

ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 1

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PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Members of St Paul's School Community

Welcome back to the last term of the year. I hope you are all refreshed and ready for the fun and hectic activity of Term 4!

As Fr Tim mentioned in the Parish Bulletin last weekend, it was pleasing to note that in the October 2nd issue of The Weekend Australian, St Paul's Primary school was listed among the top 40 primary schools in WA! The schools were rated on their high NAPLAN scores. Other schools listed with St Paul's included some highly prestigious and expensive private schools. As Fr Tim pointed out, we don't sufficiently appreciate how great St Paul's truly is. All credit must be given to our hard working and dedicated staff, with support from our wonderful parent community. It is worth reiterating some of the points he raised, including the fact that although we don't have a big oval, we have a strong PE program and make use of a wonderful park just a short walk away. He advised that parents should be choosing a school "on the basis of academic education (not an oval)... as the school's first purpose is education, not recreation". Among other strengths at St Paul's Fr Tim made mention of our strong religious education and practice, frequent opportunities for the children to attend Mass and prayer services and the hands-on involvement of the parish priest. He strongly urged parents to think twice about sending their Year 4-6 boys off to schools "that may have big ovals but can't match St Paul's in academic achievement, community support, religious education and Catholic practice". As we deal with problems of gender inequality, Fr Tim stressed that "it is important that boys learn to see girls as friends, equals and strong competitors" – an experience they can get at St Paul's. In conclusion, Fr Tim encouraged support for our school, as it is great in so many ways.

Thank you

It seems like a long time ago since the end of Term 3, but I would like to extend a big thank you to our amazing P & F for their organisation and preparation of the Neon Disco on the last day. The Barbier Hall was transformed into a disco wonderland; equipped with light up dance floor, photo booth, neon glow sticks and a DJ. It was a wonderful night for all the students and even a few staff members who cannot wait to get their photo booth pictures back! Well done to everyone involved.

Term 4 Opening Mass

Today the children from Pre Primary to Year 6 celebrated a Mass to open Term 4, hosted by Year 5. We thank Fr Tim for celebrating the Mass to help us ask for God's blessings as we start a new term.

October the Month of the Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, our special prayer to our mother, Mary. We should try to pray the Rosary as often as possible and ask Mary to help us achieve peace in our troubled world. The children have all been given their own pair of rosary beads and this Tuesday we gathered as a school to pray a decade of the rosary for Mrs Kellie McElligott, who is ill. For the next few weeks, each class will be compiling a Spiritual Bouquet of prayers for Kellie, to let her know that she is in our thoughts and prayers.

Year 3 and 4 Interschool Team Games

The Interschool Team Games will be held on Friday 28 October from 12pm-2.30pm for the Year 3 and 4 students only at Abbott Park in Scarborough. This event is particularly enjoyable for the children as the rotational nature of the games means that they are constantly engaged. Of course parents are warmly welcomed to attend and show their support.

P&F Meeting

This Friday there will be a P&F meeting at 9.00am in the Heritage Hall, We hope to see as many parents at these meetings as possible as your input and involvement in the school is greatly valued.

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

O Little Therese of the
Child Jesus,
Please pick a rose for
me
from the heavenly
gardens
and send it to me
as a message of love.
O little flower of
Jesus,
Ask God today to
grant the favours
I now place with
confidence
In your hands.
St. Therese,
help me to always
believe,
As you did,
In God's great love
for me,
So that I might
imitate your
"Little way" each
day. Amen



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 17th October Prayer Assembly 8.45am Year 1
 Tuesday 18th October Class Prayer 9.00am Year 5
 Thursday 20th October Mass Year 4 (Yr4-6)
 Thursday 20th October Parent/Candidate Reconciliation Workshop 6.30pm Barbier Hall

Confirmation

Photographs are available now in the school office for parents to peruse at your convenience if you wish to purchase any.

Reconciliation

We will now commence our preparation for Reconciliation. We ask you to pray for all the children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep these dates in your diary:

Thursday 20th October Parent/Candidates Reconciliation Workshop 6.30pm Barbier Hall
 Thursday 27th October Parent Reconciliation Meeting 6.30pm St Paul’s Church
 Thursday 17th November First Reconciliation Liturgy 6.30pm St Paul’s Church

Whole School Opening Mass Term 4

Today we had our Whole School Opening and celebrated the feast of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. We thank Year Five students who lead us in the readings. We pray for that the final term of the year will be memorable for all of us.

Month of October (Rosary)

The month of October has always been dedicated to praying the Rosary. It is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary everyday. The Rosary will bring great peace and holiness to our lives. There is no greater person than our mother Mary who can intercede for us through the power of prayer. The students will pray the Rosary during October at our Prayer Assemblies. All the children from Year 1-6 have received their own set of Rosary Beads that they will pray with during each of the Prayer Assemblies.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2016

In term four our social justice focus will be the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. St Vincent de Paul has provided us with a list of families as a guide to help students compile their hampers. This provides students with a particular focus on the number of families in our community that struggle throughout the year but especially during Christmas.



Over the next few weeks, your child will come home with suggested items for donation. We encourage you to discuss the true meaning of Christmas with your children and join us in offering an alternative to families who would otherwise go without.

It is important to remember that hampers must contain non-perishable food items that are in date and in good condition. Please do not include any chocolate items, as St Vincent de Paul does not have refrigeration facilities.

Feast of St Therese of the Child Jesus 15th October

St. Teresa (1515-1582) was born in Avila and died in Alba, Spain. When only a child of seven, she ran away from home in the hope of being martyred by the Moors; in this way, she said she could come to see God. At the age of eighteen she joined the Carmelite Order and chose Christ as her heavenly Spouse. With the help of St. John of the Cross she reformed most of the Carmelite convents and founded new ones. She reached the highest degree of prayer and through prayer obtained such knowledge of divine things that in 1970 Pope Paul VI named her the first woman Doctor of the Church.



Mac Callisto
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Term 4 Week 1

17 October—21 October

18th	Y5 Class Prayer 9.00am
19th	Y5/6 Surfing Program EDUDANCE
20th	Mass 9.15am (Y4-6) Y3 Parent/Candidates Reconciliation Workshop 6.30pm Barbier Hall
21st	Y2 Assembly

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week :

- Katie McKieman**
- Alexander Kim**
- Samantha Macnish**
- Anna Salfinger**
- Natasha Oo**



SCHOOL NEWS

Year 6 Ballroom Dancing

Ballroom dancing has arrived at St Paul's and the Year Six students are excited! Every week for 6 weeks the students in Year 6 will participate in structured Ballroom dancing lessons with a professional teacher. This is in preparation for their highly anticipated Graduation evening, which will include a dance component. We look forward to being able to provide our students with access to this program and to see the final product on Graduation night.

EDU-DANCE has arrived at St Paul's!

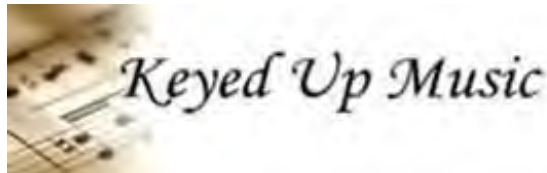
We are excited to announce that Edu-Dance has returned to St Paul's in Term 4. Edu-Dance is a creative hip-hop dance program designed for primary school students developed in Perth, Western Australia.

It provides children with the opportunity to be part of a fun and energetic dance program within their own school community. The program fulfils the Physical and Health outcome requirements (Dance element) for students and covers many other aspects such as coordination, musical appreciation and self-confidence, and gives many children the opportunity to experience the excitement of performing in front of an audience. Most importantly it is promoted as a program for fitness and fun.

All students in Pre-Primary to Year 6 will need to wear their sports uniform on Wednesdays for the duration of Term 4.

Jesse Yock
Assistant Principal

Keyed Up Music will be running piano, guitar and band lessons again in Term 4 at St Paul's. We run group lessons starting from \$15.45 plus GST per lesson. To enrol, to go www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form or ring Therese on 1300 366 243.



PARISH NEWS

ST PAUL'S PARISH ALTAR SERVER ROSTER 15 October & 16 October 2016

6pm Mass	8am Mass	9:30am Mass
C Iacopetta	A Dowling	P Parker
N Panton	O Fuller	R Parker
A Franchi	S Fuller	T Rose

SPORTS NEWS

Surfing

This term we are lucky enough to have the funding from Sporting Schools. We are taking Year 5 and Year 6 students to Trigg Beach to participate in Surfing Program.

Summer Sports

The students in Years 3 to 6 will be participating in Sport every Tuesday afternoon. During this time they will learn the rules of tee-ball, basketball, hockey and tennis. Sport will finish with a grand final for all the students. Through the Summer Sports Program all St Paul's students will develop object control and perform body management skills.

Swimming Lessons

Students will also perform a range of water confidence skills through swimming lessons.

Loretta Kerse

PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

BANKING NEWS

New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 4 rewards with an Outback Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

Bush Fly Fan



Wriggly Glow Worm



For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. We have two new Term 4 rewards available, the Bush Fly Fan and the Wriggly Glow Worm!

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every **Monday morning from 8.15 – 8.45am in the Heritage Hall.**

If you have any queries, please contact Kristy Parker on 0407 711 509 or email parkertgki@bigpond.com

School Disco

Our School Disco was absolutely fanfluorotastic! Thank you so much to the Prep-Primary parents, Rachael O'Callaghan, Mel D'Orsogna, Carla Morris-Luck, Lucy Ashton and all the other Mums and Dads and teachers who organised and assisted with the running of our amazing School Disco last term. Thank you also to all the children, parents, grandparents and teachers for your enthusiastic attendance. The fantastic photos from the photobooth will be available shortly.

Gardening Busy Bee

A highly productive gardening Busy Bee was held on the school holidays and many vegetables and herbs were planted as well as a blueberry bush to compliment the fabulous, existing garden beds created and cared for by our wonderful Early Childhood teachers. Check out the raised garden beds at the top level of the Early Childhood Area to see the fruits of the labour of our busy, green thumb, St Paul's bees. Thank you so much to Anna Dang, Emma Gregory and the Gregory children, for organising the busy bee and for all their hard work in the garden.

Health Lunchbox Ideas

On 11 October 2016, a healthy lunch box ideas workshop was held that was very inspiring, informative and fun. Thank you so much to Emma Gregory for organising the workshop and for kindly hosting it at her home. If you are interested in attending a future workshop of this nature, or in joining a working group that is interested in health and nutrition, please contact Emma Gregory on elle74@live.com.au

St Paul's Netballers

Our St Paul's netballers played their first game on Tuesday, 11 October 2016 (the first school day of Term 4) at Matthews Netball Centre. It was a beautiful Spring day and a lot of fun was had by all. The Year 3 team, were led by their devoted coaches Rita Bryson and Sophia Lamers, and manager, Deb Lamers. They played their first game very well on the grass courts and impressed us all with their effort and team spirit. Meanwhile, the Year 4/5 team (the St Paul's Diamonds), led by super-coach, Loretta Kerse and manager, Helen Chatzimichail, played the Super Shooters up on the hard courts, in what was a very close and impressive game. It was a wonderful afternoon, and the girls can't wait until their next game on Tuesday, 18 October 2016.

Next P&F Meeting

The next P&F meeting will be held on **Friday, 14 October at 9am** in the Barbier Hall. We hope to see you there. You are all warmly welcomed.

Lunch Order Pick-Up Roster

Friday, 14 October	Monday, 17 October	Wednesday, 19 October
Juliet Bruining	Lina Coletti	Juliet Bruining

Juliet Bruining
P&F President



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Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Teach kids to solve problems

When parents solve all children's problems we not only increase their dependency on adults but we teach them to be afraid of making mistakes. That's fertile ground for anxiousness and perfectionism, which often go hand in hand.

Of course, if you keep solving them, they'll keep bringing them. "Mum, my sister is annoying me?" "Dad, can you ask my teacher to pick me for the team?" "Hey, I can't find my socks!"

It's tempting if you are in a time-poor family to simply jump in and help kids out.

Alternatively, you can take a problem-solving approach, cuing them to resolve their own problems and take responsibility for their concerns. "What can you do to make her stop annoying you?" "What's the best approach to take with your teacher?" "Socks, smocks! Where might they be?"

Here are 5 questions you can ask kids to encourage them to resolve their own problems:

1 "Can you solve this yourself?"

Get kids thinking they can do it.

2 "What do you think needs to happen?"

Start kids thinking about solving problems.

3 "What's the first step?"

Sometimes just getting kids started is enough to get them working out issues themselves.

4 "How would you like me to help?"

Get kids considering the type of assistance they need.

5 "What's the best way to do this?"

Get kids assessing and prioritising.

Problem-solving is one of the four major skills (optimism, social skills & independence being the others) that resilient kids share, yet it's the one that many of us aren't equipped to develop. Start by stepping back and asking good questions when kids bring you their problems to solve.

Michael Grose



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St Paul's Primary School Parent Calendar

Term Four 2016

Mission Focus – ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/ Sun
2 Month of October (Rosary)	17 Prayer Assembly - Yr 1 (Pray the Rosary)	18 Class Prayer 9:00 Yr 5 Y6 Ballroom Dancing	19 EDUDANCE Y5/6 Surfing Program	20 Mass 9:15am (Y4-6) Yr 4 St Luke Parent / Candidate Reconciliation Workshop 6:30pm Barbier Hall	21 Assembly – Year 2	22/23
3 Month of October (Rosary)	24 Prayer Assembly - Yr 5 (Pray the Rosary)	25 Class Prayer 9:00 Yr 4 Y6 Ballroom Dancing Scitech Challenge Day	26 EDUDANCE Y5/6 Surfing Program	27 Mass 9:15am (Y4-6) Yr 6 Sts Simon & Jude Parent Reconciliation Meeting 6:30pm Church	28	29/30
4 NOV	31 Prayer Assembly - Yr 6	1 ALL SAINTS DAY Melbourne Cup Day Y6 Ballroom Dancing Class Prayer 9:00 Yr 3	2 ALL SOULS DAY EDUDANCE Y5/6 Surfing Program	3 Saint Martin De Porres Mass 9:15am (Y4-6) Yr 5	4 Assembly – Year 1	5/6 Parish/School Mass 9.30am All classes
5	7 Prayer Assembly - Yr 3	8 Class Prayer 9:00 Yr 2 Y6 Ballroom Dancing	9 EDUDANCE Y5/6 Surfing Program	10 St Leo the Great Mass 9:15am (Y4-6) Yr 4	11 Remembrance Day Prayer Liturgy 10:40am Yr 6	12/13
6	14 Prayer Assembly - Yr 4	15 Reconciliation Retreat Y6 Ballroom Dancing	16 Kindy 2017 Orientation Morning 9:30-10:30am EDUDANCE Y5/6 Surfing Program	17 Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Mass 9:15am (Y4-6) Yr 5 First Reconciliation Liturgy 6:30pm St Paul's Church	18 Assembly – Year 4	19/20
7 SWIM WEEK	21 Swimming Prayer Assembly - Yr 2	22 Swimming Class Prayer 9:00 PP AGM 6:30pm Barbier Hall	23 Swimming EDUDANCE Y5/6 Surfing Program	24 Swimming No Mass	25 Swimming Parent Helpers' Morning Tea 9am	26/27 1st Sunday of Advent
8 NOV/ DEC	28 Prayer Assembly - Yr 1 Pre Kindy 2017 Orientation 9:30-10:30	29 No Class Prayer COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION (YR 3-6) 9.15am	30 EDUDANCE Y5/6 Surfing Program	1 NO MASS Kindy Christmas Concert 10am	2 Assembly – Year 3 Graduation Mass, Awards & Dinner Dance 6:30pm	3/4 Parish/School Mass 9.30am PP
9	5 Prayer Assembly – Yr 6 Pre-Kindy Christmas Celebration	6 No Class Prayer	7 EDUDANCE Y5/6 Surfing Program End of Year Concert 6:30pm	8 Immaculate Conception Thanksgiving Whole School Mass (PP-Y6) Yr 4 9:15am	9 End of Term REPORTS GO ONLINE 4pm	10/11