Keeping Safe in a Technological World

The latest craze of Pokemon Go seems to have taken the world by storm and even though it is geared towards adults and teenagers it seems to have taken off among primary aged children as well! Like all fads and crazes, as parents, it is wise to step back and evaluate whether this is appropriate for your children. Michael Grose from Parenting Ideas has responded to parent requests for advice with the following:

Pokemon Go has plenty of psychological hooks to make boys love it. The roam and search nature of the game appeals to the hunter-gatherer that exists in most boys. There are plenty of things to collect which appeals to a boy’s fundamental need to put order and control in his world.

The competitive element embedded in the game makes it almost irresistible to many boys who love nothing better than to better someone else.

How can we approach this craze?

- Start by accepting that Pokemon Go, like all fads, has captured your child’s interest. It’s hard to fight against or even stop your child from being involved in games that ‘everyone is playing’.

- Find out all you can about the game so you know what you are up against. Ask your child to explain what it’s all about. Figure out which parts of the game are age-appropriate and which parts are going to present you with headaches. Pokemon Go gives users plenty of chances to spend real money, so you probably will want to limit in-game purchases.

- Lures, an aspect of the game, can present tricky situations for parents. A player can set out a lure to attract pokemon, but because these lures can be seen by any nearby player, you’re not sure who they are attracting. Revisit those Stranger Danger lessons with your kids.

- Meld your existing family technology rules with the expectations and opportunities that Pokemon Go presents. These include, how much time children are allowed to spend on technology; consider what activities Pokemon Go takes kids away from (including homework); and be aware that’s is not healthy for your child to be hooked on one activity at the expense of everything else.

- Keep your Pokemon Go player safe as it gets kids outside roaming and exploring their neighbourhoods, which on the surface, is a good thing but be aware of where the player is led to. Quick reminders of safety rules maybe in order, such as crossing a street with a phone in their pocket and only playing the game with kids their own age.

- If you join in the craze then be prepared to drive your players around as many Pokemon stops are in interesting places such as parks, historical markers and other gathering spots. Different places have different Pokemon things to collect.....yes, it can get complicated, which is the intrinsic value of the craze.
• Approach **Pokemon Go** positively and intelligently. Discover about it as much as your time, your current circumstances and your kids will allow. Join them if possible. Remember, it’s a lot of fun; it does get kids exercising more than their thumbs and there are some great learnings (maths, nature and even history) built in to the game. On the other hand, ensure that kids keep a balance in their activities so that a fun craze doesn’t become an absolute, all or nothing obsession- which can so easily happen with boys.

**First Communion Family Day**

Year Four families are asked to attend the First Communion Family Day this **Saturday 6 August**. Families are asked to be seated by 4.30pm in the church ready to begin. The day will conclude at the 6pm Parish Commitment Mass.

**Student Safety**

Parents are reminded that school rules are in place to ensure that your children feel safe and are safe within the school grounds including before and after scheduled lesson times. Please note:

- Children should **NOT** be walking down to the parking area alongside the oval or around the church at the end of the school day as these areas are not supervised. If you collect your child/children by car please only use the drive through pick up or park your car in the main school car park. You are asked to personally collect your children at the front of the school if you are parking in other areas.
- **ALL** playground equipment is out of bounds both before and after school as these areas are not supervised by staff. OSHC staff supervise the nature playground between the tennis courts and Year Six as well as the grassed area and Senior Quad **ONLY** for children enrolled in OSHC
- **NO DOGS** are permitted on the school site. Please wait at the school gate for your children if you are walking with your dog!
- If you are watching after school sport or training please supervise younger siblings and remind them that play equipment is out of bounds!

**Bishop’s Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA)**

This week our Year 5 students participated in the online BRLA. The BRLA provides a ‘point in time’ snapshot of student performance in RE. Students’ knowledge and understanding of the content of the RE curriculum is assessed using a combination of multiple choice, short and extended response items. Students’ faith is not assessed. The use of the BRLA complements the school based assessment programs in RE.

Next week our Year 3 students will complete their BRLA online.

_Suzanne Fox_  
Principal

**Everyday Maths for Kindy Parents**

Helping parents understand Numeracy and Mathematics in the early years.  

Thursday 4 August  
6pm – 7pm  
Brennan Hall Meeting Room

**SCHOOL FEES**

This is a reminder that all school fees for the year are due and payable by this **Friday 5 August**. If you will have a problem with meeting this commitment please contact Geraldine in the office on 9251 3002.

**TRINITY COLLEGE**

If you are looking for a holistic, quality Catholic education for your son, Trinity College in East Perth may be the school you are searching for. We strive to provide the highest level of teaching and learning in an environment that keeps expanding to meet the physical and emotional needs of all students. To learn more about the extensive things on offer such as our state-of-the-art robotic observatory or our Design and Technology centre using the latest equipment in technology laboratories, please visit our website for further information. Our virtual tour and online application makes the process of enrolling your son as simple as possible. Interviews are now taking place for Year 7 in 2018, with limited places available for Year Seven next year. _www.trinity.wa.edu.au_
Interschool Cross Country—Congratulations!

On Friday a select group of students made their way to Tomato Lake to represent the school in the Interschool Cross Country Carnival. They had trained extremely hard on some very cold mornings in the lead up and had even committed to extra sessions to try and achieve the best they could for the school. Many even trained during the holidays!

The Year 4 students got the school off to an outstanding start with many runners achieving the goals they had set themselves. The Year 5 students were exceptional with all the girls finishing in the top 10! Finally the Year 6 students brought it home with some more impressive performances. It was a very nervous wait for the results with all the hard work paying off with Sacred Heart achieving first place! What made me so proud was the fact they worked as a team to push each other to achieve their best.

A special congratulations to Elijah Scoble who won Champion Boy Year 5 and to Holly Giles who won Runner up Champion Girl Year 6.

The final results were as follows:

- First Place  Sacred Heart Primary School
- Second Place  St Munchin's
- Third Place  St Joseph
- Fourth Place  St Emilie's
- Fifth Place  Notre Dame
- Sixth Place  Xavier

With the same hard work in the lead up to athletics I am sure we can see a similar result. Thanks to Mr Landers for his help in training the team.

After school sport—Soccer for Years 1-3 is now FULL. For those enrolled it commences this Thursday 4 August at 3-4pm in the Senior Quad.

Attention Year 4 to 6 Students and Parents

For the next few weeks there will be athletics training in the mornings in preparation for our school athletics in week 9 of this term and interschool athletics in Week 3 of Term 4.

We will train for long jump, shot put, turbo javelin, 400m, 200m, relays and sprint events.

Starts: Wednesday 10 August
Days:  **Monday 7.40 am to 8.15 am**      **Wednesday 3-4pm**
What to Wear: Sport Clothes            What to Bring: Drink Bottle

Lauren S

YALE TIGERS TBALL CLUB

If you are in Pre-Primary to Year 6 and would like to play tee ball, come and join in the Fun at Yale Tigers Tee Ball Club!!!

Game days Sat morning at Sutherlands Oval, Holmes Road, Southern River.
Registration fees include: trophy, team photo, hire of shirt, end of year entry to Adventure World and weekly ball fees.

$130 for the first child and $120 for each additional member

Refer a new player that registers with Yale Tigers Tee Ball Club and receive a $10 discount off your child’s fees.

For more information

Dione: 0475 255 625 or    Chris: 0410 630 620
2016 SCHOOL PHOTOS INFORMATION

Our School Photos will be taken on:

**Wednesday 3 August 2016 (includes KB)**

**Thursday 4 August 2016 (includes KW)**

**PLEASE NOTE:** You now have the option of placing your photo order **ONLINE** instead of filling in the pre-paid envelope; refer to your child’s personalised envelope for details about online ordering, or phone MSP Photography on 08 9342 3465 if you have any queries.

If you are placing your order through the pre-paid envelope please make sure that your child brings the envelope to school on photo day to hand to the photographer, otherwise your order will be missed. **NOTE:** If you have placed your order online, you **DO NOT** need to bring in your envelope to hand to the photographer.

If you wish to purchase a family photo, please come to the administration office to collect a Family envelope. On delivery of the school photos the family photos will be left at reception for parents to collect, they will **not** be sent home with the children. **NOTE:** Family photos cannot be ordered online and are only for children currently at school.

**NO CHANGE** can be given so please ensure correct money is enclosed in your envelope. We now offer online ordering for your convenience. Payment for photos can be made by cash, cheque or money order in your prepaid envelope or via Credit Card for **Online Purchases Only**.

**All children will have an individual portrait taken whether purchasing photos or not for the school data base. If you have not placed an order on photo day you can still ORDER ONLINE up to 14 days after the last photo day. If you wish to place an order and it is after the 14 day period please phone MSP Photography on 08 9342 3465.**

**PROPOSED TIMETABLE**

All times are approximate and if your child will be absent for any reason, but you want their photos be taken, then you will be responsible for them being at school.

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**RIDE TO CONQUER CANCER**

On 15 and 16 October 2016 Miller and Charlie Walker’s Mum, Candy, will be taking part in the Ride to Conquer Cancer.

The ride consists over a journey travelling over 200km and has been formed in order to raise funds for the Harry Perkins Institute for Cancer Research.

To be able to take part in the ride she needs everyone’s help in raising an amazing $2,500. Every little cent can help towards making a difference in the fight to conquer this terrible disease.

To make a donation simply follow the steps below;
2. Click on the DONATE tab at the top;
3. Search for participant Candy Phillip-Clarke
4. Click on DONATE NOW

You can donate as little or as much as you like and can remain anonymous. Donations $2 and above are Tax deductible.
REGISTRATION DAY INFORMATION
COME & HAVE A GO AT BASEBALL!

- Tee ball (ages 4 to 8)
- Machine Pitch (ages 7 to 10)
- Little League (11 and 12)
- Junior League (under 15)
- Senior League (under 17)
- Big League (under 19)

When:
Saturday 6 August 2016 9.00 – 12 noon
Sunday 14 August 2016 3:00 – 6:00 pm

Where: Baseball Park, under the Subaru Terrace, Cnr Nicholson & Wilfred Roads, Thornlie, 6108

For more details, please go to www.gosnells.baseball.com.au or contact us on gosnells.hawks@gmail.com

Please note, a 50% deposit of fees will be required on Registration day. Kidsport and Payment Plans are available. All fees must be paid in full prior to the first official game, EFTPOS will be available.
Casino Bus Trip and Lunch/Dinner

Thank you to parents who have booked the Casino Bus Trip on Friday 12 August 2016.

**Both the LUNCH and DINNER TRIPS will go ahead.**

**PLEASE NOTE...**

Due to popular demand, the **FINISH TIME** for the **DINNER** session has been brought forward from 12 midnight to **10.00pm**.

The Casino Bus will leave the Casino promptly at 10.00pm sharp and be back at the school car park by approximately 10.30pm.

You may stay on at the Casino if you wish, however you will need to find your own way home/back to school.

Please also note, if you are not planning on coming back on the bus, that your car needs to be parked on the street and not in the school car park. The car park will be locked when the Casino Bus leaves the school car park.

Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

**SAVE THE DATE – School Disco**

The Committee is in the midst of planning an end of Term 3 School Disco to be held on the last day of school, **Wednesday 21 September 2016**. More details to come in the up-coming school newsletters.

**Entertainment Books**

**CLOSING SOON...**

Thank you to those families who have supported our Entertainment Book fundraising by purchasing a membership. We hope to finalise this fundraiser in the next few weeks. If you have any family members or friends who would like to purchase a membership, there is a short time still available.


Digital copies are still available but very limited book memberships.

**Year 5 Excursion to Kings Park**

On Thursday of Week 1, the Year 5 classes headed off to Kings Park to attend the “From Firesticks to Fireworks” excursion. We donned our ponchos and raincoats and braved the weather to learn all about the different plants and animals in the Botanic Gardens and how the Nyoongar people – who are the traditional custodians of this area - used these things to survive. Heather our guide also taught us the Nyoongar words for these plants and animals. We were lucky enough to be allowed to collect leaves, twigs, bark and honky nuts off the ground to make ourselves a journey stick. A journey stick is what the aboriginals used to remember their journeys, a bit like a camera. Who knew that the Botanic Gardens were so full of history!

After our journey around the Gardens we also got to go to the Nature Scape area and compete in an orienteering exercise and by this time the sun was shining for us!

The best part for Miss Banks and myself was hearing the guide tell us what a fantastic group of students we had; their behaviour and response to the excursion was excellent. Thank you to our group of parent helpers who also braved the rain and cold to help us out.

Mrs Connelly & Miss Banks
TERM DATES 2016—STUDENTS

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ABSENTEES/SICKNESS
In order for the school to reconcile attendance it is a requirement that a message is left on the Absentee Line
9251 3005
as emails to teachers are often not opened at the start of the day. Your co-operation in this regard is appreciated.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
TERM TIME ONLY

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If you are unable to come at these times please complete a uniform order form available from the Office, pay for it and your orders will be filled and delivered to your child's class.

RECYCLE YOUR USED BATTERIES INTO THE BATTERY RECYCLING BIN IN THE OFFICE MONDAY—FRIDAY

COMMBANK SCHOOL BANKING EVERY MONDAY.

Monday | D. BARKER
Tuesday | S.WEALE
Wednesday | A.POWE | M.MERLACCO*
Thursday | J.MADAFFARI | Y.MIYAMOTO
Friday | S.CHESTER | A.FERNANDES*

GOING HOME THIS WEEK
WOOLLEN JUMPER ORDER FORM
ELDEST CHILD PP-Y5