



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School
Newsletter
Bringing alive our Core Values of
'Charity, Service, Humility and Compassion'



Term One, Week Two
6 February 2017

Our School Prayer

Dear Jesus

*Saint Elizabeth brought care to the sick, food to the hungry and hope to those in need.
Grant us the blessing that we may follow in her footsteps with love and joy in our hearts,
to always be faithful and to serve with humility and compassion.*

Amen

Welcome to the 2017 School Year!

We welcome all our new families to St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary school. Welcome back to our "old" families. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and on behalf of the staff, I wish you a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Parent Planner – Term One 2017 - Attached

Please note;

Parent and Teacher Information Night for Kindy and Pre Primary 6:30pm-7:15pm Monday, 13 February.

Parent and Teacher Information Night for Year One and Year Two 6:30pm -7.15pm Thursday, 16 February.

We request that you make alternative babysitting arrangements for your children for these meetings please. This year the staff will not be available for caring for the children. It is extremely difficult for both the teacher presenting and parents listening whilst children are in the room. We hope you appreciate our request and we thank you in anticipation for your support.

Community Picnic – Staff and Community 5:30pm – 7:30pm Wednesday, 22 February

The picnic will take place in the Kindy/Pre Primary playground. For our new families; you come along with your food hamper, water/soft drinks and picnic blanket. Bins will be provided for your rubbish. Parents are reminded to take care of your child/ren. Alcohol is not permitted at school functions when children are on the grounds. Saviour the alcoholic drink when the children are finally tucked up for the night.

Kindy Speech Screening for 2017

Ansuya Rajoo will be undertaking our speech screening for 2017. Ansuya qualified as a Speech Pathologist and Audiologist in 1992. She also obtained a postgraduate diploma in Education. Ansuya has worked with children aged 0-16 years since 1993, both nationally and internationally. Ansuya has worked across languages and cultures. She works with children who present with stuttering; phonological errors (for example; pronunciation errors); general and specific language delay; lisps; tongue tie; feeding disorders; dyspraxia; late talkers; literacy difficulties (for example; reading, writing and spelling) and comprehension difficulties including understanding verbal and written content. Her audiological background allows her to work with auditory processing disorders and hearing impairments. Ansuya also conducts school screenings and workshops aimed at parents, teachers and other health professionals. We warmly welcome Ansuya to St Elizabeth's CPS in a professional capacity and look forward to working with you.

Friendly Reminders

- Drive slowly in the carpark. All children in Kindy and Pre Primary and their younger siblings must hold an adult's hand to and from the car.
- Under no circumstance should children be left in a car with or without the motor running.
- All children should be in age appropriate booster seats and seat belts.
- Students in Year One and Year Two must walk beside an adult.
- 8:30am onwards you will need to come to the office to sign in with your child/ren.
- If you are collecting children between 8:30am – 2:50pm please come to the office to sign them out.

Code of Conduct

I am sending home our new Code of Conduct in your child's communication Bag tomorrow, Tuesday. The Code of Conduct is for Staff, Parents, Volunteers and Contractors and will be in place for all Catholic Schools as from this year. Please take the time to read the statements and explanations. I ask that you date and sign the Code of Conduct and please return it to school. Both parents/carers sign the same document. Thank you.

Use of mobile phones/cameras

As of today mobile phones/cameras cannot be used for taking photographs of your own or any other child on school grounds. This is of absolute importance as not all children are permitted to be photographed. As well as parents, staff are also required to switch off their mobiles during school hours, however they are permitted to use them during their breaks in the staffroom. The cameras owned by the school or myself will be used for photographing events and day to day matters. I appreciate you all love to take photographs of your child during performances, however I strongly urge you to support us.

Language Other Than English

I am delighted to inform you St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School have employed a teacher to teach Auslan Sign Language, to all our students from Kindy to Year Two. Mrs Marie Ware will commence Auslan in week three.

Wanneroo Library

Attached is a brochure from the Wanneroo Library for a free story time session titled "Heroes and Villians." Bookings are essential.

Finally, thank you to the parents who rang in late last year and Gary Bone for arriving on our door step to assist with cleaning up after the vandalism. All matters have been dealt with, fingers crossed we will get a break!

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead.

God Bless!

'May God keep us safe in the palm of his hand'

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