



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



Term Two, Week Seven
16 June 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

Mrs Irwin had a baby Girl!

On Mothers' Day, May 14, our Education Assistant Extraordinaire delivered a gorgeous, happy and healthy baby girl named Penny Rae. We are thrilled for Caitlyn and Nick and wish her the very best. Caitlyn has already taken to motherhood like a duck to water, look how fabulous she looks! Caitlyn came to visit last week and we all had a cuddle. She will return sometime later when Penny Rae is a little older to meet the children.



Wednesday, 31 May - Pre Primary Assembly

**Pre Primary Class
Fantastic, Brilliant, Amazing Auslan Assembly**



Congratulations to our pre primary children for the amazing assembly you shared with us. I am not sure how you could possibly learn and remember so much.! Thank you to Kim Manov and Allison for your bravery and patience to enable the children to reach the stars.

Sunday, 4 June - St Elizabeth's Community Mass

Blessings to the staff and families who were able to attend our community mass this term, we appreciate your effort on a long weekend. Our prayers and thoughts to Michael, Michelle and Siena as this was the first year anniversary since their loving father and grandfather left them. May his soul rest in peace.

Wednesday, 7 June - LifeLink Day 2017 Officially Launch during WA Week

Emma Fernandez and Joan Martino attended the Official Launch for Lifelink 2017 at Newman College on behalf of St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School. Three of our year one students; Leah Bone, Siena Colavecchio and Kaleb Needham were chosen to represent the students. Leah, Siena and Kaleb presented the hearts which were decorated by the children from kindy to year two. Leah, Siena and Kaleb were beautifully behaved and an absolute credit to our school and their parents. We were joined by the Most Rev Timothy Costelloe, (Archbishop of Perth) Rev Donald Sproxton, (Auxiliary Bishop of Perth and Chairman, LifeLink) Dr Tim McDonald, (CEWA Director) and John Finneran, (Principal of Newman College).

The message from all our leaders this year was to focus on and remember people in need within the community, people right here 'at home' in WA. LifeLink Day provides a wonderful opportunity for student's attending Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of Perth, to join together to show their collective support for the many Church social service agencies – agencies which on behalf of us all, reach out to provide practical care and direct assistance to thousands of people in need within the community.



Thursday, 8 June - Pirate Day



This photograph is of the young lass, Chloe Clements and her grandmother Mrs Bennett, who visited the year one and two classrooms the morning of our Pirate Day. Chloe shared with the children the story of a little boy called Elliot who suffered brain cancer and at the age of four, Jesus took him to heaven. Elliot was a brave little boy, a friendly pirate, and that is how Pirate Day came to be celebrated each year. Chloe herself suffered brain cancer at the tender age of 13 years old.

Chloe is a fine example in 'giving back' and volunteers her time to visit schools in the Metropolitan area and the South West to tell the students Elliot's story and her own, so that in the telling we will support the research towards finding a cure for children suffering brain cancer. In the meantime, Chloe is continuing her treatment, dealing with the side effects and attending to her year twelve studies. God bless you Chloe and your family for the wonderful work you do. Our parents were really amazing, with such short notice because almost every child attended school on Thursday dressed as a 'Happy Pirate'. The Research Foundation for Childhood Cancer will be delighted to receive the **\$201.80** donated, thank you for your ongoing support in this worthy cause. We have attached photographs of the pirates in each classroom.

Thursday, 15 June - Reports and Portfolios

The Semester One Reports will be in your child's Communication Bag today. Please take the time to read the report and jot down some questions you would like to ask regarding the academic and social progress about your child. The Kindy Portfolios will be discussed at the time of the interview, therefore they remain at school.

Please remember the interview time is for fifteen minutes, if you need more time to discuss any concerns please ask for a further interview early next term. I have read the reports and I am very pleased to note that the majority of our students are developing sound social skills which bring alive our values of service, humility, charity and compassion. Academically, there are many students who are making progress at their individual developmental level. I am very proud of them and congratulate the teachers and non-teaching staff who have worked tirelessly, often in your own time, to give the children all that you have to offer. God bless.

Student Engagement in Social Play

I encourage you, the parents to support the school in regards to your child's social skills, manners and behaviour development. It was with great disappointment to not only be told, but to also witness, some of our children deliberately excluding others from play. I am unable to comprehend a child who has planned and encouraged their peers that certain children were not included in a game. The children are also devising games which target other children in a hurtful manner. I appreciate this is developmental and would expect some of these behaviours of our kindy and pre-primary classes. However, we are the adults; staff and parents and our role is to teach and support their learning across all domains. A year one child was very concerned and persistent today to bring to my attention that another child was excluded. Congratulations to her parents, at this child's tender age to know and act on this matter was heart-warming.

Up Coming Events

Sunday, 18 June - St Anthony of Padua Feast Day Celebrations

Yesterday, St Anthony of Padua Parish and St Anthony's Primary School celebrated their saint's feast day. We hope they received many special blessings and pray that Sunday will be a warm, rain free day for your celebrations. Parents, please take the time to read the flyers Father John brought to our school which includes the mass times and the 2:00pm procession this Sunday. Archbishop Timothy Costello will be attending the celebrations with the Parish.

You are all most welcome.

6:00pm Wednesday, 21 June School Board Meeting

8:40am Thursday, 22 June - Kindy Assembly at 8:40am

The kindy Assembly will take place in the Camp Australia room with the doors opening to parents at 8:40am. This will allow the teachers to settle the children quietly before the parents come inside. I appreciate when you are attending your child's/grandchild's assembly or liturgy you want to give them a hug and tell them how marvellous they performed or how angelic they looked. However, please give them a kiss and a hug when you drop them off at your child's classroom door. This alleviates children jumping up or becoming distressed because one or two parents have managed to clamber over other children. It is obvious that it becomes a safety issue for everyone. I appreciate your support.

Saturday, 24 June - P & F Association Movie Fundraiser

This P & F Association event is both an opportunity for the children to come together and enjoy, as well as providing a few coins in the coffers towards hands on resources. "Despicable Me 3" on Saturday, 24 June, at 12:15pm at the Grand Cinemas, Joondalup. If you have not already done so ACT NOW! This Sunday, is the last day to buy tickets before final numbers need to be given to Grand Cinemas, so jump on line and order your tickets now ☺ www.trybooking.com/QEUN

5:00pm Monday, 26 June P & F Association Committee Meeting

Please note this is a 15 minute earlier start time because there will be a special guest speaker attending this meeting to share the role of the P&F Association in Catholic Schools. The Executive Committee warmly welcome you, please bring along a small plate to share.

2:20pm Wednesday, 28 June - Pre Primary Liturgy

This Liturgy will take place in the Camp Australia room next door to our Kindy classroom. Parents who are attending, please come into the kindy/pre primary playground through the side gate. We ask that you wait outside the end door until the children are settled. Thank you.

4:00pm - 6:00pm Friday, 30 June - School Disco

Our annual school disco will be held on the last day of Term Two! This event is at Decadance in Joondalup. The flyer attached and rsvp is due to the office by Friday, 23 June 2017. Please note this is a St Elizabeth's CPS student only Disco, siblings are not invited due to our ever increasing numbers and safety issues. Thank you! We have already received lots of money across the year levels. It sounds like it will be a very busy two hours of jumping, hopping and dancing!! There can be no exception to siblings regardless of age attending the Disco, this event comes under the umbrella of the school and as such the rules apply.

Quiz Night – Date to be advised, will be held in Term 4 – late August!!

One of our fundraisers for this year is our Quiz Night. To make our Quiz Night a huge success we are seeking help from our community in organising prizes and raffle items for the night. If you are able to help in any way, your donations will be greatly appreciated.

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

Carmel J O'Shaughnessy

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