great work they do and for being so supportive of the move.
**Dates to Remember**

**MAY**

13<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Assembly  
NAPLAN Catch Up

15<sup>th</sup> Year 5 & 6 Cluster Mass  
9:30 am  
Undercover Area

19<sup>th</sup> Pre Primary Excursion  
Canning River Eco Education Cnt

20<sup>th</sup> Whole School Disco  
(Flyer attached to this newsletter)

24<sup>th</sup> Whole School Mass  
Joeys Class  
Undercover Area  
8:30 am

26<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Confirmation Retreat Day

27<sup>th</sup> Yr 1 Class Assembly  
Undercover Area  
8:30 am

School Cross Country Yrs 3 to 6  
1-3pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Prayer Assembly

6<sup>th</sup> PUBLIC HOLIDAY – WA Day

7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>  
WA Week

10<sup>th</sup> Interschool Lightening Carnival,  
Kingsway

12<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Mass, 9.30am

15<sup>th</sup> Buddy Mass, Wombats/Koalas

20<sup>th</sup> Whole School Incursion –  
Silver Threads Band

21<sup>st</sup>: School Dentist Visit – PP, Yrs 3 & 6

**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

**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**  
29<sup>th</sup> June 6.15 pm

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
25<sup>th</sup> May @ 5:00 pm
KINDY 2017 INTERVIEWS

Kindy interviews for 2017 are now completed. A few places still remain.

If you have a neighbour, family member or friends that you know are interested in the possibility of a position in the school they should call into the office to collect an enrolment pack. Alternatively, we can post them out.

CANTEEN NEWS

NO VOLUNTEERS NO CANTEEN

The canteen runs every Friday. If you can assist you will receive a Free Lunch. please come into the school office to register your interest.

We have a new Term 2 Canteen Menu attached with the Newsletter.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Congratulations to Rocco Rogers on the happy and safe arrival of his brother Luka.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking for Term 2 will recommence tomorrow, Friday 13th May.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

WEST LEEDERVILLE – 22 Southport Street
Parent-Child Connection x 4 Monday, 30 May – 27 June 6.30-9pm $50 pp / $75 pc
People with children under ten are invited to this four-week course to gain confidence, learn new skills, and feel better about their parenting.

Parent Teen Connection Saturday, 18 June 9.30am-4.30pm $50 pp / $75 pc
This course will help to reduce stress and teach parents how to communicate, negotiate and minimize conflict.

Places are limited so please phone 6164 0200
We had a terrific turnout for the Confirmation information evening for families of students preparing to be Confirmed later in the term. During the night there were opportunities for parents and children to talk with each other about their faith and the gifts of the Holy Spirit they see at work in each other. This is a very special and significant time for all our Confirmation Candidates in our parish, including many of our Year 6 students. As Catholics we believe that the new life in Christ received at Baptism is strengthened by the Holy Spirit when we are Confirmed. Confirmation also empowers us to witness to Jesus Christ through our words and actions. It has been terrific to see our Year 6’s come along to the 8am morning Mass held each weekday here just before school as part of their preparation for Confirmation.

This year each class in the school has been designated one Sunday Mass where they lead the congregation in singing. Last Term the Kindy and Preprimary children came along and lead the singing beautifully – they were so amazing, especially when it was a longer Mass than usual. This Sunday, May 15, at 9.30-10.30am all our students in Year’s 5 and 6 will lead the singing at the Mass here where we celebrate Pentecost, when the disciples of Jesus received the Holy Spirit - This ties in very well with what our Year 6 Confirmation Candidates are preparing for!

Morning tea will follow. Year’s 3 and 4 will lead the singing on the weekend Mass in Term 3 (6pm Sat Aug 6), while our Year 1 and 2 students will do this in Term 4 (9.30am Sun, Nov 13).

Other important days for our Confirmation Candidates are the retreat day for all Year 6 students in our school (8.30-3 Thurs, May 26) and the day of their Confirmation (9.30am, Sunday June 12 – arrive by 9am)

God Bless,

Tim Maxwell

(Assistant Principal – Religious Education)
P&F School Disco

Friday 20th May 2016

Kindy to Year 2: 5pm-6.30pm
Year 3 to Year 6: 7pm-8.30pm

$3 Entry per child includes DJ

Refreshments will be on sale for parents and students,
including a $3 Sausage Sizzle
Also available pop tops, lolly bags, cakes and biscuits

Glow products for sale from 50c

Gates close 15 minutes after start time. Only students enrolled at SJPIIPS may attend. Kindy and Pre-primary parents must stay for the duration of the disco. All students must be signed in and out by parent/carer.
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