Dear Members of St Paul’s School Community

Prayers for Kellie McElligott
Thank you to everyone who handed in a completed Spiritual Bouquet slip. The classes have also completed their beautiful spiritual bouquets and they are ready to be taken in to Kellie. We hope that they will lift her spirits and remind her that she is in our thoughts and prayers. Please continue to keep praying for Kellie.

World Teachers’ Day
We have decided to celebrate World Teachers’ Day next Wednesday, 2 November, as it actually falls on a date during the holidays. World Teachers’ Day is an opportunity to celebrate the important role of teachers in our community and acknowledge their efforts in an increasingly complex and technological society. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions of their teachers. I would like to take this opportunity to commend our wonderful staff here at St Paul’s for their amazing dedication and all that they do to care for and educate our precious children.

Year 3 and 4 Interschool Team Games
The Year 3 and 4 Interschool Team Games will be held this Friday 28 October from 12pm-2.30pm 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 AGM and Annual School Community Meeting
Everyone is invited to attend the P&F AGM followed by the Annual School Community Meeting on Tuesday 22 November commencing at 6.30pm in the Barbier Hall. Please consider nominating yourself, or another willing person, for a position on the P&F Executive or the School Board. Nominations for both close on Friday 18 November and can be lodged at the school office. We need members with an interest in the welfare of St Paul’s School and a desire to promote Catholic schooling to offer their valuable services to the school community.

Joanna Noonan
PRINCIPAL
UPCOMING EVENTS
- Monday 31st October Prayer Assembly 8.45am Year 6
- Tuesday 1st November Class Prayer 9.00am Year 3 (All Saints Day)
- Thursday 3rd November Mass 9.15am Year 5 (Yr 4-6) (Saint Martin De Porres)

Parish/ School Mass 6th November
On Sunday 6th November at 9.30am, we have our Parish/School Mass. This hosting of this Mass will be shared by all the students from Year 1-6. Each class has been allocated a role to carry out during the celebration. We encourage all the St Paul’s Community to attend this Mass. Our Parents and Friends Committee, have kindly offered to organise a morning tea in the parish undercroft afterwards. We do hope many families will make every effort to attend this Mass.

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

Reconciliation
Tonight we have the Parent Meeting at 6.30pm in St Paul’s Church. Parents are reminded that you are expected to attend this meeting.
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 27th October Parent Reconciliation Meeting 6.30pm St Paul’s Church
- Tuesday 15th November First Reconciliation Retreat Day (All Day) at St Paul’s Church Undercroft
- Thursday 17th November First Reconciliation Liturgy 6.30pm St Paul’s Church

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 different scenarios, as a guide to help students compile hampers that would be suitable for a variety of families in our community who 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 assistance 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.

Below is a list of items that would be suitable for the Christmas Hampers:
Christmas pudding, custard, tinned fruit, bonbons, tea, coffee, Milo, long life milk, sweet biscuits, candy canes, jelly, jams, long-life juice, Christmas cake, pancake mix, cordial, lollies and Vegemite.

Other goods to consider:
Couscous, cereal, dried fruit, fruit mince pies, savoury biscuits, tinned vegetables, confectionery, muesli bars, pasta and pasta sauce.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week:
- Bella Woods
- Lilly Fewster
- Grace Wilcox
- Artem Akselrod
- Tadhg McElligott
- Nadia Battalis
Feast of Saint Simon and Saint Jude (28th October)
The Church celebrates the feast of these two apostles of Jesus on the same day. St. Simon was called "the zealous one" because he had so much devotion to the Jewish law. Once he was called by Jesus to be an apostle, he gave his heart and his energy to preaching the Gospel. With the other apostles, he received the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. He first went to Egypt to spread the good news. Then he went to Persia with the apostle St. Jude. Both of them gave their lives for God when they were martyred there. St. Jude is sometimes called Thaddeus, which means "the brave one."

At the Last Supper, Jesus said: "He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and show myself to him." And St. Jude asked: "Lord, how is it that you are about to show yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus answered him: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."

St. Jude is also called the saint of "desperate or impossible cases." People pray to him when things seem hopeless. Often God answers their prayers through the intercession of this beloved apostle.

All Saints Day
All Saints Day is the day when Catholics celebrate all the saints. The day arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their death. When martyrdoms increased, during persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, both known and unknown, were properly honoured.

Month of the Holy Souls
The month of November is the traditional month in which we pray for our dearly departed family and friends. Wednesday 2nd November is All Souls Day. We ask our dear Lord to grant all our family and friends' eternal rest and peace in heaven.

Mac Callisto
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.
1:1 Macbook Program Update

In 2017 students in both Years 4 & 5 will be connecting their own Macbook Airs to the school’s wireless network, provided their devices meet minimum specifications. As a school, we have formed a partnership with JB Education to provide parents with a choice regarding a supplier and educational pricing.

The specification guidelines outlined at the parent information evening ensure that the devices can be supported within the school network. This updated information can be accessed from our school website www.stpaulsmts.wa.edu.au

Instructions for accessing the JB HI-FI online portal

2. Enter School Code - SPPS2017
3. Select “Year 4/5 parent funded program”
4. Choose a pick up option
5. Select device – Macbook Air 11 inch 128G is the only option (Please note that Apple Care for Mac is provided within the cost and is forced bundled. This ensures onsite service for 3 years and is a much cheaper option than purchasing separately)
6. Select optional insurance if required
7. Select optional accessories (bag or case) if required
8. Enter personal details
9. Review order
10. Purchase and pick up as specified

Please note that this service is optional and parents may choose to purchase their child’s Macbook Air through other means.

Please contact Mr Yock on yock.jesse@stpaulsmts.wa.edu.au should you have any further questions.

Parent Cyber Safety Workshop

The world of social media & technology is fast becoming the centre of our children’s universe. It can be a challenging task for parents to stay on top of the dangers of social media and technology, while monitoring their child’s online behaviour and finding balance.

We are offering a workshop for parents to learn more about managing children’s technology use, including an introduction into the most popular social media platforms and practical tips for keeping kids safe online. We will also cover information on setting boundaries around technology, online behaviour management, and tools for managing technology both in and outside of the home.

If you’ve ever struggled with getting your kids off their games and into bed, worried about knowing what your child is accessing online, or felt concerned that your child was spending too much time in the digital world, this workshop is for you!

Please register for this event by following the link provided. This is an important school event and all parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

http://bit.do/stpaulsprimary

When: Wednesday 9 November
Where: Barbier Hall
Time: 6:00-7:00pm

We are excited to be able to provide this opportunity to our parents at St Paul’s.
Literacy in Year 5…and place they will go!

Our Year 5 students are busy developing their literacy skills during English lessons and integrated learning areas.

During English lessons, we join with the Year 6’s for our rotating reading groups. During these reading sessions students are completing a novel study. They are working on the Reading Plus program and have an intensive teacher led session based on areas of need in comprehension, as highlighted by data generated from this program. Students work with a teacher in a guided reading session and develop their oral reading skills through readers’ theatre. We continue our work in spelling using the whole school program Smartwords. Students work in groups that combine Year 4-6 students. This has enable students to work on their particular level and need.

The Year 5’s have been “reading to research” about Bushfires in Geography. Each student has prepared an oral presentation for residents of a rural or semi-rural town of their choice. In their presentation they have outlined the impact of bushfires on both the town and the environment, as well as what the community and home owners can do to prepare their properties as summer and the bushfire season approaches.

To summarise their learning in Health on developing organization skills, students are currently learning how to plan and write an essay. This will be their very first essay (with many more to follow…but we won’t tell them that yet!) Next week we will focus on descriptive writing, where students will be encouraged to write a descriptive setting.
SUSTAINABILITY

Gardening Gurus

Our Year 6 leaders were out in the garden with their Kindy buddies again this week to tend to their fruit and veggies. Labels were mounted in the garden beds and plants were watered and tended. Fingers crossed we will be able to harvest before the end of the school year!
SPORTS NEWS

Spring Netball
This week we were lucky enough to have amazing weather for netball. The Year 4 and 5 girls played MLC and won 11-10. It was a nail-biter of a game, goal for goal! Well done girls you were very impressive and played out of your usual positions. Well done to the Years 3’s who played against Hollywood and narrowly missed out on a win. Keep up the great effort girls!

Surfing
We were up against the swell at surfing where surf boards had to be traded for boogie boards. There were plenty of smiles around even when we were being dumped by the waves.

Summer Sports
Over the next few weeks we will be having the Wildcats and Perth Lynx come in and run basketball clinics with all our students. We are looking forward to the clinics.

Team Games
Best of luck to all the Year 3 and 4 students who will be competing in the Interschool Team Games this Friday afternoon at Abbott Park in Scarborough.

Loretta Kerse
PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

PARISH NEWS

ST PAUL’S PARISH ALTAR SERVER ROSTER
29 October & 30 October 2016

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**St Paul’s Netballers**

We are so proud of our St Paul’s netballers. On Tuesday, 25 October 2016, the St Paul’s Diamonds played the MLC Green Team, and they won by one goal! The player of the match was Poni Lugor. Well done and congratulations to Poni, the Diamonds, Miss Kerse and Mrs Chatzi.

Our gorgeous Year 3 St Paul’s All Stars played Hollywood Hurricanes in a closely contested match. The player of that match will be announced at training Friday. Also, Emma Biundo and Zara Theobald were awarded the players of the first and second matches of the season, respectively. Well done, Emma, Zara, the All Stars, Mrs Bryson, Mrs and Miss Lamers.

Next week, I will fill you in on all of our St Paul’s “ball” players. You may not know it, but we have many “Panthers” on the loose at St Paul’s.

**World Teachers’ Day**

World Teachers’ Day is celebrated in Australia on Friday, 28 October 2016. We thank our wonderful teachers and staff at St Paul’s for all that they do for our children and our school community. We truly are blessed to have such gifted, caring, committed and diligent teachers educating and caring for our children. We wish our teachers and staff a wonderful World Teachers’ Day.

**Whole School Family/Parish Mass**

On 6 November 2016, the P&F will be coordinating morning tea after Mass. We would be very grateful for helpers to assist with the morning tea. Please contact your Class Representative, myself (bruining@bigpond.com) or Lina Coletti (linacoletti@hotmail.com) if you are able to help. Many thanks.

**Next P&F Meeting**

The next P&F meeting will be held on **Friday, 11 November at 9am** in the Heritage Hall. You are all warmly welcomed to our last ordinary meeting of the P&F for the year.

**Annual General Meeting**

The P&F’s Annual General Meeting will be held at **6:30pm on 22 November 2016** in the Barbier Hall. You are all so warmly welcomed to attend. There will be drinks and nibbles and a chance to socialise with other parents, as well as a short meeting of the P&F followed by a short meeting of the Board. Please do come along! We would love to see you there.

We are seeking nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President and Secretary of the P&F as well as Class Representatives for all classes. Please consider nominating yourself for this wonderful opportunity to support our children and teachers, and to implement your great ideas for the benefit of our whole school community.

**Lunch Order Pick-Up Roster**

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**Juliet Bruining**

**P&F President**
School Board Nominations for 2017
Tuesday 22 NOVEMBER 2016

All are invited to attend the School Board Annual School Community Meeting, directly following the P&F AGM at 6:30pm on Tuesday 22 November 2016 in the Barbier Hall. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

School Board Nominations

We are calling for nominations from members of our school community with an interest in the welfare of St Paul’s and a desire to promote Catholic schooling. There will be vacancies on the School Board at the end of this year, so please consider becoming a member of the School Board.

Criteria for Membership to the School Board:

- Enthusiasm and willingness to promote Catholic schooling
- A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff
- A desire to give service to the School community
- Compulsory attendance at the Catholic Education Office Induction Seminar for new Board members
- An ability to work co-operatively and constructively with all other members of the Board
- Sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties
- An ability and desire to uphold confidentiality in Board matters
- Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board

An election for the Board Positions will be held at the School Board AGM, on Tuesday November 22, 2016. If you would like further information on the role of Board members please contact the Principal, Joanna Noonan, on 9271 8593.

Please complete the tear off slip below if you would like to nominate to become a School Board Member for 2017.

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2017 SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now invited from persons interested in serving on the School Board. The School Board meets once a month. The successful candidates will be required to serve for a term of two years.

Nominations must be forwarded to the school office by Friday 18 November 2016.

Name ..............................................................

Signature ..........................................................
ST PAUL’S PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

NOTIFICATION OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 22 November 2016 at 6:30pm

The Annual General Meeting of St Paul’s Primary School P&F Association will be held on Tuesday November 22 at 6:30pm. The St Paul’s Board Annual School Community Meeting will immediately follow.

The P&F is calling for enthusiastic members of the school community to nominate for the 2017 committee. If you are interested in becoming a committee member next year please indicate alongside any positions below and return to the school office or via return email by 5pm Friday 18 November 2016.

(please circle)
I wish to nominate myself / other __________________________ for the following position on the St Paul’s P&F Association Committee for 2017:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Board Representative

Fundraising Coordinator

Fundraising Committee

General Member

Class Liaison Representative:

Pre Kindy

Pre Primary

Year 1

Year 3

Year 5

Kindy

Year 2

Year 4

Year 6
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For Queries contact: Clare Salfinger on clare.coulson@me.com
## St Paul’s Primary School Parent Calendar
### Term Four 2016

**Mission Focus – ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

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Do you let your kids amaze you?

“I’m amazed at what children CAN do when given the opportunity and encouragement. I love the pride, confidence and sense of purpose/pleasure in contributing, each new skill achieved brings. The smiles are awesome too.”

A mother left this comment on our Facebook page recently in response to our post: “What would be the impact if you did less, not more for your children?”

Lovely answer!

It got me thinking that the joy that this mother took from watching her children develop independence was no accident. Her parenting style played a large role in her children’s independence. All power to her and her parenting style!

I’ve long believed that adults are the gatekeepers for children’s independence.

We open the gate to independence when we give children opportunities to develop self-help skills (carry their own schoolbags, get themselves up in the morning, tidy their own rooms) provide them with real responsibility (feeding pets, setting the meal table and preparing meals) and give them autonomy to make some of their own decisions (choosing clothes within limits, following own interests, making choices about pocket-money spending).

We close the independence gate when we do too much for children (tidy their toys away, pack their schoolbags, make simple snacks, rescue them from learning opportunities (take forgotten lunches to school, sort out their friendship problems, pay their library fines and neglect to build scaffolding to independence (such as help them make their bed, walk half way to school, teach them to ride public transport).

It’s a quirk of parenting that many children think they are older than they are, and parents think their children are younger than they are. We underestimate children’s abilities to the detriment of their development.

Are you an opener or closer of the gate to children’s independence?

Think of independence as a continuum with opening the gate and closing the gate at either end. If your parenting is more at the closing end then look for ways to move down the continuum towards independence building. My advice is to make small adaptations to your parenting. For instance, start with a child making their own snacks before moving to helping you to prepare a meal. But first you need to develop a mindset for independence building.

That means, be on the lookout for opportunities for children to do things for themselves.

As many readers will know I firmly believe that the job of parents is to make ourselves redundant from the earliest possible age of a child’s life. That means, that our interactions with kids have an endgame in mind – we want our kids to be able to stand on their own two feet physically (Don’t we get a kick out of them walking for the first time, emotionally (with support, of course) and to navigate their world without being reliant on others.

There is no better feeling as a parent than watching your child beam with joy and pride when they’ve mastered a new skill, overcome a challenge or conquered a fear. It’s those times that make parenting so worthwhile.

Those awesome smilies won’t happen by accident. They require a parenting style that gives kids a chance to be independent; that encourages them to be brave and offers them the safety net of emotional support when life throws them curve balls. Why not try it? Give your kids a chance to amaze you if the idea of promoting real independence in kids enthralls you then join me at ParentingIdeas Club where week in and week out it will show you how to raise kids that will amaze you. Find out more.

Michael Grose

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