



# ST JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Volume 2 – 16th February 2017

## **School Charisms**

*Daily Practical Witness to Christ, Community Prayer, Sustainability, Inclusivity, Challenging Injustice, Embracing Diversity  
In Harmony*

*Nidja Noongar Boodjar Noonook Nyininy*

Dear Lord



Our School needs the support of all parents. Each one has his or her unique contribution to make; some special quality that can help build a community that really cares for children. Let us pray that all parents will experience a sense of warmth and welcome, and that there will be a rich sharing of ideas, talents and enthusiasm as together we go about our work of helping our children to grow and learn.

Amen.

Dear Parents

## **Parent Teacher Meetings**

Parent teacher meetings commenced last Monday. Thanks to the teachers for their preparation and to those parents that made the effort to turn up. It is an important meeting that provides parents the opportunity to meet the teacher as well as hear information about class structures, expectations and events. It was very encouraging to see increased numbers on last year's attendance. One class had an impressive 85% turn out! 😊 Meetings for the remainder of classes is on this coming Monday as follows:

6:15pm KP, PP, Yr 4's  
7:00pm Yr 2's & Yr 6's



## **A Great Start!**

It has been wonderful to see that the start of this year certainly seems to have brought with it a much calmer environment in and around the school. Over the last 2 weeks' students have been using their Getting Along Key. Throughout weeks 3 & 4 we shift the focus to using our Confidence Key.

## **P&F Bush Dance Evening**

Tomorrow night, Friday 17th February, the P&F are holding a beginning of year bush dance on the school grounds. It will provide a great social occasion and a chance to catch up with both new parents and old friends. Who wouldn't rather be outside in the cool of the evening in current weather conditions. Last year was a great turnout. I encourage you to be a part of building this wonderful school community through your attendance at this function. I look forward to seeing you there!

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## **Commitment Mass**

This Sunday at 9:30am the St John Paul II Parish will be celebrating a Commitment Mass for all students preparing to celebrate sacraments this year. The school staff will be attending to commit themselves to the challenges ahead and to working in the best interests of the children, school and church. We will also welcome new staff to the school. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Child Safety**

At the start of another year it is important that we endeavor to maintain the safety and well-being of students. Occasionally, throughout the year, parents may receive an SMS alert regarding an event that occurred near the school or at a nearby school. This is not to alarm you but rather to inform you and reinforce the message that we need to always be vigilant.

I have asked all teachers to reinforce the stranger danger message to their students.

Below are some general safety tips the WA police have provided. You may wish to reinforce these with your child:

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times and who or what is nearby.
- Walk with a friend or group wherever possible.
- Walk in well-lit areas that are clear of overgrown trees and bushes
- If safe to do so, try to photograph or remember the number plate of the car and note clothing or distinguishing features of individuals.

## **Safety Drills**

Over the coming weeks the school will be involved in both a lock-down and evacuation drill. We usually wait for parents to leave the premises but be aware it could happen at any time.

## **School Email**

The Catholic Education system is undergoing considerable changes to the digital technology currently operating. Unfortunately this has impacted our school in regards to emails not being delivered to some parents. If you know of parents who have not received a school newsletter please inform them to go to the school website to view one or come to the office on Friday and ask for a hard copy. Sorry for any inconvenience but it is not something the school can control.

## **Upcoming Events**

Ash Wednesday signifies the start of the Lenten period and is celebrated on 1 March.

Labour Day is 6th March and the following day (7th March) is a Pupil Free Day as staff will be participating in professional development with St Anthony's School in Wanneroo.

Chris Lamb  
Principal

# Dates to Remember

## FEBRUARY

- 17<sup>th</sup>** P & F Bush Dance 5.30- 8.30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup>** Commitment Mass 9.30am Sunday
- 20<sup>th</sup>** Parent Meetings  
6.15pm KP & PPP Yr 4  
  
7.00pm Yr 2 & 6
- 24<sup>th</sup>** Merit Assembly @ 8.30am  
Prayer Assembly

## MARCH

- 1<sup>ST</sup>** Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass  
9am Undercover area
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Class Assembly Yr 3 @ 8.30am  
Undercover area
- 6<sup>th</sup>** No school public holiday (Labour Day)
- 7<sup>th</sup>** No School for students  
Professional Development Day for staff.
- 9<sup>th</sup>** Year 5 Zoo Excursion
- 10<sup>th</sup>** Merit assembly  
Class assembly Year 2
- 17<sup>th</sup>** St Patrick's day  
Buddy Mass year 2 & 4
- 22<sup>nd</sup>** Open Night Book Fair
- 23<sup>rd</sup>** Interschool Swimming Carnival
- 24<sup>th</sup>** Merit Assembly

# 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](mailto:banksiagrovecatholiccommunity@gmail.com)

# Other Dates & Times

## School Times

<b>Start</b> 8.25 am	<b>Finish</b> 3.00 pm
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Finish</b> 2.00 pm

## Kindy Times

<b>Start</b> 8.25 am	<b>Finish</b> 2.45 pm
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Finish</b> 2.00 pm

## 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 Meetings

Wed 29th March @ 6.15pm

## Board Meetings

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> March @ 5.00 pm

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## ST JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMISSIONING MASS

On Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be a special commissioning and commitment ceremony during the 9.30am Mass in the school undercover sacred space area, concluding with morning tea at 10.30AM.



**All students preparing to receive the Sacraments this year are expected to attend the commissioning Mass with their parents - It is an essential part of the enrolment to be able to receive the Sacraments this year.**

If you are unsure if your child should be receiving a Sacrament this year, the following guide\* may assist you:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is usually celebrated by Baptised Catholics in Year 3

The Sacrament of Eucharist (Holy Communion) is usually celebrated by Baptised Catholics in Year 4

The Sacrament of Confirmation is usually celebrated by children in Year 6 who have already received the Eucharist.

*\*Please note that children can still receive the Sacraments in a different year level (eg: A Year 5 student may celebrate their First Eucharist, or a Year 6 may be preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation).*

If your child is not baptised and you would like this to happen please contact Fr Vinh, the Parish Priest, at the Presbytery on 6400 0276.

On Sunday, students will be asked to bring forward their commitment form below. (A copy of this has been distributed to classes and there will be some spare copies available as you enter on Sunday as well).



## ST JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC PARISH SACRAMENTAL COMMITMENT FORM

NAME OF RECIPIENT: \_\_\_\_\_

SACRAMENT BEING RECEIVED (PLEASE TICK)

RECONCILIATION-       FIRST EUCHARIST       CONFIRMATION



SCHOOL ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Tim Maxwell (Assistant Principal, Religious Education)*

### Welcome from the P&F Committee!

On behalf of the 2017 P&F Committee, I would like to welcome you all to the St John Paul II Catholic Primary School for another fun-filled year! It is going to be a good one!

We have quite a few events planned for the year, starting with the Bush dance this Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, which is a free event for all families and friends of the School. Come along, bring your chairs and picnic rugs and relax in a great family atmosphere while enjoying music from our wonderful bush band. There will also be an animal farm for the children and a sausage sizzle and drinks available for purchase.

This year we are planning a Harmony Day multi-cultural evening to coincide with the School Open night and Book Fair on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March to celebrate the amazing cultural diversity we have at this School. We will celebrate with cultural performances from students and a pot luck cultural dinner. Look out for more information in the newsletter in the coming weeks!

We have many more events planned for the rest of the year including an Easter Egg Hunt at the end of Term 1, and a Mother's Day Stall and School Disco in Term 2, just to name a few. If you would like to get involved with the P&F we would absolutely love to see some new faces! The level of involvement is completely up to you, from being a Class Representative and helping organising events, to just keeping up to date and offering help when you can. For more information please send me an email at - [susannahpiek@iinet.net.au](mailto:susannahpiek@iinet.net.au).

We have a Class Rep meeting on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February @ 9am after the assembly, and our next formal meeting is Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of March @ 6.15pm. Looking forward to a great year!

Susannah Piek  
P&F President 2017

## PLAYGROUP

Why not come along to our fun and exciting Playgroup which is coordinated by Mrs Ring between 8.30-10.30am every Friday morning in Father Vinhs Room, for a gold coin donation. This terms theme is 'My family' to celebrate our different cultures and backgrounds. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the fun.



## THE COMMUNICATION COLUMN – Vol. 1

*“A fortnightly column about what’s happening around the school, written by the communication ministry”*

Good job you survived the first 2 weeks of a 40-week school year! By now you have probably familiarised yourselves with all your new teachers and classmates. The year sixes are excited to be leaders of the school. Being the oldest in the school can be hard at times because we have more responsibilities, but we are up to the task. Year 6 is hard! Mr Cain gives us a lot of homework and is very strict with being organised. This is a good thing as it will prepare us for the challenges of high school.

Mr Cain has implemented a system in our class that mimics real life! We have jobs, pay taxes and earn money. I feel that if we survive our year with Mr Cain and Mrs Phillips we will be ready for life and everything it throws at us.

Now for some wise words from your experienced students (year 6s): School is great fun and we are glad to be back. From our 6 years of education we definitely understand just how important school is and how it helps us succeed in life. Make sure you stay on task and use your Keys. If you see rubbish around the school be sure to pick it up, please take care of our environment. Most importantly, enjoy the 2017 school year.

Yours sincerely,  
Hudson and Noel  
Communication Ministry

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Tuesday	7 March
Monday	3 April
Friday	7 April
Monday	24 April
Monday	28 August
Friday	22 September

# YOU CAN DO IT!

The students have been learning about using their Getting Along Key during the past 2 weeks of school and are settling into their new classes and practicing the skill of getting along. Hopefully they are remembering to use this key at home too! During weeks 3 & 4 they will be learning about the Confidence Key.

CONFIDENCE means

- Feeling I can do it.
- Not being afraid to make mistakes and try something new.
- Standing up tall and speaking with a clear voice (not too loud, not too soft).

Examples of Being Confident

- Raising my hand to answer a hard question
- Doing hard work without asking for help
- Sharing a new idea with my teacher and class
- Saying "hello" and talking to someone new



Please talk to your children over the next few weeks and ask them how they are using their Confidence Key.

Lesley Bird  
Social Worker

# BREAKFAST CLUB

Our school offers a healthy breakfast to all students every Tuesday and Thursday from 7.45-8.15 am.

We are very lucky to have our parent coordinator Chrissi Battistessa, ably assisted by Mari-Anne Ward and Rachael O'Brien.

Two of our regular helpers from last year Sandra Peucker and Tash Heasman are taking a break this term as they are looking after new babies- thank you both for your help getting the breakfast club up and running. So we are very much in need of new parents to step up and volunteer with this very important program. Many students are having breakfast so we really need your help to keep the program running.

If you can help on a Tuesday or Thursday between 7.30 – 8.30 am please leave your contact details at the school office as soon as possible and we will be in touch.

Lesley Bird  
Social Worker

# CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Ayor (Yr 2P) & Makur (PPP) on the happy & safe arrival of their baby sister.

Congratulations to Ruby Ryan (Yr1J) on the happy & safe arrival of her baby brother.



# ST JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC PRIMARY BUSINESS BILLBOARD



## ADVERTISE HERE!

For a small fee of \$20 per term you can  
advertise your service or business.  
Contact the school office for more information

## AUSSIE POOCH MOBILE

Mobile Dog Wash  
Grooming Hydrobath including Ear & Eye Ceaning  
Nail Clipping Blow Drying

Call Renee Watters 0439 942719

## BANKSIA GROVE FAMILY DAY CARE

Registered with Communicare.

Before & after school hours for St John Paul II Catholic Primary School. I currently hold a Qualified Educator Diploma, with over 15 years' experience. CCR & CCB available for eligible families. Casual care also available.

Telephone No: 0467 264 769

## FACIAL ATTRACTION

Skin Studio

For a lifetime of beautiful skin. For all your skin care requirements

Please call Helen Croad on

0450 228 209

## LUCY'S FAMILY DAY CARE

Education in a stimulating, homely environment. Inside & outside play space.  
Before & after school service to St John Paul II CPS. CCB & CCR available.

Contact Lucy 0416 561 040 or email [lucyhabron@hotmail.com](mailto:lucyhabron@hotmail.com)



**Awesome Bush Band!!**

# Free Family Bush Dance!

Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2017

St John Paul II CPS

Kindy/Pre-Primary area

5.30-8.30pm

Free event for all families of the school

BYO picnic rug and chairs

