Dear Parents

Thank you to those parents who made the effort to attend the recent parent meetings. It is in partnership, working together, that we provide children the best opportunities. Children seeing parents and teachers working together, valuing education and each other’s contribution tells them ‘this is something important’.

Some changes from Monday 22 Feb

- Please note that a siren will be used in the school from the start of week 4.
- Teachers will open classrooms at 8:15am each day. Take the opportunity to see your child’s work and say hello to the teacher.
- A trial period involving dismissal of children at the end of the day will start on Monday. Children in years 1 – 6 going to the car pick-up area will be walked down by a teacher. Children in years 1 & 2 are to be collected from the classroom. Children in years 3 – 6 will be released from the room.
- Parents are welcome to come on to the school grounds prior to 3pm. Find a shady spot and have a chat with other parents. Please don’t congregate outside the classroom where your presence could be a distraction. Children in years 3 – 6 being picked up should know roughly where you will be.
- Afternoon kiss and collect will be through the gates on Laricina Bend. Please follow the directions of staff.

Commissioning Mass
This Sunday at 9:30am there is a Commitment Mass for families with children intending receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, Holy Communion or Reconciliation this year. It is also an opportunity for staff, parents and students to commit to working for the benefit of the school community. I’m looking forward to meeting many of you after Mass.

Bush Dance
I’m hoping many families are able to get to the P&F Bush Band event organised for this Friday. It should be a great night, with lots of fun for the children and a terrific social opportunity for parents.

Public Holiday
The Labour Day holiday (7 March) is fast approaching. The 4 March is a Professional Development day for staff (this could provide you a great long, long weekend opportunity).

God bless
Chris Lamb
Principal
Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY
19th  Prayer Assembly Yr 3 Mission Day
Prayour Compassion
P & F Bush Band Dance
5.30pm – 8.30pm
21st  St John Paul II CPS Commissioning
Mass 9.30am
22nd  Prayer Assembly 8.30am under cover
area
24th  Buddy Mass Magpies & Black Swans
9am
23rd to 26th Year 6 Camp to Dwellingup
26th  Merit Assembly 8.30am undercover
area
29th  Prayer Assembly 8.30am under cover
area

MARCH
4th   No School Proffessional
Development Day
7th   Public Holiday Labour Day
No School
9th   Buddy Mass Bandicoots & Joeys 9am
11th  Merit Assembly 8.30am Undercover
Area
16th  Yr 4 - 6 Reconciliation
Open Night & Book Fair 4-6pm
18th  Harmony Day
Prayer Assembly Yr 2 8.30am
Undercover area

Parish Information

St John Paul II Mass
Monday to Saturday 8.00 am
Every Saturday 6.00 pm
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
Father Vinh Dong contact details 6400 0276
or 0422 422773

Parish Office
St John Paul II Catholic Primary School
Tuesday & Thursday 8.00 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
Monday 2.00 pm finish

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

Children’s School Banking
Every Friday beginning on Friday 19th
February

P & F Meeting
30th March @ 6.15pm

School Board Meeting
24th February @ 5.00 pm
PRAYER FOR LENT

LENT – A TIME FOR RENEWAL
For all of us who have so much; security, love warmth, and take it for granted - LENT
For all of us who think we know everything and have nothing to learn - LENT
For all of us who draw up our mental lists of those we like and those we dislike - LENT
For all of us who look after ‘number one’, ignoring the cry of our sisters and brothers – LENT

This journey of 40 days marks the beginning of our journey towards Easter. Here begins our second birth.

ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL

St John Paul II is a “Nut-Aware” school. Therefore, raw nuts (eg peanuts, hazelnuts, cashews, etc), nut spreads (eg peanut butter, Nutella, etc) and snack foods with nuts in the ingredients list (eg some muesli/snack bars) are not sold in the school canteen and parents/guardians are discouraged from sending such items to school.

SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 fees have been issued today. Please check your child’s school bag. If you hold a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card please ensure you have handed a copy of your current card into the office. If you do not have a current concession card on your account, we are unable to apply the discounts. Please attend the school office.

KINDY PARENT MEETING

The Kindy parent meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th February at 6pm.

CANTEEN NEWS

The school canteen is open every Friday. A Lent Menu will apply for Term 1 and will be sent out next week.

For our canteen to continue we are in need of volunteers. If you are able to assist in any way, please call into the school office and place your name on the roster.

NO VOLUNTEERS = NO CANTEEN

PLAYGROUP
Playgroup is on every Friday and will run from 8.30 to 10.30 am. Please make sure you bring a hat and a healthy snack for your child. The cost of playgroup is a gold coin donation. Hope to see you there!

PARENT VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP

The Parent Volunteer Meeting for those wishing to help in classrooms will take place on Monday 22d Feb at 9.00am and Tuesday 23 Feb. at 2.30pm in the Library.

Parents who have attended previously do not need to do a refresher course.

P&F NEWS

We had our first meeting for the year on Wednesday the 17th of February and we were so happy with the turnout! Thank you to everyone that came. We have such a great committee this year and we are excited about everything we have planned for 2016! One of the main objectives for the P&F this year is to increase communication between staff and parents, and develop a strong School community spirit. This is a new year, with a new principal, a new P&F committee and even a new School name. So let's look forward to the future and make the most of every new opportunity.

Our next meeting is Wednesday the 30th of March at 6.15pm. This is a special evening meeting so we hope to see some parents that can’t usually attend due to work commitments come along.

Please don’t forget our Bush Dance this Friday the 19th of February at 5.30pm. This is a great opportunity to relax with your family and meet some of the other parents at the school. We look forward to seeing you there!

P&F Committee 2016
President: Susannah Piek
Vice President: Amy Crowley
Assistant Vice: Renee Watters
Secretary: Samantha Poole
Treasurer: Karen Walker
Board Representative: Mel O’Leary
Free Family Bush Dance!
Friday the 19th of February 2016
St John Paul II CPS
Kindy/Pre-Primary area
5.30-8.30pm
Free event for all families of the school
BYO picnic rug and chairs
Drinks and cakes available to purchase
Cuddly Animal Farm
Awesome Bush Band!!
$3 Sausage sizzle
Dear parents/guardians,

This year the school has been invited to participate in a regional swimming carnival against 5 other schools at Joondalup Arena on Thursday 24th March. Students from years 4 to 6 will have the opportunity to represent the school in swimming for the first time. The following events will be offered to each age group:

50m Butterfly; 50m Freestyle; 50m Breaststroke; 50m Backstroke; and 50m Relays

Students will be provided with a school swimming cap and will need to come in their sports uniform with bathers on underneath. Students will start in the pool and will have the opportunity to swim using timing pads to record the results of each race. There are no trophy’s or prizes presented at the carnival as it is about getting children used to swimming in large venues with crowds and having a great time.

For such an event to go ahead, we do need the support of parents to help with marshalling and race management. If you can help on the day, please complete the slip below. The cost for entry to the pool for competitors will be covered by school, spectators will have an entry fee of $2.

If your child is able to complete the required distance for the above events and would like to be considered in the squad, please complete the slip below and indicate their current swimming lesson level and which events they would like to enter.

Thank you for all your continued support and I look forward to another successful year of interschool events. Please forward any enquiries to dalton.andrew@cathednet.wa.edu.au or contact me via the office.

Kind regards

Andy Dalton

I ______________________________ give permission for my child ___________________________ to travel by bus to and from Joondalup Arena to participate in the Interschool Swimming Carnival on Thursday March 24th 2016.

My child can swim 50m in the following events:

Butterfly Freestyle Backstroke Breaststroke

I am able/not able to help marshal on the day.

Child’s current swimming level: _____

Signed: ________________________________