

ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 WEEK 1

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PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Members of the St Paul's Community

Welcome back to school for a very busy second term. Some of the many events this term include the Mothers' Day Mass and Morning Tea (Week 2), NAPLAN Testing for Years 3 and 5 (Week 3), Scholastic Book Fair (Week 4), School Cross Country Carnival (Week 6), First Holy Communion Mass (Week 7), Interschool Cross Country (Week 9) and the St Paul's Day celebrations (Week 10).

Mothers' Day Mass and Morning Tea

Our Mothers' Day Mass will be held on Thursday 5 May at 9.45am followed by a morning tea at the school. We hope to see many mothers and grandmothers there, so that the children can show how much they love you! For catering purposes, could you please notify the office as to whether you will be attending the morning tea? Then, on Thursday 5 May the P&F will be holding the Mothers' Day Gift Stall to provide the children with an opportunity to buy their mums a lovely present.

2016 Kindy Enrolments

I have commenced the interviewing process for 2017 Kindy (4 Year olds) If you have a child already attending St Paul's and you have not yet completed an application form for a younger sibling (turning 4 before June 2017), please register your interest at the office and complete an application form as soon as possible.

Performing Arts Entries

A reminder that all Performing Arts entries must be completed online by Monday, 2 May.

Congratulations

Mikayla Scerri (Year 5) has gained a place in the WA State Gymnastics team. Mikayla will now be representing the State at the upcoming Australian Gymnastics Championships in Melbourne. The stream of gymnastics she is in is international. Only 3 gymnasts in WA at her level were selected and qualified to attend National events, so it is a huge accomplishment in the world of gymnastics. This event will also include the athletes who are aiming to go to the Rio Olympics. Congratulations Mikayla!

Joanna Noonan
PRINCIPAL

OUR VISION STATEMENT

St Paul's Primary School is committed to Christ-centred education, inspired by the vision of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions and the teachings of St Paul, empowering us to seek the truth and grow in knowledge from darkness into the light of Christ.

REFLECTION

ANZAC DAY PRAYER

*Remember, O Lord,
all those, the brave
and the true, who
have died the death
of honour
and are departed in
the hope of the
resurrection to
eternal life.
In that place of light
from which sorrow
and mourning are
far banished,
give them rest, O
Lord, thou lover of
men.
And grant to us who
remain the spirit of
service
which may make us
worthy of their
sacrifice,
through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

PARISH / SCHOOL MASS

On Sunday 1 May, the Year 3 children will be hosting the Parish/School Mass at 9.30am. Our thanks go to their teacher, Irene Pangestu for preparing the Year 3 Readers. The morning tea afterwards is an opportunity for people to meet and chat. These Masses are a great way to link the parish and the school and enhance our celebration of the Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT/COMMUNICANT WORKSHOP TERM 2

On **Thursday 5 May at 6.30pm**, the First Holy Communion Workshop for Parents and communicants will be held in the Barbier Hall. It is of utmost importance that parents and students attend this workshop to prepare for the sacrament.

The following week on **Thursday 12 May at 6.30pm**, Father Tim will hold a meeting in the St Paul's Church that parents only are expected to attend. Please be advised that if you do not attend these meetings, your child may not be eligible to receive the Sacrament. If you have not returned your application form, please do so as soon as possible. You are also required to pay a \$40 enrolment. Payment can be left in the school office or handed in at one of the meetings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 2 May	Prayer Assembly	8.45am (Year 4)
Tuesday 3 May	Class Prayer	9.00am (Year 4)
Thursday 5 May	Whole School Opening / Mother's Day Mass & Morning Tea	9.15am (Year 5)
Thursday 5 May	Parent/Candidate First Holy Communion Workshop	6.30pm (Barbier Hall)
Thursday 12 May	Parent only meeting for First Holy Communion	6:30pm (St Paul's Church)

Mac Callisto
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MAY

Sun 1	Parish/School Mass 9:30am (Church)
Mon 2	Prayer Assembly Yr 4
Tue 3	Class Prayer Yr 4 9am Cross Country Training 7:30-8:00 After School Winter Sport Training
Thu 5	Mother's day/Opening Term Mass 9:15 Yr 6 Mother's Day Morning Tea (after Mass) Mother's Day Stall FHC Meeting 6:30pm Barbier Hall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthdays this week

Christopher Yap
Dylan Cadogan
Catherine Gazia
Julius Muccilli
Aiden Carson
Hudson Ding



ANZAC DAY SERVICE

An Anzac Day Prayer Service was held for the students on Tuesday 26 April in the Barbier Hall. Run by our Year 6 leaders, the reverent service paid respect to our war heroes, past and present.

Two Year 6 leaders, Caitlin Ryan and Alexander Dowling, also attended the Mount Lawley Anzac Day Memorial Service on Monday April 25. These two student leaders represented St Paul's and laid a wreath as part of the ceremony. We thank them for their dedication and commitment to our school.



Mother's Day Mass & Morning Tea - Photos Wanted

We ask parents to email in a photo of mothers with their child/children to use as part of a slideshow during the Mother's Day Mass in Week 2. Please email these photos to admin@stpaulsmtl.wa.edu.au by Friday 29 April. Your support is greatly appreciated.

School Uniform

All students should be in full Winter school uniform, commencing Monday 2 May.

Jesse Yock
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN 2016

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

In 2016, NAPLAN tests will be held on 10-12 May (Week 3).

Schools will receive NAPLAN reports for their students from mid-August to mid-September, depending on their state or territory test administration authority. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent home. The same report format is used for every student in Australia.

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, and is designed to illustrate the range of student performance across the country. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure that students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Excessive preparation is not useful and can lead to unnecessary anxiety. If you have any questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, you are encouraged to make a time to speak with their teacher.

NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time through the school curriculum, and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN tests give you information on how your child is progressing against national standards. This information allows for additional intervention if necessary to ensure your child progresses at a rate where they can fully participate in all aspects of the curriculum. NAPLAN does not replace, but rather complements, assessments run by your child's classroom teacher throughout the year.



NAPLAN NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

PE NEWS

St Paul's Physical Education Term 2

Kindergarten- Year 2:

The early years of school students need to explore their perceptual motor abilities. The perceptual motor program will provide students with a range of activities to develop their balance, hand-eye coordination and crossing their midline. It will also support their listening skills, learning to follow instructions and directional language.

The Year 3- 6 students:

Winter sports netball, AFL football and soccer skills will be the focus for Term 2. Students will be developing their interpersonal skills through team games and physical activity skills through minor games.



P&F NEWS

P & F Snippets

Welcome back to school everyone. We hope that you had a wonderful rest on the holidays. We have so much planned for Term 2 and we are so looking forward to the fun and festivities that lie ahead.

Mother's Day Stall – Thursday, 5 May 2016

The first event for Term 2 is the Mother's Day Stall, which will be held on **Thursday, 5 May** in the Barbier Hall. Gifts will be available for purchase for \$5 per gift. We would be grateful if children in Kindy to Year 2 could place their \$5 in an envelope (marked with their name) and hand it into their teacher by Wednesday, 4 May 2016. Children in Years 3 to 6 may just bring their \$5 into school with them on Thursday, 5 May 2016.

There will be a second chance to go shopping on Friday, 6 May 2015 after assembly, for any child who misses out on attending the stall on Thursday. Please contact Juliet Bruining on 0447774037 or jbruining@bigpond.com if this applies to your child.

Thank you to the Pre-Primary parents for organising the stall this year. The children are always so excited to go "shopping" for their Mums. We can't wait to see their happy faces on the day.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books are now available for purchase. You should have received a flyer regarding the Entertainment Books earlier this week. If you wish to purchase a book, please contact Clare Salfinger, or your Class Representative, who can forward on relevant details.

Juliet Bruining

P&F PRESIDENT

PARISH NEWS

ST PAUL'S PARISH ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

30 APRIL & 1 MAY 2016

6pm Mass	8am Mass	9:30am Mass
S Clare	M Yozzi	A Olivieri
S Clare	N Yozzi	S Gregory
A Franchi	M Townsend	E Cirillo



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For Queries contact: Clare Salfinger on clare.coulson@me.com

St Paul's Primary School Parent Calendar

Term Two 2016

Mission Focus – Our Lady of the Missions

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/ Sun
1 APRIL	25 ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY	26 Students commence ANZAC Day Prayer Service 8:45am Yr 6 No class prayer	27	28 No Mass	29	30/1 Parish/School Mass 9.30am Yr 3
2 MAY	2 Prayer Assembly - Yr 4	3 Class Prayer 9:00 Yr 4 Cross Country Training 7:30-8:00am After School Winter Sports Training	4	5 9.15 Mothers' Day/ Opening Term Mass & Morning Tea Yr 6 Mothers' Day Gift Stall Parent / Candidate Holy Communion Workshop 6:30pm Barbier Hall	6 Assembly – Yr 2	7/8 Ascension Day Mothers' Day
3 NAPLAN	9 Prayer Assembly - Yr 3	10 NAPLAN (Y3 & 5) Class Prayer 9:00 Yr 2 Cross Country Training 7:30-8:00am After School Winter Sports Training	11 NAPLAN (Y3 & 5)	12 NAPLAN (Y3 & 5) Our Lady of Fatima Mass 9:15am (Y4 +6) Yr 4 Holy Communion Parent Meeting 6:30pm (Church)	13	14/15 PENTECOST
4	16 Prayer Assembly - Yr 2	17 Class Prayer 9:00 Yr 3 ICAS Digital Technology Cross Country Training 7:30-8:00am After School Winter Sports Training	18 Maths Olympiad Testing	19 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY Mass 9:15am (Y4-6) Yr 5	20 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY Assembly – Yr 4	21/22 TRINITY SUNDAY Shaun Tan Competition
5	23 Prayer Assembly - Yr 1	24 Class Prayer 9:00 Yr 1 Cross Country Training 7:30-8:00am After School Winter Sports Training	25	26 SORRY DAY May Crowning, Rosary & Benediction 9:15am (PP-6) Yr 5	27	28/29 CORPUS CHRISTI Parish/School Mass 9.30am Yr 4
6 JUNE	30 Prayer Assembly - Yr 6	31 Class Prayer 9:00 Yr PP ICAS Science Cross Country Training 7:30-8:00am After School Winter Sports Training	1 School Cross Country Carnival Y3-6	2 Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass 9:15am (Y4-6) Yr 4	3 Assembly –Yr 1	4/5
7	6 WA DAY HOLIDAY	7 Pupil Free Day / Staff PD Day	8 FHC Retreat (Reconciliation Yr 4) Maths Olympiad Testing	9 Mass 9:15am (Y4-6) Yr 6 Dentist Screenings PP, Y3 & Y6 School Nurse	10 Pirate Day	11/12 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 11.00am & 3.00pm Tim Winton Writing Competition
8	13 Prayer Assembly - Yr 5	14 Class Prayer 9:00 Kindy ICAS Writing Cross Country Training 7:30-8:00am After School Winter Sports Training	15 ICAS Spelling	16 St Anthony of Padua Mass 9:15am (Y4-6) Yr 5	17 Assembly - PP	18/19
9	20 Prayer Assembly - Yr 4	21 Class Prayer 9:00 Yr 5 Cross Country Training 7:30-8:00am After School Winter Sports Training	22	23 Nativity of John the Baptist Mass 9:15am (Y4-6) Yr 4 Interschool Cross Country Carnival	24 Assembly - NAIDOC Week / Music Dads & Lads Y4-6 AFL Night 5:15pm	25/26
10 JUN/ JUL	27 Prayer Assembly - Yr 3	28 Class Prayer 9:00 Yr 6 Cross Country Training 7:30-8:30am Winter Sports Training 3-4pm	29	30 Last day of Term St Paul's Day Whole School Celebration – End of Term Mass 9.15am Yr 5 Reports go Online 4pm	1 Catholic Day (Pupil Free Day)	2/3

Parenting *ideas*

INSIGHTS



Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Why consistency improves kids' behaviour

One of the simplest ways to improve a child's behaviour is to be more consistent.

Children love their parents to be consistent as they are able to predict how they will act. A consistent approach to discipline helps put kids in control of their behaviour.

Consistency means as parents we follow through and do as we say we will. It means resisting giving kids second and third chances when they break the rules or behave poorly around others. When we let kids get away with two or three infractions of the rules we often come down very hard eventually, which causes resentment. Act early and prevent poor behaviour from escalating is the best approach.

Consistency also means both parents in a dual parent family get their act together and respond in similar ways when children are less than perfect. Children learn from a young age to play one parent off against the other when their standards differ or communication is poor. Sole parents need to be consistent with how they react when children behave poorly.

A consistent approach is shown through a clear set of limits and boundaries that provide kids with structure and teaches them how to behave. Studies show that families with very few boundaries or rules are more likely to have children who behave poorly around others, or don't consider their own safety.

Children like limits and they also like to

push against boundaries. One study has shown that kids will push parental boundaries about one third of the time. This is a normal, but irritating expression of a child's push for independence and autonomy.

Some toddlers, teens and other tricky types will push twice that amount, which is very hard work indeed.

Consistency is often sacrificed by busy parents and put in the 'too-hard basket'. When parents are tired, stretched and overworked the last thing we want to do is engage in a battle with a strong-willed child over what are sometimes petty issues.

Besides, consistency can make a well-meaning parent who values relationships feel downright awful.

But giving in rather than holding your ground is not a smart long-term strategy. If you give in occasionally kids will learn that if they push hard enough, or give that winning smile, you will eventually give in. Consistency is about

Here are some ideas to help you be consistent with your kids:

1 Focus on priority behaviours

It's difficult to be consistent with every single misbehaviour, but it's easy to focus on one or two. When you are consistent with one or two

priority behaviours it has a positive impact on other behaviours.

2 Give yourself a tangible reminder

about the behaviour you want to follow up. Leave a note somewhere telling yourself that you need to "Walk away when a child whines. Don't give in." Or "Catch your kids doing the right thing when they resolve a problem without arguing."

3 Check your routines

Make sure you have simple routines for troublesome times of the day such as bedtime or mealtimes.

4 Act

rather than overtalk or repeat yourself when kids misbehave. Sometimes it's really inconvenient to set a consequence, as you may have to battle a tantrum that follows. But the stand-firm approach pays off in the long-term as kids learn eventually that you mean what you say, and say what you mean. That's what firm, consistent discipline requires.

5 Agree to a joint position

with your partner about a range of parenting issues such as discipline methods, going out, the use of technology, alcohol, sexuality and other important areas.

Michael Grose



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