Hello Everyone

Our school commissioning and sacramental enrolment mass was a very successful community event. The undercover area was full of friends and parishioners joining in the celebrations. Members of our School Board did a wonderful job on the sausage sizzle and there was plenty of other delicious goodies to consume after Mass. 50 children, supported by their parents have enrolled to receive the various sacraments this year. Dates will soon be set for these sacraments and as soon as they are confirmed they will be announced and the preparation will begin. If for some reason you were unable to attend the Mass last week but still want your child to receive one of the sacraments please collect and fill in an enrollment form from the office but you will need to take it to Father at Mass on Sunday.

Thank you to all those who attended the Open Night and Book Fair last night. It was wonderful to see so many parents here to help the children celebrate the work they have done so far this term and take to chance to wander through the various buildings, particularly the ones you don’t usually go into. We have such bright and attractive classes and the children are involved in such a variety of activities it was a great opportunity to be able to show what has been achieved. Thanks to all the children and staff for the efforts they have made. The children all certainly enjoyed the opportunity to explore the Kings, Queens and Castles at the Book Fair.

The kingdom of reading is such a fabulous place to visit. Thanks to Lyn Paraszczyn and Rae Murphy for setting up the Library and selling the books.

Our multicultural community is one of our great treasures. Tomorrow we will be joining others around the country in celebrating our cultural diversity through recognising Harmony Day. With a day nominated the same as our school motto we have to be involved. The day will commence with the Pre Primary Assembly, during the day the children will be involved in various activities related to showing that everyone belongs. Children are encouraged to come in their national costume or the clothes of a team they belong to. Junior Eagles are most welcome! There will also be a shared lunch to enjoy.

Our season of Lent is rapidly passing with only two weeks to prepare for Easter. As part of our preparation, during Holy Week the children will be involved in various prayer liturgies related to different events leading up to Easter Sunday. Fr. Vinh will also be taking time to allow all the children who have made their first Reconciliation be able to receive the sacrament of Penance as part of their Easter preparation. This year Easter services will take place at BGCPS. The times and dates will be included in the newsletter for those of you wishing to plan your holiday break.

Next week the Year Sixes along with various staff members and parents will be off on their camp at Dwellingup. We wish them a fantastic time and experience but to come back safely.

This week we have celebrated the feast day of St. Patrick and St. Joseph. If you think these or other names would be great ones for our parish then please let Fr. Vinh know by either emailing him or writing it down and handing it into the office.

God bless
Tricia Davis

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**BANKSIA GROVE MASS**
- Mon—Sat @ 8.00am
- Every Sun. 9.30 am
- Everyone is welcome. Please come and join us!

**RECONCILIATION**
- Sundays @ 8.45am to 9.15am
- After Sunday Mass if required
- Anytime by appointment

**SCHOOL TIMES**
- Start 8.30am
- Finish 3.00pm
- Monday 2.00pm finish

**KINDY TIMES**
- Start 8.30am
- Finish 2.45pm

**UNIFORM SHOP**
- Tues. 8.00 to 9.00am
- Wed. 8.00 to 9.00am

**P & F MEETINGS**
- Weds 25th March @ 8.35am

**BOARD MEETINGS**
- 25th March @ 5.00pm
DATES TO REMEMBER

**MARCH**

20th  Harmony day
     Class Assembly
     Pre-Primary @ 8.30am
     Undercover area.

23rd  Prayer Assembly
     @ 8.30am
     Undercover area

24th  Year 6 Camp
      to 27th
      Protective
      Behaviour parent
      workshop @ 8.45am
      in the library

25th  Annunciation
      whole school Mass
      @ 9am undercover
      area.

26th  Mass @ 9am in the
      Library Joeys &
      Bandicoots

27th  Merit assembly
      8.30am undercover
      area.

**EASTER CELEBRATIONS**

30th  Prayer assembly
      @ 8.30am (Palm
      Sunday) undercover
      area

31st  Prayer assembly
      @ 8.30am (Jesus in
      the temple) Under
      cover area

**APRIL**

1st  Prayer assembly
     @ 8.30am (Last
     Supper) Yrs 5 & 6

**HARMONY DAY SHARED LUNCH**

**COME & CELEBRATE WITH**

**BGCPs**

**THE WONDERFUL COMBINATION OF CULTURES**

Everyone belongs celebrate Australia’s diversity.

On the 20th March, we will be celebrating Harmony Day. **Dress in traditional national costume or uniform of a group/team to which you belong.** This day will include lots of wonderful activities.

We are having a shared lunch with your year level. The children are being asked by their teachers for some special dishes they enjoy from home and what they would like to share.

**There will be no canteen on this day.**

**SCHOOL HOURS**

Please remember that every Monday is early Close at 2pm. There are a number children at the end of the school day not being collected by parents at the correct time. **The school day ends at 2pm on Mon’s & 3pm Tue to Fri please do not be late collecting your child.**

OSHclub runs a before and after school care program on the school grounds if you need to leave your children earlier. They can be contacted on 9261 3200, 0421 343 731 or www.oshclub.com.au.

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

The seeds of friendship grow when we water them often with love.

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**Harmony Day Prayer**

O God
You create all people in your image.
We thank you for the astonishing variety of races and cultures in this world.
Enrich our lives by ever widening circles of friendship and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; Through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen
EASTER MASS TIMES

- **Holy Thursday**  Celebration of the Last Supper at 7pm
- **Good Friday**  Way of the Cross at 10am
- **The Passion of the Lord at 3pm**
- **Saturday**  Easter Vigil at 7pm
- **Easter Sunday**  Mass at 9.30am

Assisting Fr Vinh over the Easter weekends will be Deacon Israel who has almost completed his study to become a priest. Also Seminarians Peter and Nic from St Charles Seminary in Guildford who have just started their studies. We hope you get to know them while they are here.

What is in a name?

We need a name for our new Parish. What suggestions do you have?

What is needed is
- the name of the saint
- the history of the saint
- Why he or she would be a good role model for our new parish.
If you can’t decide on one, then you can suggest two, for example Peter and Paul.

We cannot have a name if it has already been used by a Parish in the Archdiocese e.g. St Anthony’s.

Gather some thoughts together and pass on your suggestions to the school office or to Fr. Vinh. We want to give a name to our new community as soon as possible.

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday in Lent commencing at 7pm in the undercover area. Perhaps this could be a focus for you during Lent I am looking forward to meeting many of you following Stations of the Cross, each Friday until Good Friday.

It has been wonderful to see so many people attending week day mass. Father Vinh.

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Parish Office  @ Banksia Grove CPS hours Tuesdays & Thursday 8am to 11am.
Baptism & Weddings by appointment.
**YEAR 6 CAMP**

The year 6’s will be attending school camp at Dwellingup on Tuesday the 24th of March. The aim of the camp is to give all students the opportunity to experience outdoor education activities in a natural environment. To promote an appreciation of the environment, to foster teamwork and to improve communication skills while meeting new and varied challenges. The Year 6’s are looking forward to the challenge of the Flying Fox, Archery, Canoeing, Mountain Bike Riding, Bush Walking, Abseiling, Confidence Course, Orienteering and Team Games.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the following families on the birth of beautiful baby girls.

- Elizabeth sister to Crystal Graham
- Emelia Grace Hambrook sister for Callen & Madeleine Hambrook.

Congratulations to Jessica Newton on the birth of a beautiful baby girl

Amarah Eve Newton

Congratulations to Cassandra, Aaliyah Jones, mum. Who was married on 28th February what a beautiful bride and bridesmaid.
Notice of change to PFFWA Constitution

The Parents and Friends Federation of Western Australia is proposing a minor change to their Constitution to alter the number of required general meetings each year from eight (8) to 4 (four). This change will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 27th May.

Rationale for change:
1. The ability to communicate with Councillors between face-to-face meetings has become increasingly easier and more convenient
2. Councillors tend to be active on other committees within their school and community and one less meeting per term makes it easier for them to contribute to their other commitments.
3. It assists both in time away from home and meeting the cost of travel for country-based Councillors
4. It still provides the ability to have more meetings should they be required

A detailed notice of the change can be accessed on our website, [www.pff.wa.edu.au](http://www.pff.wa.edu.au). Should you have any queries, please contact Shelley Hill, PFFWA Executive Officer on 9271 5909 or execoff@pff.wa.edu.au or [https://www.facebook.com/pffwa](https://www.facebook.com/pffwa) or [www.pff.wa.edu.au](http://www.pff.wa.edu.au)
Our uniform shop is open Tuesday & Wednesday’s from 8.00am-9.00am.

When children return in Term 2 they are to be in full Winter uniform. For your convenience the uniform shop will open on Tues, Weds and Thurs mornings this term from 8.00am to 9.00am to assist in the changeover to winter uniform for next term.

Due to the devaluation in the Australian dollar school uniform prices will increase in term 2. We have lots of available stock. Why not come along before the end of term 1 and take advantage of our current prices?

Please ensure you clearly label your child’s school uniform. Lost Property is located outside the uniform shop. Please come along and check if your child is missing any school uniform.

**WINTER UNIFORMS IN TERM TWO**

School fee statements have been sent home. Please be advised the statement is an Annual statement not a term statement.

Thank you to those who have made full payment of the school fees, and taken advantage of the $50 discount. Due to the overwhelming response we have extended the closing date for the discount to 27th March.

If you hold a healthcare card please update with the school office to receive the health care rebate discount. If you wish to direct debit, school fees forms are available from the school office or you may download them from our school website.

**SCHOOL FEES**

**HEALTHY EATING**

**Orange & blue berry jellies**
500ml fresh apple and mango juice
4 1/2 teaspoons gelatine powder
6 small navel oranges, halved
1 cup (140g) fresh or thawed frozen blueberries

Bring 200ml of juice to the boil. Stir in gelatine, whisking with a fork until dissolved. Add remaining juice, and stir until well combined.

With a small knife, cut around the orange between the flesh and skin. Scoop out the flesh with a spoon. Stand orange cups in muffin trays.

Spoon blueberries into orange cups. Pour over jelly mixture and refrigerate for 3-4 hours, or until set. Serve cold.
BANKSIA GROVE CATHOLIC PARISH
COMMISSIONING MASS
OPEN NIGHT & BOOK FAIR
Protective Behaviours

Over the next few weeks in your child’s class we will be teaching Protective Behaviours. This program has been designed to give children the skills to keep themselves safe with other people and to support them to get help from caring adults if they need it.

The program will be taught by your child’s teacher but to be successful we need your help and support and ask that you participate as much as possible and talk to your child about what they have been learning at school. This will reinforce the messages that the school is giving and support your child to use their new skills with confidence. In forthcoming newsletters we will give you information about what we have been teaching at school and ask that you discuss this information with your children.

In the first two weeks we will look at Theme 1: “We all have the right to feel safe all of the time”. This means everyone, and is a human right that we are all born with and have ALL of the time, at school in the playground, at home, at the shops. We will discuss what it feels like to feel safe – (secure, loved, warm) or unsafe (danger or under threat) and encourage children to talk about how they feel, especially when they have a problem. Look out for posters around the school displaying these messages. We will also be looking at ‘The Safety Continuum’ which teaches children that to feel safe you need to have a choice and some control, and the difference between healthy risk taking, such as going on a ride at the show or learning to ride a bike, or when you just feel unsafe.

Social Worker - Lesley Bird

Protective Behaviour’s Parent Workshop

When: Tuesday 24th March 2015
Where: Banksia Grove CPS - Library
Time: 8.45am - 10.00am

Are you interested in learning how to teach your children Protective Behaviours? This is a personal safety program designed to give children the skills they need to keep themselves safe with other people.

At Banksia Grove CPS the program will be taught to all students over the next few weeks by their class teacher. In addition we will be asking families to discuss with their children what they have been learning at school. This workshop is an opportunity for parents and guardians to learn more about the program themselves in a supportive environment.

If you would like to attend this workshop please contact the school office and let them know that you will be attending.

If you would like any more information about the workshop please contact the school Social Worker – Lesley Bird
Dear Parents,

We are very pleased to have the Rainbows Program at Banksia Grove Catholic Primary School again this year. Rainbows offers children from families who have experienced a major loss, either through the separation/divorce of parents or through the death of a family member, the opportunity to meet in a weekly support group over a period of 12 weeks. The sessions will be held at school with a trained adult working with each group and will last for approximately 45 minutes each.

It has been found that when something significant happens in a family, the entire family is affected. If a parent dies or divorce occurs, not only do the parents grieve, the children do also. Because of their age and short life experience, children can find it very difficult to verbalise their feelings.

If you would like your child to be included please fill in the tear off slip and return it to the school office by March 20th. This offer will be made available to children from Pre Primary- Year 6.

If your child is part of a single parent or stepfamily or if they are struggling through a painful experience this will be an opportunity for them to meet with others in similar situations in a safe and confidential atmosphere.

If you feel the Rainbows program will be helpful for your child please complete the form below and return to Ms Bird via the school office.

If you would like to discuss the program further please feel free to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

Lesley Bird
Social Worker
Banksia Grove Catholic Primary School

I________________________________would like my child to be part of the Rainbows program
Child's name_________________________Class________________
Child's name_________________________Class________________

Signed________________________________Date________________
BGCPS SCHOOL CANTEEN
EASTER SPECIAL
Friday 27th March

Lunch combo No: 1                               Lunch Combo No: 2
Juice box                                      Juice box

Apple/orange/apple blackcurrant

Cheese and pineapple Pizza                      Fish Burger and Salad
Moosie                                          Moosie
Mini Easter Egg                                 Mini Easter Egg

$6.50                                          $6.50

All orders to be placed in the canteen by 9.15 am
BGCS SCHOOL CANTEEN 2015

Volunteers are needed to help in our school Canteen.

We have the following shifts available:
8.30 am to 10.00
12.30pm to 1.30pm

Please feel free to contact either:
Eileen on 0435644898
Paula on 0434277611

Please feel free to come and put your name down on the canteen roster
For either shift

All Volunteers can have a cuppa and a yummy home made scone made by Paula.
As many people would be aware, the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave is currently on. Here at Banksia Grove CPS we have a family who have been directly affected by a Leukaemia related blood disorder, and they are once again reaching out for support of this invaluable resource.

Last year the Glendinning family formed "Jen's Team", and with help from some very special friends they raised $20,226 for the Leukaemia Foundation. This year sees a new team, and a new goal. Along with Stuart in 2015 are his two sons, Ashton (Yr 2) and Cooper (Yr 1), as well as Stuart's brother and father. Jen's Team have now started their 2015 fundraising after shaving at B Mi Barber Wanneroo last Thursday night, and any donations would be greatly appreciated by the Glendinning family.

If you would like to help, donations to this great cause can be made in cash via the office, or online at [my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/jensteam2015](my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/jensteam2015)

Jen's Team also has a facebook page where you can track the team's progress, see all the photos, and leave comments of support [www.facebook.com/jensteamwgs](www.facebook.com/jensteamwgs)

Photo: Steve O'Brien
Help us plan the future.

The Banksia Grove Development, with the support of the Banksia Grove Residents Association and the City of Wanneroo, is hosting a Workshop on Saturday 21st March to give the residents an opportunity to help plan the future of our community.

Come along to find out about what people told us from the community survey carried out in 2014 and share with us the types of activities and interests you want to see in our local area and the kind of place you would like your community to be in the future.

Where: Banksia Grove Community Centre – Grasstree Bend Banksia Grove
Date: Saturday 21 March 2014
Time: 1.00 – 3.00 pm followed by a delicious afternoon tea

Creche facilities will be available.

Please RSVP or make inquiries to community@banksiagrove.net.au

BANKSIA GROVE
Thank you to those people who are wishing to advertise
On the Banksia Grove Business Billboard
If you are interested in advertising in the Banksia Grove Business Billboard
this will be included in our school Newsletter, the Grove, Parish Newsletter and School
notice board & Website.

For a small fee of $20 per term
you can advertise your service or business.
We would require a contact name, Tel no, service
provided & name of business (if applicable).

Plumber    Electrician
Painter Gardner  Cleaner
Multicultural BeachSAFE Program
Surf Life Saving Western Australia

Who: Multicultural Youth (Aged 4 -17) from the City of Wanneroo
Duration: 9am-2pm
Cost: FREE (Lunch Included)
Venue: Start and finish at a local community centre, with free transport provided to and from Quinns Mindarie Beach.

April 7th: Hainsworth Community Centre
April 8th: Hainsworth Community Centre
April 9th: Butler Community Centre

The day includes:
Introduction to BeachSAFE Presentation: Participants experience the coastline through a visual PowerPoint presentation assisting them to identify key features when they visit the beach including how to identify lifesavers and a patrolled beach, rip currents, wave types, marine life and sun protection.

Sand Based Activities: Participants will engage in sand based games and activities to increase their familiarity and confidence in a beach environment.

Water based Activities: Participants will increase their skills and fitness in the water to increase their capacity to recreate safely at the beach through activities including board riding, surf negotiation, swimming and beach games.

The day will finish with a surf life saving carnival where participants will form small groups and compete in events such as beach sprints, flag relays and board races.

For more information, or to register your group for the program, please contact Chrsie Skehan at Surf Life Saving WA

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