Hello Everyone

The warm sunny start to Term 4 has brought with it a number of exciting events. At the end of last term it was confirmed that from 2016 we will take on the new name of St John Paul II Catholic Primary School and the process of organising new logo, signage etc. has begun. October 22 is the feast day of St John Paul, so next Thursday we will be celebrating our first school feast day, which is a great cause to rejoice. The day will commence with a whole school Mass at 9am, to be followed by the traditional Lapathon organised by the P&F then a sausage sizzle, Class activities will follow in the afternoon. The whole parish will be celebrating with a fun day after Mass on October 25th. All school families are invited to come along, bring a shared lunch, join in the fun and enjoy each other’s company.

With the start of the new term we are very happy to welcome Nontie and Zeus to Pre Primary and Aleasha to Year 1. I am sure they and their families will soon feel part of our school community. We also have a number of students from Edith Cowan and Murdoch University working in the classrooms over the term in addition to the Speech pathology student from Curtin University.

Last night we had families with children in Year Three attend the Reconciliation workshop. Thank you to the parents for attending and to Tim Maxwell and Ryan Clark for organising and presenting the evening so well and to Fr. Vinh for attending. Preparation of the children to receive the sacraments is a very important process and needs the support of home, school and parish. The children will be making their First Reconciliation later in the term.

Very late last week we were informed that Michelle Clapp had been seconded for five weeks to work at Mulan, a community school in the remote Kimberley region of WA. I am sure it will be a great experience for her. While she is away Hayley Wells will be the Wombats teacher. We also welcome back Mark Raftos from long service leave.

For those of you who have been around school you will have noticed that the landscaping is taking place around the walkways and the hard courts. This will finally bring to a close our Stage 6 building program – alleluia! The wait and (usually) the inconvenience has been worth it. The grounds and the buildings are looking fantastic.

Apart from our Feast Day and Reconciliation preparation we also have interschool sports and West Coast Song Fest coming up along with Spring In The Grove. As usual we have a very busy and varied program happening. I hope you are able to join us for some if not all that is going on.

God Bless
Tricia Davis.
Dates to Remember

**OCTOBER**

16th  Class assembly Yr 6
     8.30am Undercover area

22nd  Whole School Mass 9am
      undercover area Yr 5 St
      John Paul II Feast Day
      Lapathon
      Sausage Sizzle (Fundraiser for World Youth Day)
      Interschool Sports Carnival Day 1
      Joondalup Arena

23rd  Merit Assembly 8.30am
      Undercover area
      Interschool Athletics Carnival Day 2
      Joondalup Arena

25th  First Parish Feast Day
      Sunday Mass @ 9.30am
      Fun day & Shared lunch for all.

28th  Year 2 excursion to Kings Park

29th  Pre-Primary excursion to Kelmscott Farm

30th  Class Assembly Year 1
      8.30am

**NOVEMBER**

1st   All Saints Day, Parish Mass @ 9.30
      Sausage Sizzle for World Youth Day.
      Spring in the Grove 10–3pm

4th   School Choir Westcoast
      Songfest 9am-1.45pm
      Joondalup Arena

5th   Mass 9am year 5 & 6.
      Reconciliation sacramental ceremony for year 3

6th   Merit Assembly
      8.30am Undercov.

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
Email: banksiagrovecatholiccommunity@gmail.com

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** T4 @ 8.35 am
21st October

**School Board Meeting** T4 @ 5.00 pm
28th October
MARY’S PEACE PRAYER

Mary, Mother of God my mother, Queen of Peace, ask your Son Jesus to give me the gift of peace. Pray for me for peace; peace in my heart, peace of mind and of soul, peace in my family, peace with all whom I meet, the peace of Jesus.
Amen

PARISH NEWS

World Youth Day (WYD) is an event for young people organised by the Roman Catholic Church. World Youth Day was initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1985. It occurs every three years in a different country and is an opportunity for Catholics from around the world to gather together to and learn more about their faith.

In 2016 WYD is being held in Krakow, Poland. As our parish and school are named after St John Paul II, (The only one in Australia) Fr. Vinh has organised a tour for a group of people from Banksia Grove to attend WYD and to learn more about St John Paul II. Our school is supporting this by holding a sausage sizzle each month with all funds raised going to Fr. Vinh to help cover the costs of the trip. The first sausage sizzle day will be held next Thursday.

More information regarding WYD will be included in the newsletter and parish Bulletin. If you, or anyone you know are interested in joining the tour please contact Fr. Vinh.

In honour of our Patron Saint, St John Paul II whose Feast Day is held on the 22nd of October, we will be holding a parish celebration on Sunday 25th of October. You are invited to come along dressed in your national costume and following Mass, we invite everyone to stay and have lunch together (please bring along a plate of food to share). Tea, coffee and cordial will be provided. Please consider various savoury/sweet options (so we don’t just eat sweets!).

Entertainment will be provided as well as fun and games for the kids. We would love families to perform their cultural dance and/or music (please bring along what you need) and share your talents with us. It is going to be a fantastic day for everyone. Please mark it in your diary and make sure you are there! If you are willing to share your singing, dancing or other activities ... Please contact Tim Maxwell at the school office.

NO CANTEEN FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

Please remember there will be no Canteen on Friday 16th October.
Please ensure your child brings lunch to school on this day.

BOOKCLUB

Please be advised that all book club orders were sent home with your child today. All orders have to be in no later then Wednesday 28th October.

CHILDREN LEAVING 2015

We are currently in the process of organising staffing and classes for next year. If your child will not be returning in 2016 please contact the office asap as this will assist us with the organisation for next year. Thank you.
Dear Parents of Choir Students,

Your child has been rehearsing songs for three key events happening very soon:

1. The Feast Day Mass for our parish and school held here in the undercover sacred space on Sunday October 25, 9am—10.30 with a picnic, performances and activities to follow.

2. Spring in the Grove performance in the auditorium at Joseph Banks Secondary College, 40 Joseph Banks Blvd, Banksia Grove, on Sunday November 1. Students to arrive by 1.45, with our performance concluding by 2.45pm. Spring in the Grove is a community event held in Banksia Grove each year with rides, stalls and activities for families.

3. Westcoast Songfest will be held during school time on Wednesday, November 4. Children need to be at school by 8.15am and will be departing for Joondalup Arena at 8.30, returning by 2.45. The actual performance will be from 12.30 to 1.45pm. We have been allocated limited tickets which can be purchased for $10 each. Tickets will be distributed in the order in which they are paid for. Please send payment through with your child in a clearly labelled envelope (family name, westcoast songfest, number of tickets required). There is a strict dress requirement for this event - all children need to come dressed in black long pants and black shoes. Students can wear another top to school and will need to change into their choir shirt on arrival. We will have a dress rehearsal the day before the Westcoast Songfest, Tuesday, November 3, to ensure all children are dressed appropriately.

Your assistance in signing each section of the permission slip below and returning by the end of this week, Friday, October 16 is much appreciated.

We look forward to busy, but rewarding, few weeks as our choir put all their hard work this year into practise.

Thank you

Mr Tim Maxwell

(BGCPS Music Coordinator)

My child ____________________________ will be available to

1. Assist the choir in leading the singing during the Parish / school Feast Day Mass on Sunday Oct 25 from 9—10.30 am here in the school undercover sacred space.

Parents signature _______________________________

2. Perform as part of the choir at the Spring in the Grove Festival held at Joseph Banks Secondary School in Banksia Grove on Sunday November 1 from 1.45 to 2.45 pm.

Parents signature _______________________________

3. Travel by bus to attend the Westcoast Songfest at the Arena Joondalup on Tuesday November 3, 2015 as part of the Banksia Grove Catholic Primary School Choir.

Photography or Digital Recordings

I understand that no photography or digital recordings are to be permitted by the public. The Westcoast Songfest owns a license to A.P.R.A (Australian Performing Rights Association) to have the festival recorded. (Unfortunately if you have children who are not to be recorded, they will not be able to take part in the festival.)

Parents signature _______________________________
LOOK AT OUR BEAUTIFUL WALKWAYS
The Farm came to visit the Pre Primary's
Look how much fun we had with all the different animals.
A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
8TH ANNUAL SPRING IN THE GROVE

You are invited to our funfest and community event on

Sunday the 1st of November 2015
From 10-00am until 3-00pm
At Joseph Banks Secondary College
Joseph Banks Blvd. Banksia Grove 6031.

The day will include craft and produce stalls, a fun fair, camel and pony rides, 5 hours of entertainment from a variety of local talent on stage while around the school grounds you could look out for displays and promotions by a number of businesses, sporting and service associations who look after our needs in the suburb. As an added attraction food and soft drinks will be on sale at various outlets. On the menu will be a sausage sizzle, hamburgers, kebabs, ice cream, fairy floss and a healthy food stall, slushies, popcorn and much more.

Our thanks to our major sponsors

Banksia Grove Development
The City of Wanneroo
Lapathon

When: Thursday 22nd 11.00am

Sponsorship form is attached to the newsletter.

Come along and join in the fun
The P&F will be holding a Cake Stall on the Day
Your kind donations would be very much appreciated
Please leave all cake donations at the Canteen on the day.
Come along and encourage the children as they come around by Volunteering to pass out the pop sticks.

I would like to thank everyone for all their Support during the year So many families have come forward and supported the P &F in 2015. We have had many successful Fundraisers

Father's day stall $399.00  Science Night Raffle $148.00  Science Night $269.00
Sports Day Raffle $209.00  Sports day Cake Stall $269.00Sports Day  $1425.00

Please feel free to contact me on:
0435644698 or samandiau@gmail.com
Next P&F meeting 21st Oct at 8.35am
Thank you again on behalf of the P&F

Enrolments for December & January programs are now open.
VacSwim’s school holiday swimming programs are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. For further information and online enrolment please visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming Tel 94026385

Thank you to all those families who have responded to the reminder notices regarding the payment of school fees.

School fees are to be paid ASAP.
You may come in and set up a payment plan if necessary. Mailyn, our school finance officer, is here Monday, Wednesday & Thursday each week. Please do not hesitate to call in or telephone the school office should you wish to discuss any matter.
World Youth Day Fundraiser

Sausage Sizzle

When: - Thursday 22nd October.

**ORDER**

The cost of a Sausage Sizzle is **$5.00** The Sausage Sizzle will include a sausage in a roll & a drink.

Please return form and money to your child’s class by no later than **Tuesday 20th October**.

Students Name:..........................................................................................................

Class:..............................................................................................................................

*Indicate number of sizzles*

Meat sausage sizzle

Vegetarian sausage sizzle

Fruit Box

Sauce

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** $

Student orders will be delivered to the class room
Please help us to raise funds for the school, and to keep fit by sponsoring me in the Banksia Grove Lap-a-thon

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The P & F of Banksia Grove Catholic Primary School thanks you for your support
Please return monies and sponsor sheet by Friday 30th October 2015.

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