



## ST ELIZABETH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

### SCHOOL REPORT- 2022

As we begin the final school term for 2022 at St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School, I take the time to reflect on the year and what a year it has been! While Covid-19 tried very hard to interrupt the learning at St Elizabeth's, we prevailed, worked together and soldiered on.

Every year I have the privilege to work with, and alongside, talented and dedicated administration staff, teachers and educational assistants and this year was no exception. All staff at St Elizabeth's work collaboratively to teach our students the values, morals and life skills that are associated with being at a Catholic school. This year I have challenged my staff in a number of ways and it was encouraging to see them striving for excellence, evident with the wonderful achievements students have made throughout the school year.

St Elizabeth's has a very strong collaboration with the St Anthony of Padua Parish, and I would like to thank Father Peter Porteous for his ongoing support and assistance during 2022. Throughout the year, classes prepared many beautiful Liturgies and Whole School Masses which reflected our Catholic traditions and beliefs. It was lovely to have our Year 4 to 6 students join the parish and students from St Anthony's for Mass in the second half of the year, something that we look forward to continuing next year. Many of our students were also blessed to be part of the Sacramental Program with the Sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist and soon Reconciliation celebrated during the year. A big thank you to Father Peter, the Parish Sacramental Coordinators, Mrs Emma Fernandez, classroom teachers and parents for facilitating these celebrations.

A big project that we have worked on this year was the introduction of School Faction names and colours. As a school community we collaborated on this, and I was thrilled to launch the factions at the beginning of Term 3. Our four factions reflect the four values of our school and named after those that lived these values and are directly linked to St Elizabeth. They include Vincent (gold/charity), Assisi (orange/humility), MacKillop (green/compassion) and Servite (blue/service). Our Sports Carnival in Term 3 was a true celebration of our factions!

Our wonderful Pre-Kindergarten to Year Six teachers and specialist teachers guided our students through a number of creative teaching and learning programs with a focus on our motto 'Together we grow'. Our Year 2 students participated in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival in the liturgical dance section and were truly amazing. This year was the first year our students had the opportunity to proudly represent St Elizabeth's in the local sporting community. A selected group of students competed in the Interschool Cross Country Carnival. Thank you to Mrs Naomi Clarkson for making this a reality for our students. The

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creation of a Bushtucker Garden by the Year 4 class was a great reflection of the integration of Aboriginal Education into our curriculum and the Open Afternoon held in Term 2 was a highlight and a wonderful opportunity to showcase the learning taking place in the classrooms. The atmosphere around the school grounds this year was one of excitement and the sense of pride from our staff and students was evident.

Excursions and incursions play an important role in the educational experience of our students. This year students enjoyed several excursions that enhanced each Learning Area. Excursions included visits to Perth Mint, Kings Park, Fremantle Jail, Optus Stadium and Maylands Peninsula Farm. Incursions are always a big part of our learning, and we had the honour of hosting a number of different activities throughout the year. Our students are extremely blessed to have passionate and creative teachers who spend hours planning and organising these great learning experiences. The much-anticipated Year Six Camp is just an example of the fantastic opportunities on offer at St Elizabeth's.

The School Advisory Council, led by Mr Mark Stewart, has been busy behind the scenes maintaining a smooth transition. They have ensured that our school finances are sound and have supported me as we take St Elizabeth's forward. As enrolments increase, a new building project will be our focus for 2023.

Our dedicated P&F committee have been in full swing with a number of fundraising and 'friendraising' activities organised throughout the year. The Colour Run, Mother's Day Coffee & CinniBun, Father's Day Coffee & Sausage Roll were highlights of the year. Additionally, they have actively promoted the school with stalls held at the annual St Anthony of Padua Festival and Feast Day celebrations and the Mater Dei College Community Fair. Thank you to our P&F President, Belinda Stewart, and her team for their support and generosity that simply enhances the wonderful community spirit at St Elizabeth's.

Finally, I need to thank all my staff who are so dedicated and have worked very hard to make the year a success. With a change of leadership, this can be challenging, however, they have all embraced my vision for the school and I look forward to seeing what next year brings.

Thank you and God bless.

Rebecca Clarke

Principal