Hello Everyone

Lots of exciting things have been and will be happening around the school during the term. Last week there was a wonderful turn out to the Science Expo, a first for Banksia Grove. There were surprises in stall for young and old as the variety of experiments were tested, though the paper planes designs and race seemed to be particularly popular. Thanks to all the staff members, under the direction of Jodie Deurloo who gave up their time to man tables on the night and to the parents who opened up the canteen and provided an easy tea for those interested.

Book Week Parade is always something that is looked forward to. This year was no exception as everyone seemed to excel with in the variety of characters and costumes which arrived at school and delighted everyone. They certainly brightened up our world and were beautifully introduced by Tweedle Dum, Tweedle Dee and all the party goers attending the Mad Hatters tea party. The staff were seen in a very different perspective on Friday morning.

Along with all the goodies the children have been making in the classrooms, part of our preparation for Father’s Day included some mums from Kindy organising the Father’s day stall. All the children enjoyed their shopping opportunity. Tomorrow we look forward to seeing lots of Dads, Granddads and Uncles joining us for breakfast as another opportunity for us to thank all the important men in our lives.

A culmination of all the Performing Arts acts will be presented next Wednesday evening at our Review being held in the undercover area from 7pm. It is a wonderful opportunity to see some of the many gifts and talents of our children on display. So please come along and join in the fun.

For the past four years we have been involved with the Curtin University and their Speech Department. It has proven to be a very worthwhile association for both our students and the Uni students. Yesterday they presented a workshop for parents on the importance of speech development and its impact on learning. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the session.

As you know Mr. Chris Lamb has been appointed Principal for 2016. He spent the day at school on Tuesday as a part getting to know our school better. Please see the note below from him to the community.

Dear Banksia Grove Catholic Primary School Community,

I would like to let you all know how excited I am to have been appointed principal of Banksia Grove Catholic Primary School, commencing next year.

I had the pleasure of meeting some of the staff and Fr Vinh last Tuesday and look forward to meeting parents, children and parishioners in the future. I have heard many wonderful things about Banksia Grove CPS, especially regarding the caring, dedicated and cohesive group of people who have made it the great and innovative school that it is.

I congratulate Mrs. Davis on the exemplary work that she has done over the years. Her commitment and love for the school is reflected in our conversations. I assure you that I will be working my hardest to maintain the standards that have already been set in the school and to providing an environment within which everyone’s contributions are valued. I look forward to being part of a successful and flourishing community.

God Bless
Chris Lamb
IMPORTANT NEWS RE SWIMMING 2016

We have been advised by the Wanneroo Aqua Motion that we will be unable to have swimming lessons at the usual time, the beginning of the year, in 2016. The only time available for BGCPS is for the end of Term Three.

From a school point of view this is not a suitable time for the children to be involved in swimming lessons due to

- The cold weather
- The number of children who contract colds, flu and other illnesses at this time of the year
- Having children sitting around with wet hair etc. after the lessons
- It conflicts with the Performing Arts and sports day and all the other activities occurring in third term.

The cost of swimming lessons will also rise to $100.00 per child.

We have approached Joondalup but they no longer take school groups.

As a result we would prefer to cancel school swimming lessons for next year. However if there is a high percentage of parents or guardians who want the swimming lessons to continue under the new conditions please contact the office ASAP as we have to confirm the times and costs with Aqua Motion.

Tricia Davis
Principal

Andrew Dalton
Phys. Ed Coordinator
**Dates to Remember**

**SEPTEMBER**

4th  Fathers Day Breakfast @ 7.30am  
      Prayer Assembly for Fathers @ 8.30am

9th  Performing Arts Concert
     7-8.30pm (undercover area)

11th Prayer Assembly @ 8.30am
     Mission Day (Goannas)

15th Great Aussie Crunch 10-10.30am
     Undercover area

17th Whole School Mass 9am Undercover area

18th Sports Day

24th Mass Eagles & Sugar Gliders
     @ 9am Father Vinh’s room

25th Golden Honour awards
     assembly @ 8.30am

**Last Day OF Term 3**

**OCTOBER**

12th  First Day of Term 4

14th  Parent workshop Reconciliation
     6pm

16th  Class assembly 8.30am
     Undercover area

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**Parish Information**

**Banksia Grove Mass**
Monday to Saturday 8.00 am  
Every Sunday 9.30 am

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

**Baptism & Weddings**
by appointment  
Fr Vinh Dong contact details 6400 0276 or 0422 422 773

**Parish Office**
Banksia Grove Catholic Primary  
Tuesday & Thursday 8.00 am to 11.00 am.

**Presbytery**
79 Joseph Banks Boulevard  
Banksia Grove WA 6031  
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**Other Dates & Times**

**School Times**
Start 8.30 am  Finish 3.00 pm  
Monday 2.00 pm Finish

**Kindy Times**
Start 8.30 am  Finish 2.45 pm

**Uniform Shop**
Tuesday  8.00 am to 9.00 am  
Wednesday 8.00 am to 9.00 am

**Canteen**
Every Friday

**Playgroup**
Every Friday OSHclub room 9.00 to 11.00 am

**Children’s School Banking**
Every Thursday

**P & F Meeting T3 @ 8.35 am**
16th September

**School Board Meeting T3 @ 5.00pm**
16th September
Goannas Mission Day Prayer Assembly

Friday 11th September, Week 8, 8.30am

All families are invited to join us for our prayer service to raise awareness of the lives of children in countries poorer than our own. We will be raising money for the Children’s Mission.

A GOLD COIN DONATION is requested for:

- Free dress clothes on the day
- A cup of plain rice as part of the children’s lunch.

Children should still bring their own lunch on the day and the canteen will be open.

God bless all the fathers in the world.
Father we ask that you guide them to be good role models and loving to their children.

We also ask that you help them to be a father like you are.
Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.

Amen

PERFORMING ARTS CONCERT

Come along to see our wonderful Performing Arts Concert on

**Wednesday 9th September 7pm to 8.30pm**

Held in our undercover area.

Gold coin donations for audience members please

SCHOOL UNIFORM

When we return in term 4 it is Summer uniform. Girls may replace skirts for shorts. Our Uniform shop is open every Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8am to 9am.

BOOK CLUB

All orders need to be back into the school office no later than 4th September.
Here at BGCPS we are celebrating Fruit & Veg September. This is a month when WA schools celebrate each year with fun events to encourage eating Fruit & Veg.

It’s been an annual event since 1990 when it was called Fruit & Veg week and in 2011 became Fruit & Veg month. Its main aim is to encourage children to eat more Fruit & Veg as many children eat less than the recommended daily amount.

Look out for posters around the school, information in the newsletter and your children coming home and talking to you about Fruit & vegetables.

**The Great Aussie Crunch**

Also part of these celebrations is the Great Aussie Crunch. Whilst gains have been made in vegetable consumption over the last few years many school aged children still do not meet their daily intake levels. Let’s change that and get kids crunching on fresh vegetables.

**On Tuesday 15th September at 10.00am** we will be gathering all the students to simultaneously crunch on fresh vegetables – a snappy carrot, crispy celery or other vegie of choice.

If you are able to help in the school canteen between **8.30 – 9.30am on Tuesday 15th September** to help chop up vegetables and fruit please leave your name and contact number with the school office?

Happy Crunching during Fruit & Veg September

**Pastoral Care Support**

A few weeks ago in the newsletter we included a list of the various types of Pastoral Care support available to students at Banksia Grove Catholic Primary School. We mentioned at the time that we would look at them in more detail over the coming months.

To reflect our focus on healthy eating during Fruit & Veg September we are going to begin by looking at our Crunch & Sip and Healthy Eating Programs.

**Crunch & Sip**

Each child deserves the best start in life. Good eating habits formed during childhood help children grow well and protect them against disease in later life, such as heart disease, diabetes and some cancers. Too many children are not eating enough of the foods essential to good health.

Crunch & Sip is a set break to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom. By refueling with fruit or vegetables students can assist their physical and mental performance and concentration.

**What can Parents do?**

Please provide children with an extra piece of fruit or salad vegetables to eat in the classroom and a water bottle with only plain water.

A leaflet giving more information for parents on Crunch & Sip will come home with your children on the day of the Great Aussie Crunch – Tuesday 15th September.

choices. Green foods are healthy and should be eaten regularly, amber foods we should choose carefully and those from the red food group should be limited.
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