SAINT JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Volume 2 – 15th February 2024

School Charisms
Compassion, Forgiveness & Desire for Unity
In Harmony
Nidja Noongar Boodjar Noonook Nyininy

Dear Parents

It has been a pleasant but busy start to the school year and I am looking forward to working with the children and their families throughout the year. The weather feels like it has been hotter for longer than previous years and thankfully both children and staff are coping as best they can – thank goodness for air conditioners!

I am really excited by our **Asian Cultural Evening** next Friday (23/2). All children are involved in the performances and have been preparing and planning during the last 2 weeks. The evening should provide all who attend a little insight into our Asian nations whilst being involved in lots of enjoyable activities and performances for everyone. Additionally, food vans will be serving from 4:30pm and I encourage you to sample some of the Thai, Japanese and Filipino cuisine. The children's performances will be commencing at 5:00pm. Remember to come in cultural Asian dress! Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Parent Information Evening
Thank you to parents who were able to attend the Information Evening last Wednesday. During the whole school session, amongst the information I shared, were the following points

- This year a student wellbeing program will be introduced called UR Strong. UR Strong is a whole school approach to building strong relationships by equipping students with healthy strategies to manage conflict in their relationships.
- Regarding staff wellbeing, we are encouraging a healthy work/life balance. To assist us in enabling our teachers to disconnect from work and technology at the end of their working hours, there is no expectation that they will respond to calls, emails, texts or other communications outside of school hours. This also applies when the teachers are on Professional Development and on non-working days. Work hours are between 8am and 4pm, Monday to Friday.
- A cross-schools sibling discount with Mater Dei and Irene McCormack has been introduced, please collect the necessary forms from the office and complete and hand to the office prior to the cut-of date listed in the accompanying letter.

Ash Wednesday Mass
Our first whole school mass for the year took place on Wednesday 14th February. Thank you to Mr Bigwood for preparing our celebration and to our readers, altar servers and choir for leading during mass. We have deliberately planned to timetable masses regularly during the school year and invite the parishioners via the church bulletin to continue to build community with our parish.

School Fees
Fees for the 2024 school year will be issued by early next week, and there are a number of options for payment. Should you wish to start a payment plan or if you have account enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Earlier this year an SMS reminder was sent out for Health Care Card holders who are wishing to access the discount to the tuition fee, or have an expired Health Care Card, to provide a copy to the school office as a current card needs to be held by the school for you to access the health care card discount. **Please note that without a current Health Care Card we have no option but to charge full fees.**

Playgroup
Playgroup has commenced again this year, with the session taking place on Friday's between 8:45 and 10:30am. All parents with children aged 0-4 are welcome to attend. There is no cost for playgroup and we are welcoming of all.

In Harmony

Martin Tucker
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

19th to 21st
Year 6 Camp

23rd **8:30am**
Assembly
Year 6 Leaders presented

4:30 – 7:00pm
P&F Asian Cultural Evening

MARCH

1st **8:45am**
Year 2 Liturgy

4th **LABOUR DAY**
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

5th to 7th
Life Ed Van Visits

8th **8:30am**
Merit Assembly
3J Class Assembly

13th to 25th NAPLAN

PARISH INFORMATION

St John Paul II Mass

Monday to Friday	7.45am
Every Saturday	9.30am
	6.00pm
Every Sunday	9.30am

Reconciliation
By appointment
Father Vinh Dong contact details 6400 0276 or 0422 422 773

Baptism & Weddings
By appointment
Father Vinh Dong contact details 6400 0276 or 0422 422 773

Parish Office
St John Paul II Catholic Church

Presbytery
79 Joseph Banks Boulevard
Banksia Grove WA 6031
Email: vinh.dong@perthcatholic.org.au

OTHER DATES AND TIMES

School Times

Start 8.25am	Finish 3.00pm
Monday	Finish 2.00pm

Kindy Times

Start 8.25am	Finish 2.45pm
Monday	Finish 2.00pm

Breakfast Club
Wednesday 7.45am to 8.15am

Uniform Shop
Thursday 8.15am to 9.00am
2.30pm to 3.15pm

Canteen
Thursday Recess & Lunch

CENTRED ON JESUS CHRIST

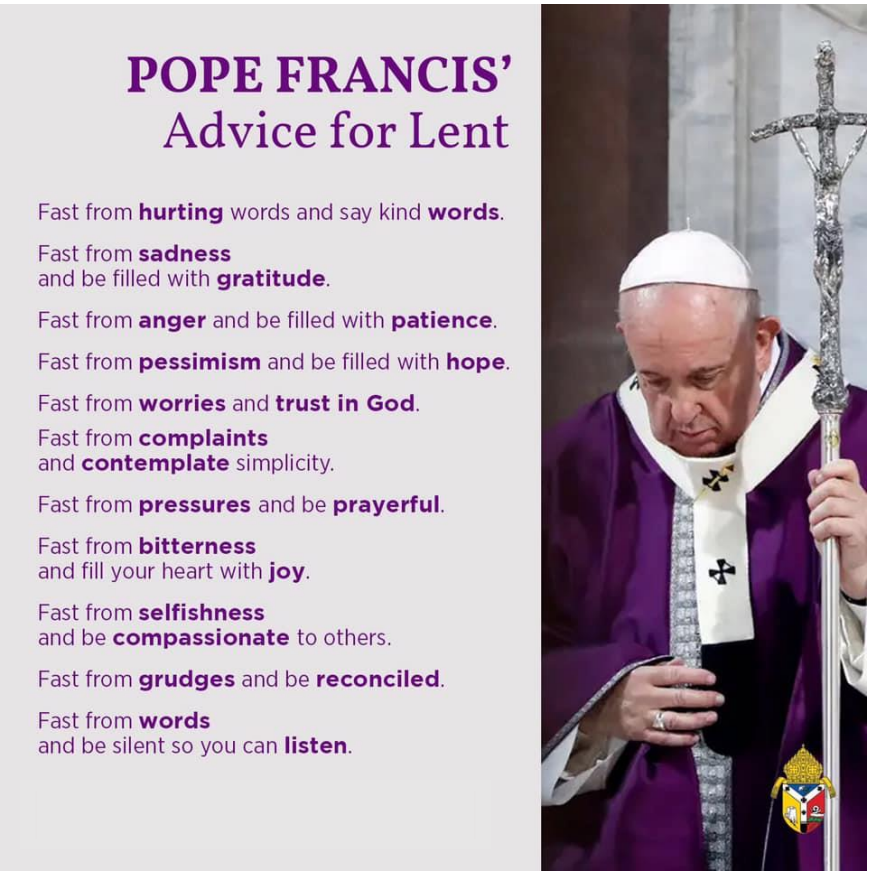
Project Compassion

Our assembly for launching Caritas Project Compassion 2024 is this Friday morning led by our Year 6 students and teachers. Spanning across the 40 days of Lent, Project Compassion brings thousands of Australian schools and parishes together to raise funds for people living in some of the most vulnerable communities across the world.
For the remainder of this term we will be inviting children to contribute to project compassion – all funds raised will be collated at the end of the term and passed onto Caritas Australia to support these communities in need. All the support you are able to provide will be gratefully received.

One of the yearly highlights of Project Compassion is the opportunity to engage with the stories that show the difference Project Compassion makes to the lives of others. I would encourage you to look at one of the stories on the Caritas website to see how our contributions are helping others.

Lent

This season is an invitation to put aside the many distractions around us and give time and space to God and to others. Deacon Jason spoke in his Ash Wednesday homily to us about the season of Lent being a chance for us to spend 40 days practising and working hard on doing something for our own spiritual wellbeing – such as praying every day; as well as doing something for others, whether that be through almsgiving (donating to Caritas, for example) or through trying to be nice and helpful to others every day. Deacon Jason's challenge for us echoes the advice that Pope Francis has for us all this Lenten season and I encourage you to reflect on this over the rest of this term.



Year 2 Class Liturgy

Our Year 2 students will be leading a Liturgy on Friday 1st March at 8:45am in our parish church. Parents and families are invited to join us.

If you have any questions please let me know and I'll be happy to help.

Nic Bigwood
Assistant Principal

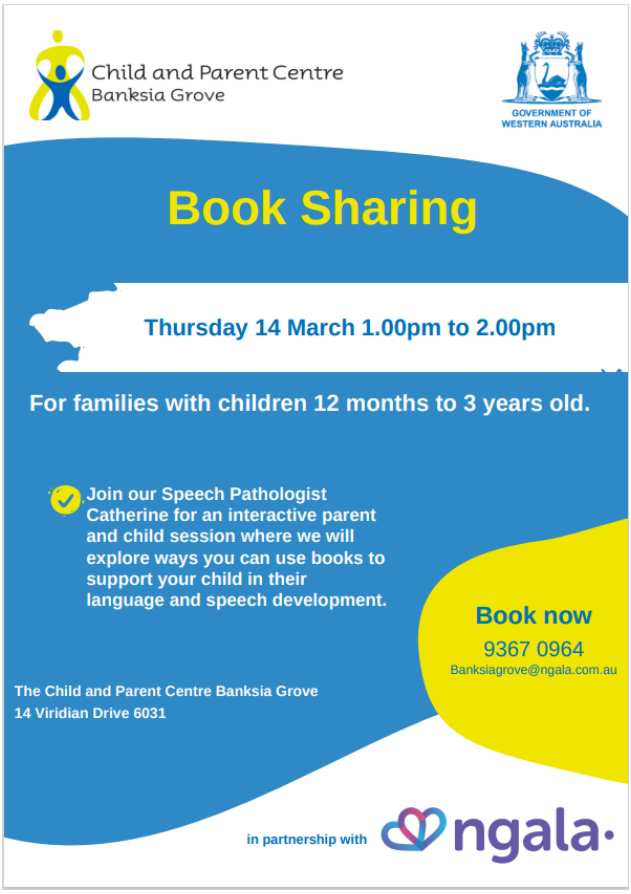
CANTEEN SPECIALS TERM 1, 2024

Below is the list of the canteen specials for Term 1

Date	Special of the Day
22nd February	Butter Chicken
29th February	BBQ Chicken Pizza
7th March	Mac N Cheese
14th March	Meatballs N Bun
21st March	Lasagna
28th March	Butter Chicken

WHAT'S ON

ST JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ASIAN CULTURAL EVENING
P & F
CELEBRATING
THE ASIAN NATIONS
OF OUR COMMUNITY
FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 23RD
4:30 - 7:00
2024
FEATURING: 3 FOOD VANS
FILIPINO
JAPANESE
THAI
FASHION SHOW
TRADITIONAL DRESS
CULTURAL PERFORMANCES
STUDENT PERFORMANCES
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING ALL
OUR FAMILIES TO THE 2024 SCHOOL YEAR!
ST JOHN PAUL II
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
IN HARMONY
IN THE SPIRIT OF HARMONY


Child and Parent Centre
Banksia Grove
GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Book Sharing
Thursday 14 March 1.00pm to 2.00pm
For families with children 12 months to 3 years old.
Join our Speech Pathologist Catherine for an interactive parent and child session where we will explore ways you can use books to support your child in their language and speech development.
Book now
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Learning to use the toilet
Wednesday 13 March 9.30am to 11.30am
The session provides strategies to help encourage your toddler to toilet independently.
Teaching children to use the toilet independently can be challenging at times for parents.
The session provides tips on how to know when your child is ready, the skills needed to use the toilet and covers some common behavioural issues related to using the toilet.
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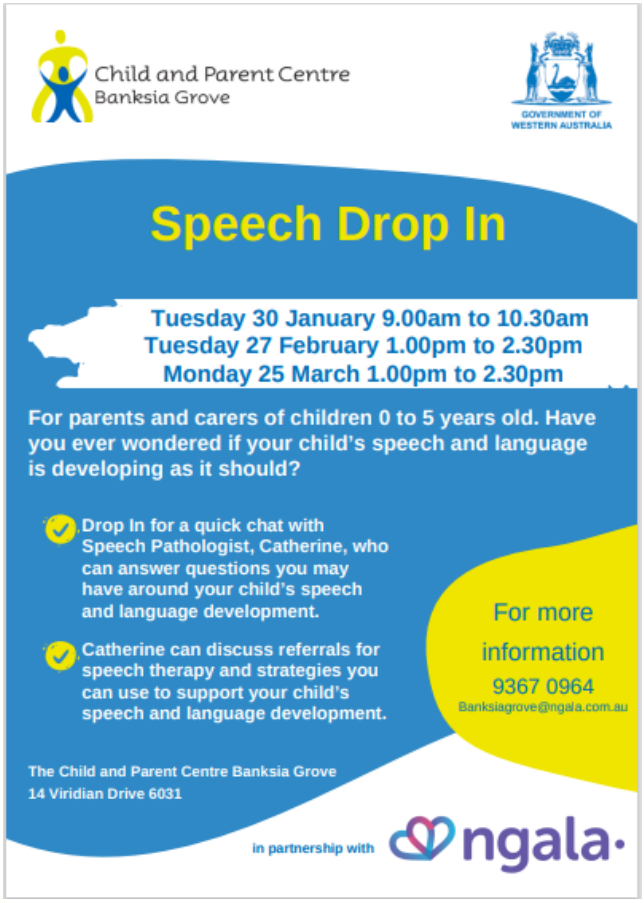
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Speech Drop In
Tuesday 30 January 9.00am to 10.30am
Tuesday 27 February 1.00pm to 2.30pm
Monday 25 March 1.00pm to 2.30pm
For parents and carers of children 0 to 5 years old. Have you ever wondered if your child's speech and language is developing as it should?
Drop In for a quick chat with Speech Pathologist, Catherine, who can answer questions you may have around your child's speech and language development.
Catherine can discuss referrals for speech therapy and strategies you can use to support your child's speech and language development.
For more information
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Managing Children's Behaviour
Wednesday 6 March 9.30am to 11.30am
This is a behaviour based Triple P session which will focus on developing routines for families with children aged 2 to 8 years old.
This session will help provide tools and techniques to manage your child's behaviour.
A parent who attended this session recently said, "I found the strategies helpful enabling me to cope better with my child's challenging behaviour, in a more positive manner".
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ForWhen 1300 24 23 22

Free mental health support, for when you need it.

Having a baby is a time of big change and challenges. Just know, you're not alone and there is help available.

ForWhen is a free national phone service that connects you to local support services during your journey.

ngala PARENTING LINE

8am-8pm 7 days Ages 0-18yrs

9368 9368 Country: 1800 111 546

The Parenting Line is provided by Ngala and funded by the State Government through the Department of Communities and Child & Adolescent Health Service.

Search The Child and Parent Centre Banksia Grove

Ngala Nurse Practitioner Consultation Service

Available for both telehealth and in person consults. Our experienced Nurse Practitioner can work with parents to diagnose and manage a wide range of conditions and offers a host of invaluable services tailored to babies and children. Bulked billed service. Call **9368 9368**

Child and Parent Centre Banksia Grove

Address: 14 Viridian Drive, Banksia Grove
Phone: 9367 0964
Email: banksiagrove@ngala.com.au
Opening hours
Monday to Friday
8.30am to 4.00pm

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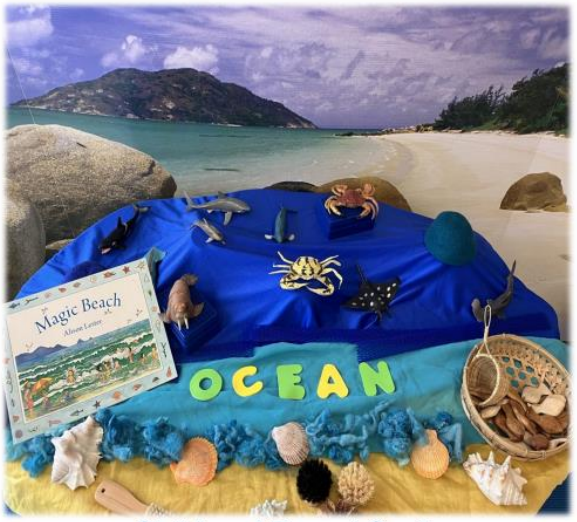

Child and Parent Centre Banksia Grove

Term 1

31 January - 29 March 2024

In partnership with ngala Raising happiness

Parent and Child Sessions

LINKS Playgroup
For children up to 6 years with communication delay, difficulty playing with peers, an interest in a limited range of toys and activities.
Autism Association of Western Australia
Mondays 9.00am to 11.00am

Playgroups

Busy Bees
Enjoy connecting with other parents and participate in your child's development through play (18 months to 4 years)
Tuesdays 9.00am to 10.30am

Pop Up Busy Bees
Parent and child playgroup.
(18 months to 4 years)
Tuesdays 6 & 13 February, 12 & 19 March
1.15pm to 2.15pm

New Young Parent Group

Playgroup for parents under 20 years old. At this playgroup, you can meet other local young parents, share your experiences, discuss topics of interest and enjoy fun free activities with your child.
Wednesday 7, 14 & 21 February
9.30am to 11.00am

New Book Sharing

Join our Speech Pathologist Catherine, for an interactive parent and child session where we will explore ways you can use books to support your child in their language and speech development.
For parent /carers of children 12 months to 3 years old
Thursday 14 March 1.00pm to 2.00pm

Child Health

Purple Book Appointments
Available Monday to Friday make an appointment for your child's developmental checks at 8 weeks, 4 months, 12 months, & 2 years.
Call 1300 749 869 for bookings

Drop In & Weigh Clinic
See your Child Health Nurse for a weight check or a quick question.
Mondays 9.00am to 10.00am

Speech Pathologist
Call **9367 0964** for more information or to make an appointment.

Speech Drop In Clinic
Tuesday 30 January 9.00am to 10.30am
Tuesday 27 February 1.00pm to 2.30pm
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Babies

Early Parenting Group
Delivered in person by your local Child Health Nurse for families with newborn babies 0 to 4 months. Topics covered include feeding, sleep and settling, play and development, and becoming a parent.
(4 group sessions) call **9404 8270**

Solid Start
For parents of babies around 6 months. The session covers when and how to introduce solids to your baby. Topics include why and when to start solids, what to introduce and how, food and drinks to avoid and food safety. Please contact your Child Health Nurse for further information and to book your place.
Call **1300 749 869 or online healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups**

Watch this space!! Triple P is coming your way, sessions are based on parent interest. Session topics include, Toileting, Managing Childrens Behaviour and others. If you are interested in any Triple P sessions or wish to find out more, please call the centre on 9367 0964.

New Sing&Grow

Music therapy play session
4 to 12 months
Thursdays 9.00am to 10.30am
4 week series from 8 to 29 February

Music therapy play session
12 months to 2.5 years old
Thursdays 9.00am to 10.30am
4 week series from 7 to 28 March

Sing&Grow Music Therapy Family Workshops for children aged 12 months to 3 years old

Topics Include:

Building consistency with your child's routines
Thursday 22 February
1.00pm to 2.00pm

Using music to positively support your child's behaviour
Thursday 29 February
1.00pm to 2.00pm

Musical activities to support your child's learning and social skills
7 March Thursday
1.00pm to 2.00pm

Music to engage and connect with children who may have social communication difficulties
Thursday 28 March
1.00pm to 2.00pm

Paint Wanneroo REaD

Have you read with your child today? Come to the centre to read, take or donate a book. Scan QR code to join Facebook page.

Heart Beat Club

ROYAL LIFE SAVING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The training session covers first aid for common children injuries including burns and scalds, choking and drowning. It provides you with information on how to perform infant and child CPR. ***Crèche available***
Friday 16 February 9.30am to 12.30pm

Bookings are essential for crèche and parent information sessions

All Child and Parent Centre programs, services and sessions are free

Call the centre on 9367 0964 for more information & bookings

Scouts
WA

Community Open Day

Come celebrate with us as we launch our BRAND NEW Scout and Community Hall!

WHEN: Sunday 17th March
10am-2pm

WHERE: Carramar Scout Group
& Community Hall
76 Ashley Rd, Tapping

FREE: Climbing Wall, Inflatable Obstacle Course, Badge Making
Available for purchase: sausage sizzle, fairy floss, snow cones, coffee