Hello Everyone

It's that time of the year again! Before and after school, parents and children can be seen and heard going to or from classes for the end of the year collaborative conferences and in most cases from their actions and the overheard conversations it has been a happy experience. It is lovely to see the number of parents attending these meetings and taking the opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge their child’s progress and development throughout the year. If you have not already done so please confirm a time with your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Reports and portfolios will be sent home on the last day of school or otherwise mailed home during the holidays.

Last night we had just over 50 people attended our AGM which was a pleasing number. Reports were given from Shane Sheely as chair of the school board, Eileen McLachlan as P&F President and myself as Principal. It certainly has been a very busy and rewarding year. As a result of the meeting the School Board members for 2016 will be Shane Sheely, Stuart Glendenning, and Elsa Labis as continuing members and Michael Richards, Mel O’Leary, Amour Uy and Alysia Pierre. Many thanks to Carrie Parry and Joselyn Navarro for their work on the Board this year.

As the school year draws towards the end the diary can become very crowded. However there are two important dates we would really like you to highlight. The Graduation and Thanksgiving Mass being held next Wednesday evening is a night of celebration for the WHOLE community. All children graduating will be acknowledged in addition to prizes being presented to children in all years from Pre Primary to Yr. 6 who have excelled in citizenship, academically and through Christian living. Children from all years will also be involved through dancing, singing, the band, reading or other aspects of the night. The evening will begin with carols and end with a shared supper. Additional parking will be available on the oval and security for the evening has been organised. It is always a marvelous evening. We hope to see many families here celebrating the achievements of 2015.

Christmas is a time of giving. The St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal for Banksia Grove Catholic Primary School was launched two weeks ago. This is an opportunity for each of us to do something nice for those less well off than we are. It is great to see items being donated which will then be passed onto people in need at Christmas.

Our annual thank you morning tea for everyone who has assisted during the year will take place next Friday Dec 4 following the assembly which is being hosted by the Possums. Please join us and all those who have also assisted this year so we can show our appreciation.

Tomorrow we have our final group of student teachers from Edith Cowan University completing their time at Banksia Grove. We would like to thank them for all their work and effort over the term and to wish them all the best in their future careers.

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of Christ the King, the last week of the Church’s liturgical year. Next Sunday is the first week of Advent. Christmas is only 4 weeks away. How quickly 2015 has flown. Let’s make the most of it.

God bless
Tricia Davis
## Dates to Remember

### NOVEMBER

- **27th**  
  Prayer assembly Year 3  
  8.30am undercover area  
  WACA Cricket Competition

- **30th**  
  Community Prayer @ 8.30am Undercover area  
  Collaborative conferences, 2.20-7pm

### DECEMBER

- **2nd**  
  Thanksgiving Graduation Mass, 6pm

- **4th**  
  Kindy Nativity (Possums), 9am  
  Thank You Morning Tea  
  St Vincent de Paul baskets collection.

- **7th**  
  Kindy Nativity (Sugar Gliders), 9am

- **8th**  
  Pre Primary incursion, Matt the Magician

- **9th**  
  Sausage Sizzle  
  for World Youth Day

- **11th**  
  Talent show  
  House events until shared lunch

### Other Dates & Times

- **Last Day Term 4**  
  **2016**

### JANUARY

- **25th**  
  School office open **25th, 27th, 28th & 29th**

- **27th**  
  Uniform shop open **9.00 to 3.00pm**

### FEBRUARY

- **1st**  
  **First Day of Term 1**  
  Community Prayer @ 8.30am undercover area

## Parish Information

### Banksia Grove Mass
- Monday to Saturday 8.00 am  
- Every Saturday 600pm  
- 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  
  Last canteen day for 2015 is **Friday 4th Dec**

#### Playgroup
- Every Friday OSHclub room 9.00 to 11.00 am  
  Last Playgroup for 2015 is **Friday 4th Dec**

#### Children’s School Banking
- Every Thursday

#### P & F Extraordinary Meeting
- Thursday 3rd December @ 2.40pm
PRAYER

God, You gave us Your Son, Jesus, because You love us so much. Move our hearts to reach out to people around us who are poor, sick or lonely. Prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus, Your Son.
Amen.

PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas mass times at St John Paul II Catholic Community will be held as follows: **24.12.2015**, Christmas Eve: Christmas carols at 6.30pm with Mass at 7.00pm. **25.12.2015**, Christmas Day mass at 9.30am.

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS (6.00pm) Last Saturday, our first Vigil Mass was held here at St John Paul II Catholic Community. There were 40 parishioners who attended. The mass will be held at 6.00pm each Saturday. Please come along. If you are able to sing or play an instrument, come along and join the choir and help celebrate mass at this time.

HEALTHY EATING

PEA & NOODLE FRITTERS

1 1/4 cups frozen peas  
1/2 x 440g packet shelf-fresh hokkien noodles  
1/4 cup self-raising flour 1/4 cup milk  
2 eggs, lightly beaten 1/4 cup grated parmesan  
1 red onion, finely chopped 1/4 cup rice bran oil

Place peas in a heatproof bowl. Cover with boiling water. Stand for 2 minutes or until bright green and tender. Drain. Refresh under cold water. Return to bowl. Roughly mash peas with a fork. Add noodles, flour, milk, eggs, parmesan and onion. Season with salt and pepper. Stir to combine. Heat oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Drop 1/4 cup batter into pan, spreading to form a circle. Repeat to make 4 fritters. Cook for 2 minutes or until golden underneath.

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.

ATTENTION DRESSMAKERS

The dance team are in need of some volunteer dressmakers to help make some full circle skirts for the dance team. If you 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.

UNIFORM SHOP

Prior to school commencing in 2016, the Uniform shop will only be open on **Wednesday 27th January 2016** from 9 am to 3 pm.
All Families

are invited to our

Graduation and Thanksgiving Mass

and shared supper

on

Wednesday 2nd December 2015

Please bring a plate of finger food to share

RSVP number attending to Di McMahon on 9303 7101 or admin@banksiagrovecps.wa.edu.au
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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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

Singing  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.
We want to say…

Thank You

The staff & students at Banksia Grove Catholic Primary would like you to join us so we can say ‘Thank you’ for all the help & support you have given to us in 2015. Please come to our Thank you morning tea on:

**Friday: 4th December 2015**

**Where:** Outside the staffroom

**When:** After assembly

To assist with catering, please contact the office on 9303 7101, email admin@banksiagrovecps.wa.edu.au or pop in & see us.

Hope to see your there!
I would like to thank our School community for all the support this year.

It has truly been a pleasure to meet so many wonderful families within our school community. I leave the school with such special memories of the parents and children. I have met wonderful new friends and I know our friendships will last a lifetime.

The P & F had its last meeting for the 2015 on the 25th November. We had a great turn out and lots of wonderful ideas for 2016 school year.

Keep a look out for upcoming events in 2016 in the Newsletter. The first event will be our P & F Bush Dance on Friday 19th February. Where our school community families and friends come along and meet new families and create new friendships. Music from our wonderful bush band, animal farm for the children. Bring a picnic or you can try our delicious sausage sizzle.

The P& F are kindly donating the following monies

Kindy $500 for new equipment
PP to Yr 3 $500 for home readers
Music $500 Equipment
Whole School $2000 new PA system for school
Whole school $3500 Technology upgrades
Harmony awards from Pre-Primary to Year 5

Canteen News

A very special thank you to everyone that volunteered to help in the canteen for 2015 Paula, Jeni, Tracey and Lisa for your outstanding support in keeping the canteen running.

The canteen will be winding down in the next 2 weeks so not all items will be available.

**Friday 4th December** will be our last canteen day for 2015.

**RIPPER RECESS**

**Thursday 3rd December.** This event is a P&F fundraiser where children may purchase icy poles for $1 at Recess only from the School Canteen.

Thank you
Eileen Mclaughlin
P & F President
Parent Information Evening

Topic: Deliberate Self-harm

Presented by Dr Barry Jones, Child and Adolescent Mental Health

Self harm describes a wide range of things people deliberately do to themselves that appear to be harmful but usually do not kill them. A young person may self harm to help them cope with negative feelings, to feel in control or to punish themselves. As a parent, raising sensitive issues such as self harm and resolving problems that arise can be challenging, but there are a number of things that you can try to support a young person who is going through a tough time.

Come and learn more about this difficult topic and what parents can do to support a young person.

Got a question for the presenter but don’t feel comfortable asking in a group? Email it to info@headspaceospk.com.au to be read on the night.

When
Wednesday 9th December 2015
6:30pm—8:30pm

Where
headspace Osborne Park—145 Main Street, Osborne Park

Contact
Please register by Friday 4 December by contacting headspace Osborne Park on (08) 9208 9555 or emailing info@headspaceospk.com.au
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