Life’s Autumn

Why am I cast down and despondently sad
When I long to be happy and joyous and glad?
And then with God’s help, it all becomes clear,
The soul has its seasons just the same as the year –
I too must pass through life’s autumn of dying,
A desolate period of heart-hurt and crying,
Bounteous seasons and barren ones too,
Times for rejoicing and times to be blue,
But I’m content in the knowledge that autumn time sadness
Will surely be followed by a springtime of gladness.

Helen Steiner Rice

During this time of Lent as we focus on the death of Christ, let us remember that His death was His greatest gift. Sometimes it can be difficult to endure the autumns of our lives but our faith tells us that there will be blessings and gifts to follow because just as God has planned for the year, He has planned for our lives to have seasons.

Our school commissioning and sacramental enrolment Mass was a very successful community event. It was wonderful to see the undercover area full of friends and parishioners joining in the celebrations.

Many children, supported by their parents have enrolled to receive the various sacraments this year. If for some reason you were unable to attend the Mass last week but still want your child to receive one of the sacraments please collect and fill in an enrolment form from the office. You will need to take it to Father at Mass on Sunday.

Last week I was fortunate enough to spend a night with the Year Sixes, along with various staff members and parents, on their camp at Dwellingup. Everyone had a fantastic time and experienced many ‘firsts’ as they were challenged in a variety of activities. Thanks to Mr Cain, Mrs Bakunowicz and Miss Fowles, all the staff that supported the camp and Mr Zscherpel for making it such a memorable experience for the children. I’m sure that next week’s ‘The Grove’ will have some reflections and photos from the camp.

A reminder that the school has an Open Night and Book Fair on Wednesday 16 March. Take the opportunity to walk through the classrooms, see your child’s work and visit the library.

God bless
Chris Lamb
Principal
**Dates to Remember**

**MARCH**

4th  **No School Professional Development Day**

7th  **Public Holiday Labour Day**
     **No School**

8th  Excursion to Herdsman Lake
     Year 4

9th  Buddy Mass Bandicoots & Joeys 9am

11th Merit Assembly 8.30am Undercover Area

16th  Yr 4 - 6 Reconciliation
     Open Night & Book Fair
     5.30-7.30pm

18th  Harmony Day
     Prayer Assembly Yr 2 8.30am
     Undercover area

22nd  Prayer Assembly 8.30am
     Undercover area
     (Jesus in the Temple)

23rd  Prayer Assembly 8.30am
     Undercover area
     (Last Supper)

24th  Prayer Assembly 8.30am
     Undercover area
     (Passion of Christ)

25th  **No School** Good Friday

28th  **No School** Easter Monday

29th  **No School** Easter Tuesday

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**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

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**Other Dates & Times**

**School Times**
Start 8.25 am   Finish 3.00 pm
Monday 2.00 pm finish

**Kindy Times**
Start 8.25 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**
3rd March @ .5.00pm
PALM SUNDAY

Don’t forget that on Sunday 20/03/16, the Kindy Possums and Sugar Gliders along with the Pre-primary Geckoes and Quokkas are involved in our first ever Sunday morning school cluster mass. The children will be involved in singing and we hope that there are some parents, who using their "Confidence Key", will participate by helping with the mass readings. Coming along is a great way to show your support to the children and our school and parish community by being involved and joining in. While we understand you may have other commitments, all children in both Kindy and Pre-primary classes and parents are expected to attend. Mass begins at 9.30 am and morning tea will follow. Please bring along a small plate to share! One of the most amazing things about our parish community is how multicultural we are, yet united together in faith.

FRIENDSHIP LIST

Friendship lists went home this week. We still urgently require parent reps. If you can assist please see your child’s class teacher.

KINDY 2017

Kindy interviews will be commencing from Monday March 21st to Wednesday 6th April for siblings only at this time. If you have a sibling, friend or neighbour with a child due to commence Kindy next year, please contact the school office for an enrolment pack. Alternatively, you can download forms from our website. Appointments are essential, please call the office ASAP on 08-93037101.

SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

All parents, families and friends are invited to our school Open Night. 
**When:** Weds 16th March  
**Time:** 5.30 to 7.30 pm  
All classrooms will be open to view the children’s work.

HARMONY DAY

**HARMONY DAY SHARED LUNCH**  
COME & CELEBRATE WITH St John Paul II CPS  
THE WONDERUL COMBINATION OF CULTURES

On Friday 18th March, we will be celebrating Harmony Day. **Dress in traditional national costume or uniform of a group/team to which you belong.**

We are having a shared lunch with your year level. The children are being asked by their teachers for some special dishes they enjoy from home and what they would like to share.

**There will be no canteen on this day**
Protective Behaviour’s Parent Workshop

When: Tuesday 15th March 2016

Where: St John Paul II Catholic Primary School

Time: 1.55pm - 2.55pm

Are you interested in learning how to teach your children Protective Behaviours? This is a personal safety program designed to give children the skills they need to keep themselves safe with other people.

At St John Paul II CPS the program will be taught to all students over the next few weeks by their class teacher. In addition we will be asking families to discuss with their children what they have been learning at school. This workshop is an opportunity for parents and guardians to learn more about the program themselves in a supportive environment.

If you would like to attend this workshop please contact the school office and let them know that you will be attending.

If you would like any more information about the workshop please contact the school Social Worker - Lesley Bird
OPEN NIGHT: HARMONY WEEK PERFORMANCE

Dear Parents,

Open night is happening on March 16 from 5.30 to 7.30pm. You will have an opportunity to visit your child’s classroom and a Book Fair will also be taking place. As this evening takes place during Harmony Week (a week where we celebrate the diversity of cultures in our school community), we will have a short Harmony Week performance during the Open Night (from 6.45pm to 7.15pm).

In recent years this performance has been during a morning assembly at school. Hopefully having it on Open Night this year, it will allow people who have missed these sort of acts in the past to see.

If your child is interested in performing as part of this evening they will need to complete the form below and bring it to me by next Tuesday, March 8 at the latest. On Wednesday, March 9, all performers will be notified. Please note that parents, as they have in previous years, are welcome to participate in the acts as well.

Nb: Preference will be given to acts/songs/dances that portray something unique about a particular country / culture, involve more than one student and are different to other acts presented.

Thanks

Mr Tim Maxwell

OPEN NIGHT: HARMONY WEEK PERFORMANCE REPLY SLIP (TO BE RETURNED TO MR MAXWELL)

Name: ___________________________________________________

Type of Act (Eg: song, dance) : ________________________________

Brief description of act (Eg: What country is it from?):
__________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________

Other people performing with you (nb: only one of you will need to fill in this form):
__________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________
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P& F NEWS

The Bush Dance was a huge success with more than double the expected turnout! Thank you all
for coming! It was especially great to see so many children and parents up and dancing to the
music of the wonderful Southern Cross Bush Band. We hope you all had a great time! I would like
to thank all the members of the P&F who helped to organise and setup the evening and who
donated cakes, as well as Mr Dalton for staying to help lockup at the end. We would also like to
thank Coles at Banksia Grove for a $100 gift voucher for the sausage sizzle, and Frederick Herbst,
a grandfather at the school, who donated over 70 rolls half way through the night to keep the
sausage sizzle going.

We have a special **P&F meeting next week, on Wednesday the 9th of March at 8.35am**, for all
the Class representatives to get together and plan the events for the rest of the year. Please feel
free to come along if you would like to represent your child’s class. We are looking forward to a
fun-filled year ahead!
YOU’RE INVITED TO

St John Paul II Scholastic Book Fair

WHEN:  Wednesday 16th March 2016

TIME:  3:00-3:30PM &  5:30-7:30PM

WHERE: St John Paul II CPS LIBRARY

COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN!

HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR NEW LIBRARY RESOURCES!