Hello Everyone

During November it is the custom in Catholic communities to take to time to remember and pray for those we love who have passed away. It is very fitting then that Remembrance Day, the time we remember all those who have fought and suffered in war, occurs during November. Yesterday, the whole school took time to stop and remember at the very reverent Remembrance Day service hosted and organized by the Koalas’ and Joeys’ staff and students. It was also good to see parents joining us for the commemorative service.

Last week we received the happy news that we had been runners up for the 2015 PALS Award. PALS, an initiative of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, encourage young Western Australian school students to develop projects that promote reconciliation in their local community. PALS commenced in 2004 and is based on the core attributes of:

- Partnership between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people;
- Acceptance of difference as unique and to be respected;
- Learning more about ourselves and each other, and,
- Sharing a common journey along the path of healing and reconciliation towards a more harmonious and optimistic future.

Our project involved working with Mater Dei to design and paint the shed in the Kindy/PP area which has certainly brightened up the area. We will be presented with our award at assembly on November 20th.

Congratulations to the children in the choir and to Tim Maxwell for their participation last week in the West Coast Song Fest. The presentation was most professional and the children really enjoyed the experience and were so proud of themselves. I am sure that all those who were able to be in the audience would agree that it was a very pleasant way to spend the afternoon.

This morning we had a large group of people attending the 2016 Parent Kindy meeting. It was a good opportunity not only to meet the staff and find out what happens in the Kindy area but also to meet other parents who will be in the class with their own child. Thanks to Rachael O’Brien and Angela Chamberlain for organising the meeting and to the staff who managed the crèche for the younger children while their parents were at the meeting.

On Friday we will be launching the annual St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal for people in the parish and the Wanneroo Area who are unlikely to enjoy a happy Christmas. Every year you have always been so generous and supportive of this appeal and we have been able to brighten up this special time for many families in the community. We look forward to your continued support this year.

Summer has definitely arrived! I hope you have found ways to keep cool in the warm weather.

God Bless
Tricia Davis.
### Dates to Remember

#### NOVEMBER

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8.30am undercover area  
St Vinnies Mission Day Year 6 |
| 16th | Prayer assembly Year 1  
8.30am undercover area |
| 17th | Years 5 and 6 excursion Kings Park  
Joeys and Koalas Scitech excursion |
| 18th | Year 1 excursion to the Zoo |
| 19th | Mass 9.00am Black Swans & Magpies |
| 20th | Merit assembly 8.30am, undercover area  
Pre Primary incursion Bunnings |
| 23rd | Collaborative conferences, 2.20-7pm |
| 25th | School AGM 7pm in School Library  
Year 2 Science excursion |
| 26th | Year 4 excursion to Spare Parts Theatre |
| 27th | Prayer assembly Year 1  
8.30am undercover area  
WACA Cricket Competition |
| 30th | Collaborative conferences, 2.20-7pm |

#### DECEMBER

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| 4th  | Kindy Nativity (Possums), 9am  
Thank You Morning Tea |
| 7th  | Kindy Nativity (Sugar Gliders), 9am |
| 8th  | Pre Primary incursion, Matt the Magician |
| 9th  | Sausage Sizzle |
| 11th | Talent show  
House events until shared lunch  
**LAST DAY TERM 4** |

### Parish Information

**Banksia Grove Mass**  
Monday to Saturday 8.00 am  
Every Saturday 6pm **Beginning on 14th NOV**  
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**  
Wednesday, 2nd December

**School AGM**  
Wednesday, 25th November 7pm
O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those men and women who have died in active service: all over the world. As we honour their courage and cherish their memory, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

Amen

**PARISH NEWS**

**World Youth Day (WYD)** is an event for young people organised by the Church. 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.

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

**HEALTHY EATING**

**Frozen Fruit Bites**

**Ingredients:**
- 200g reduced fat natural or vanilla yoghurt
- 150 (1 cup) soft fruit (e.g. mango, peach, berries, banana, passionfruit)
- Ice cube trays
- Serving cups
- Toothpick or forks

**Method:**
1. Finely chop the fruit
2. Mix with the yoghurt
3. Spoon into ice cube moulds
4. Freeze for 1-2 hours until solid
5. Pop bites out of trays and place in a freezer container

**SCHOOL FEES**

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.

**BOOK CLUB REMINDER**

Please be advised that all book club orders were sent home with your child this week.

All orders have to be in no later then **Friday 20th November** to ensure they are back to school prior to End of the year.

**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.
Remembrance Day

West Coast Song Fest
The Annual School Community Meeting of Banksia Grove Catholic Primary School will be held at the school on Wednesday 25th November 2015 at 7.00pm. We hope that all families of our school community will be represented on this important occasion.

The agenda for the evening will be:

- reports from the School Principal, Board Chairperson and the Parents and Friends President;
- election of members to the School Board and the executive committee of the Parents and Friends Association;
- a statement of the provisional school budget for 2016;

As well as your attendance, we are also seeking people to serve on the School Board or the Parents & Friends Executive Committee. We are a small community at this time and there are a number of positions to be filled. Please seriously consider making yourself available for one of these positions. Our school relies heavily on the generosity of our parents who are willing to give of their time to serve on the School Board and the Parents and Friends Executive.

A meeting attendance/nomination form is attached to this notice. Please complete the relevant sections and return it to the school by Friday 20th November 2015. If you require more information please contact the office. Copies of the School Board and Parents & Friends constitutions are available from the school office.

Members of the School Board are elected for a two-year term and the Parents and Friends Executive for a one-year term. Existing office-bearers are encouraged to make themselves available for re-election if their term has not expired.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD

Criteria for membership of the Board shall be:

- Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board
- A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff
- A desire to give service to the Catholic School Community
- A keenness to promote Catholic schooling
- An ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other members of the Board
- A sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties.

We look forward to a continuation of your generous support.

Tricia Davis
Principal
Annual General Meeting acceptance and nomination forms.
Please return by Friday 20th November 2015.

NAME: (s): _________________________________________________________

PHONE:   EMAIL ___________________________________________________________________

1. I will be attending the Annual School Community Meeting on Wednesday 25 November 2015
  □ YES     □ NO

2. School Board Nomination

  I wish to offer myself as a candidate for election to the School Board.

  NAME: _____________________________________________________________

  SIGNED: ______________________________ DATE: ______________________________

3. Parents & Friends Nomination

  I wish to offer myself as a candidate for election to the Parents & Friends for the following position.

  President: □ Treasurer □
  Assistant President □ Assistant Treasurer: □
  Vice President: □
  Assistant Vice Pres. □ Committee Member: □
  Secretary: □ Class Rep □
  Assistant Secretary □

  NAME: _____________________________________________________________

  SIGNED: ______________________________ DATE: ______________________________
All Families

are invited to our

Graduation and Thanksgiving Mass

and shared supper

on

Wednesday 2nd December 2015

RSVP number attending to Di McMahon on 9303 7101 or admin@banksiagrovecps.wa.edu.au
Banksia Grove's Got Talent!

You know you’ve got talent! Come and share your gifts with the rest of the school on Friday December 11 for our Talent Show!!!
Start practising with your friends or by yourself then come along to an audition. See the details below.

Dances   Play an instrument   Singing   Demonstrations

Jokes   Gymnastics   Tricks

Drama   And more!

Auditions will be at lunch time over two weeks from Monday, November 23. Fill in an audition timeslot on the sheets near the Music Room by Friday, November 20.
This Christmas, there will be many families in our country who do not experience many of the luxuries that we may have at Christmas.

We are encouraging each child to bring in non-perishable food items. You could bring in tinned food, drinks or plastic-packed foods that will not go off. These should be foods that have not been opened before.

Donations are still urgently required.

Please drop them into your class by Friday, 4th December.

We will be using the Faction houses to help assist what to bring along, as below.

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**

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**P&F NEWS**

Winners from the Lapathon will be announced in the Grove on Thursday 19th November and prizes will be given out at the Merit assembly next Friday 20th November.

Ripper Recces will be held on Thursday 3rd December. This event is a P&F fundraiser where children may purchase icy poles for $1 at Recess from the School Canteen.
ATTENTION DRESSMAKERS

The dance team are in need of some volunteer dressmakers to help make some full circle skirts for the dance team. If are able to volunteer your time, please email Jessica Schofield at: schofield.jessica@cathednet.wa.edu.au or alternatively visit Jessica in the Magpies classroom.

ABSENTEE PROCEDURES

We have a lot of notes outstanding for absentees. If your child is absent you must advise the school office in writing. This can be via an SMS to 0438 404 375 email to admin@banksiagrovecps.wa.edu.au or the absentee link on our website. If you telephone the office, you will also be required to send a written note. Follow up letters are regularly sent home. If you receive one, please make sure it is returned to the school office ASAP.

Early in 2016, Mercedes College will commence interviewing Year Five students who are due to start Year Seven in 2018. If you are considering enrolling your daughter at Mercedes and have not yet requested an information pack, please contact Mrs Julie Lamb on 9323 1340 as soon as possible. Further information about enrolments is available on our website, www.mercedes.wa.edu.au.

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