



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



Term One Week Five  
FRIDAY, 6 MARCH

***"Together We Grow"***

***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 a new family**

On Wednesday we had a lovely family join our school community. We warmly welcome Stefani and Adam and their daughters Summer (year three) and Scarlett (year two). We hope your time with us will be a happy one.

**New Arrival**

We welcome Liana weighing 3.35 kg into the world. Mother and baby are doing well. Liana is the younger sibling of Christopher in year 1 and Manuela in Pre-Primary.

**Term One**

Term One has reached the halfway mark! Generally, the children are happy lots of smiling faces and chit chatter. After such a long Christmas break, there will always be a few of our beautiful children who find it difficult to remember 'hands, feet and teeth to yourself' We have no doubt they will learn in the short term. Several teachers have attended professional development days to keep us all abreast with either new ideas which are researched based or honing their skills to improve our teaching and learning. This in turn will benefit the students learning.

**Shared Staff Learning**

On Wednesday, 4 March we had our first meeting with Liwara Catholic Primary and St Luke's School, with our focus on the program 'Seven Steps to Writing.' This is our second year working together. The teachers and education assistants from the three schools should be congratulated for their commitment to their individual teaching and learning improvement. I would just like to add, these meetings are outside their working hours and are conducted in their personal time.

**Season of Lent**

As you are aware, we are in our Lenten Season. Lent is a time of reflection and preparation before the celebration of Easter. Usually this is a time of prayer, fasting, doing penance and giving to others less fortunate. This does not necessarily mean money; it can be random acts of kindness which is giving your time.

**Commissioning and Preparation for the Sacraments**

This year we have children in year three and year four preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. The children and their families commence the journey at the commissioning Mass this weekend. We welcome you to join us 6:30pm Saturday, 7 March or 9:00am Sunday, 8 March

## The Little Mermaid

I thought perhaps some of our parents may like the opportunity to take your children to see the show.



The Government House Foundation is presenting, a beautiful version of 'The Little Mermaid' which has been adapted for children by [Freeze Frame Opera](#). The magical production will turn Government House Ballroom into a fairy tale world this March as part of the [Music on the Terrace](#) 2020 season.

The Hon Kim Beazley AC, the Governor of Western Australia, in support of the Government House Foundation, would like to welcome as many children and their families to Government House for this viewing as possible.

The appropriate age group for performance is 4 -12-year-old, although parents and grandparents will also love the show. The duration of each show is 45 minutes, followed by sandwiches and refreshments in the supper room and an egg hunt in the stunning gardens of Government House. Each show is limited to 150 people to allow every child to get the best close up interactive experience.

There will be four shows held in the Ballroom on the 28 and 29 March with viewing times at 11am and 2pm. The post-event activities include:

- Face painting
- Pedal car obstacle course
- Light refreshments (scones, sandwiches and juice)
- Easter egg hunt in Government House Gardens.

All the above is included in the ticket price of just \$20 for children, \$35 for adults, or \$90 for a family of four. Program Support on 9429 9154.

### Code of Conduct

I would appreciate all staff and parents to reread your Code of Conduct. I am somewhat saddened that we, adults have high expectations of our children in terms of their behaviour and manners. We expect our students, depending on their age, to know, understand and practise our school values; Charity, Service, Humility and Compassion. Parents and adults greatly affect children's behaviour. According to research undertaken by the University of Chicago, social skills can be interpreted as anything from the basic polite 'please' and 'thank you.' children model from their parents and learn from them. God bless!

On a lighter note, thank you to our parents who have brought their concerns and issues to me. I appreciate your honesty and openness. God bless! Just a tip, I do practise effective listening and within reason will work with parents to ensure a successful outcome for us all particularly the children.



# The 8 “L’s” of Parenting

By Leah Davies, M.Ed.

1. LOVE your child. For your child to be successful, he or she must feel valued. Your gentle touches, smiles and hugs communicate love. Giving your undivided attention, especially at the end of each day, demonstrates caring.
2. LOOK for the good in your child and make specific comments on what he or she does well. You must believe in your child's worth before he or she can believe it. If you want your child to have self-confidence and motivation, watch for positive behaviours and comment on them.
3. LISTEN, without judgment, to your child express his or her thoughts and feelings. If you do not listen, your child may attempt to gain your attention by misbehaving.
4. LAUGH with your child, not at him or her. Demonstrate a sense of humour as you cope with life's difficulties. Laugh and play together.
5. LABOUR diligently and with pride so that your child will want to work hard, persevere and do his or her best.
6. LEARN new information. It is fine to say, I don't know, but then add that you both can find out together. Take the time to read and thus instil a love of learning. On car trips play word games, read or listen to books on tape.
7. LEAVE the television and other media off. Many programs and video games desensitize your child towards violence and contribute to fearfulness and aggression. Place computers in central locations to monitor internet use.
8. LIVE life to its fullest. Take pleasure in little things like an ice cream cone, a beautiful day or the enthusiasm of your child. Read, pretend, dance, sing, take walks, play games, have pleasant meals, look at photos, share dreams, and enjoy each other.

**Remember: Your child will most likely adopt the attitudes and habits you demonstrate daily.**

## Lunch Orders

The mums who have organised the lunch orders for delivery on Thursdays are doing so in a voluntary capacity. Lunch orders must be in the office on **Tuesday**, the orders are delivered to the shop on Tuesday afternoon. Up to date, the mums have been running late orders on Wednesday. It is my decision this fifth week of the term, that lunch orders will not be accepted after 2:30pm on a Tuesday. The orders left at the desk on Wednesday will be returned to your child's bag. Thank you for the many parents who are grateful for this service and thankful to the parents who have put their hand up to volunteer.

## Upcoming Events

**Monday, 9 March** – school closed for Staff Professional Development Day. We will be working with a CEWA consultant on our Aboriginal Education Improvement Map.

**Wednesday, 11 March** Please note Father Ben is unable to attend our planned mass at 9:00am, therefore we have cancelled the mass.

**8:45am Friday, 13 March** – Next Friday the Years 4 and 5 will be conducting the assembly, which will take place in the kindy room. Children from Pre-Primary to Year 3 receiving awards will also attend the assembly. Parents are welcome!

## School Banking



Banking for 2020 is back in full swing and we are loving catching up with all the kids after the long holiday break. Really nice to see some new little faces come along to banking every week, the kids really do enjoy coming and we think the stickers, prizes and occasional lollipop help too!

This year we have a new four-legged helper on Thursday mornings and the kids have really taken to him! We ran a competition where the banking kids had a chance to name him. We did a random draw and Seane from Pre-Primary suggested the winning name "Fluffy" which is very appropriate!

Remember, sending your children along to school banking doesn't mean they need large deposits. You can happily send your child to school banking with 10 or 20cents, it really doesn't matter. The important thing is they get into the habit of saving and have a bit of fun in the process. If you'd like to open an account so your child can also come along, please head to the CommBank website and follow the instructions to set up an account [https://www.commbank.com.au/banking/school-banking.html?ei=teach\\_SchoolBanking&pid=133374&sc\\_psk=70290&sc\\_crkey=378647430719&c](https://www.commbank.com.au/banking/school-banking.html?ei=teach_SchoolBanking&pid=133374&sc_psk=70290&sc_crkey=378647430719&c) or see the girls in the office and they can give you some information.

We look forward to seeing more new faces throughout the year and perhaps even see some old ones come back again!

Cheers

Alana & Karen

*May God bless you and keep you safe in the palm of His hand*

*Carmel O'Shaughnessy*

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Principal



### **ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

15 Dundobar Road Wanneroo

#### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 6.30pm

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am and 6.00pm

#### **Weekday Masses**

Tuesday 8.30am and Wednesday 8.30am

Thursday 8.30am and Friday 9.00am

**Attachments:** Statement from Bishop Donald Sproxtton regarding COVID-19  
Lunch Order Menu – revised