



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



Term One, Week Four
24 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

Staff Commissioning Mass – Sunday, 19 February

At the beginning of every new school year, Father John commissions the staff at St Anthony's and St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary Schools which are both in the Parish of St Anthony of Padua. Following mass we were treated to a very scrumptious egg and bacon burger. Thank you to the parishioners who gave up their precious time to prepare the meal and clean up. Bless you!

Auslan

Yesterday there was a wonderful buzz amongst the children about Auslan, it was all very new and exciting for them. By now you are probably in the 'know' and perhaps your child has already taught you some of the sign language they have learnt. Please encourage them to do so. On duty yesterday I was inundated with children wanting to sign. Thank you to the many parents who affirmed our choice of languages, the majority of you used the word inclusive – Absolutely!

Code of Conduct

My apologies for the delay in sending home the Code of Conduct in week two. Next Tuesday, 28 February I will be sending home the Code of Conduct together with the Privacy Policy and Mobile Phone and Electronic Device Policy in your child's Communication Bag. Please take time to read through the documents to enable you to have a clear understanding about the statements. I ask that you sign and date the Code of Conduct and return it to your Class Teacher at your earliest convenience please. As you will have read, the Code of Conduct applies to parents, volunteers (grandparents) staff and contractors. We all need to be on the same page in our understanding and execution of the Code of Conduct, this is about the safety of every child in our care at St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary school.

Community Picnic

Thank you for your understanding regarding the cancellation of the Community Picnic last night. We have moved the picnic to term three to coincide with the Open Night.

Kindy Occupational Therapy Screening

The screening will commence on Thursday, 2 March and will continue until all kindy children have been screened. Please be assured you, the parents will receive the reports when they have been completed and this will take time, please be patient.

School Nurse

Our school nurse Caroline Turich is new to the school and has forwarded a letter which is attached, to explain her role within the school community. Caroline, welcome to our school community.

Gardener / Maintenance Position

Sadly, we say goodbye to Robert Agacy who has been our gardener for the last two years. Robert has a full time position and working the extra two hours a day here reduced his time with his family. Thank you Robert for your commitment to our school community and your sense of humour! We welcome Peter Reeves to our staff. You have probably already seen him around yesterday and today busy cleaning along the out gate and the front verge. Peter will be working 4.5 hours a day, five days a week. We welcome Peter on staff and look forward to a very successful working relationship.

Visitors to the School

I appreciate you want to share our beautiful school and your child's education with your friends. However, with the safety of the children in mind, I request you sign your friends in at the office during the time they are on site, whether it be in the morning or afternoon so that we can maintain our high standard of care. This is standard practise for all visitors to our school. We do have nominated family members who drop children off in the morning and collect them in the afternoon, it is not necessary for them to sign in. We thank you for your support in this matter. Thank you to the parents who thought they may have seen a stranger on site, fortunately it was one of our new dads. Please do not hesitate to inform the office staff if you are unsure of who the adults are on site. God bless you, this is great support.

2:00pm Wednesday, 1 March - Ash Wednesday School Liturgy

The year one students will lead us in pray to celebrate Ash Wednesday which is the first day of Lent. Lent is a time of prayer and fasting. We prepare ourselves for Holy Week which is approximately 46 days after Ash Wednesday. Remember to take time to pray and try and think of something that you may like to abstain from during this Lenten Season.

5:00pm Monday, 13 March - P&F Association Meeting

This will be the P & F Association's first meeting for 2017 and it will take place in the staffroom. The Association has several exciting activities planned for the year. Please come along and join in; "Many hands make light work" We warmly welcome our kindy mums or dads to join us, it is a wonderful opportunity to broaden your network. Please find attached the minutes from the last meeting in November 2016 and the Agenda for the meeting on the 13 March.

Important Reminders

Tuesday, 28 February - School Banking / Commonwealth Bank

We will be commencing our school banking on Tuesday, 28 February. Please bring in your child's bank book to the classroom teacher this Tuesday morning. To our new families, you will be receiving an application form in your Communication Bags to sign up to our student banking program. Banking teaches our children the importance to save and understand the value of money, plus as a bonus they receive little prizes. Please remember it's not about the dollar value, 50c a week is more than sufficient.

Friday, 3 March – Professional Development Day

This is one of our non-contact days throughout the year. The whole staff will be heading into the Catholic Education Office for a literacy professional development day. Therefore the school will be closed. If you need to forward plan early, the 2017 dates for the school year are on our website.

Monday, 6 March - Labour Day

This is a Public Holiday and therefore the school will be closed. If you are fortunate to be going away for the long weekend, the extra day could make it a four day break or an extra day in the garden, washing and ironing or perhaps playing with the children! Either way we hope you all enjoy the break with an added bonus!

Girls Football

The Subiaco, Claremont and West Perth Football Districts are hosting a **FREE** Girl's come and try event. The event is for all girls from pre-primary through to year 12 which will feature some of the Women's AFL Dockers Players as well as District staff who will be running some free skill and games sessions. It is great opportunity to get girls into AFL and active. Flyer is attached.

God Bless and have a wonderful happy family week!

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

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