



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



Term One – Week 8  
1 April 2021

***“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*

***Motto***

***Semper Fidelis (Always Faithful)***

**Project Compassion – Caritas Australia**

**End Poverty, Promote Justice, Uphold Dignity**

Thank you to those families who have returned their Project Compassion boxes with donations inside. It is very much appreciated. God bless our staff, parents and children for your generosity, \$300.05 will be given to Project Compassion 2021.

**Whadjuk Winning T-Shirt Designs**

Our year five and six class were given an opportunity to create a design to be worn to the Whadjuk Gift Day at Mater Dei College on the 19 March. We congratulate Matilda and Isabella whose designs were chosen for our t-shirts. The photograph below depicts the girls wearing each other's design. The day spent at Mater Dei involved several schools, with a total of 500 students attending. We thank Mater Dei College for the invitation to share such a wonderful day of celebration in our community.



# Harmony Week at St Elizabeth's!

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. The message for Harmony Week is that 'everybody belongs' and aims to promote respect for cultural and religious diversity throughout Australia. We are so blessed at St Elizabeth's to have families from a diverse range of cultural backgrounds. Keep reading below to find out how each class celebrated Harmony Week.



We are all born in a different way,  
How we look and what we say.

From different countries around the world,  
Of different genders; boys and girls.

Of many sizes and colours too,  
The things we like and things we do.

We're sure glad it works this way,  
The world is so colourful every day.

If everyone were the same, you see,  
You wouldn't be you and I wouldn't be me!





## Kindy

In Kindy we had lots of fun celebrating Harmony Week. We read lots of stories over the week about differences among people and acceptance of each other. We looked at how we are different and similar to those in our class and different places our families come from. The Kindy students painted hands in the colour which best represented their skin colour and this was added to the whole school Harmony Day artwork. We were able to go for a walk around the school and look at the artwork, which the children really enjoyed! The students made 'little people' which represented what they look like and made Harmony Day bracelets with the words 'everyone belongs'.

When asked what Harmony day is to them, these were a few of the Kindy students responses:

Suwilo: "Harmony day is about dressing up in your family clothes. And it's about your family colours"

Savannah L: "We celebrate our country. We celebrate family"

Emily: ""I get to dress up in an orange dress"

Bella: "We dress up in orange or yellow and green (Brazil t-shirt), so I can look cool. Because my mum said I can wear this. From Brazil. My grandma and grandpa are from Brazil."





## Pre Primary

Our Pre Primary Harmony Week celebrations and activities were an extension of our HASS curriculum which explores families and culture. We enjoyed wearing 'orange clothing' or traditional dress on Thursday, finding on the world map where our families are from, making a giant Harmony Day puzzle (we all fit together), making Harmony Day friendship bracelets, singing our 'Hello' in different languages song and of course our 'cooking class' where this week we had guest chef Leonie (Ethan's Mum) cook Indonesian Fried egg noodles and chicken with the Pre Primary children, YUM!



## Year One

The year ones busily spent time learning about similarities and differences between each other, their families and their cultures. The children enjoyed talking about their cultural dress, we even had someone wearing same as the president of the Philippines wears.





### Year Two & Three

We celebrated Harmony Week in year 2/3 by reading stories, defining what Harmony means (together as one, everyone belonging), what it looks like, sounds like and feels like. We understand that no matter who you are, what you look like, what you believe, what you eat or where you come from everyone deserves to be treated with love, respect and kindness. We loved seeing our decorated handprints become a whole school Harmony Week artwork and showing it off to our families.

On Thursday we enjoyed making and eating some iconic Australian foods for lunch; our own freshly made vegemite sandwich, Tim Tams and a lamington!





### Year Three & Four

As part of Harmony Week, the Year 3/4s created a display of the diversity we have in our classroom, by colouring in a flag of their family heritage.



### Year Five & Six

In Year 5/6 we had a class discussion about multiculturalism and the diversity within our class. Following on from our discussion the children watched an Australian television commercial in which a diverse cast was used. In small groups the students were challenged with creating their own television commercial to advertise a new sunscreen for all Australians. The children created some fantastic commercials using a diverse range of actors. On Friday March 18 the year 5/6 class attended the Whadjuk Gift at Mater Dei College, we celebrated the importance of the Aboriginal culture in Australia and celebrated the diversity within our community.



## **CSPWA (Catholic School Parents WA)**

Congratulations to our Committee for organising the Hot Cross Buns Drive – Belinda counting the money and completing the orders, Clinton - pick up and delivery to the school – Secret Pixie organising all the deliveries to the families. The Committee will inform you of how much money was raised. Bless and thank you for your extra work. A big thank you to our families and staff who were able to purchase the hot cross buns.

## **NAPLAN Practice Test**

Last Thursday Emma Fernandez ensured all our students undertaking NAPLAN later in the year were able to log in as well as ensure our IT would take 'the load'. We are pleased to say we have green lights. Please be assured we all know the 'power' is unknown on the day. However there is always a backup plan!

## **Year One Assembly**

Our beautiful year one students performed their assembly last Friday. They are certainly developing their Auslan skills. Thank you to Kim, Amy, Krystal, Lea and Carlie for supporting the children in their amazing performance.

## **Year Two Teacher**

We warmly welcome Mrs Robyn Watson to our school community. Robyn comes to us as a very caring and highly experienced teacher having taught both in country and metropolitan Catholic Schools. Robyn we look forward to having you join us.

## **Year Three Teacher**

Jade Baxter is taking some of her long service leave for the eight days over the first two weeks. Mrs Alison O'Connor, a very experienced teacher and well known to the staff and students, will be the year three teacher during this time.

## **Smooth Transition**

A very big thank you to Jade Baxter who has organised very informative overviews for the teachers of the year two and the year three students next term. God bless you Jade!

## **Monday, 29 March**

Our year five and six class lead the Stations of the Cross and invited the year two, three and four students. A beautiful reverent interpretation, God bless you Chris and the years five and six.

## **Containers for Change**

The Year 5/6 class have begun collecting bottles and cans for the "Containers for Change" initiative. The class will be collecting eligible cans and bottles to raise money which will be donated to charity. There will be a green bin located in the Year 5/6 courtyard each morning and afternoon, if you have any cans or bottles you are willing to donate, please drop them into the bin. If you have a large collection, feel free to leave them in a bag and I will arrange for the bag to be returned if required. Please note that we can accept crushed cans so do not hesitate to crush them if you need to save space! On behalf of our students, thank you in anticipation for your support.

Chris Rebeiro.





## **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – WEDNESDAY, 21 APRIL 2021**

On Wednesday you received your individual photograph forms for you to purchase online using your personalised shoot key. Please ensure your photographs are ordered online prior to the cut-off date (27 April 2021) to avoid a \$30.00 archive fee. Unfortunately, photographs cannot be previewed however, MSP Photography take beautiful photographs and I am sure you will be happy with their standard.

Please note there was an error in the kindy forms, which has now been corrected today, Thursday.

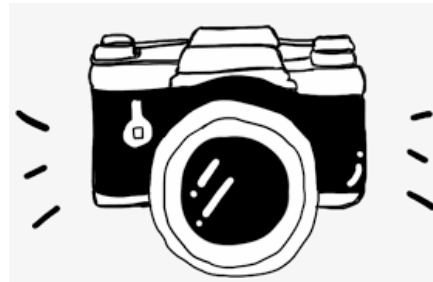
If you would like to have a family photograph, please come to the office and pick up an order form, alternatively forms will be available in the morning. Family photographs need to be paid via credit card or cash and the order form must be presented to the photographers. Family photographs will be in the new Library from 7:30am-8:30am with 10-minute allocation slots. Please note these photographs should be of your children only.

Below is a 'rough' Time Schedule – these are an estimate only of the times and sometimes delays occur so please be patient.

Only families who are having their photographs taken from 7:30am are permitted on school grounds. All other children must arrive **after 8:15am** due to staff photographs, there will be no one on duty prior to this time. Camp Australia will operate as normal.

### **Schedule**

Family Photographs	7:30am - 8:30am
Staff Photographs	8:00am Sharp
Kindy	8:45am - 9:05am
Pre Primary	9:10am - 9:25am
Year One	9:30am - 9:50am
Year Two	9:55am - 10:10am
Year Three	10:15am - 10:30am
<b>RECESS BREAK</b>	
Year Three/Four	11:00am – 11:15am
Year Five/Six	11:20am – 11:35am
Graduation Photo	11:40am – 11:50am
Cover Photo	11:55am – 12:15pm



### **Dress Requirements**

Please take the time to check your child/ren's uniforms and ensure buttons are intact and stains removed. If you require new uniforms for School Photographs, please email the office with your order and the uniforms can go home with your child on the Tuesday we return to school.

Children are to wear their Summer Uniform; school polo, school shorts, white socks and all black sneakers. Mary-Janes and/or sneakers with white trim are not part of our school uniform and therefore unacceptable. Hair is to be brushed and neat and tidy. Girls, please use the school colours; white, grey and red for accessories and/or hair ties.

### **Attention 3 Year Old Kindy**

We have arranged an alternative day for the 3 Year Old Kindy class to have their photographs, Monday 6 September. More information and your photograph forms will be sent out prior to photograph day.

## Swimming Lessons – Tuesday, 27 April to Friday, 7 May 2021

- What:** School Swimming Lessons; Years One to Year Six Students
- When:** Commencing Term Two, Week Two, Tuesday, 27 April 2021 concluding Friday, 7 May 2021.
- Time:** Years One and Year Two Students - Session at 9:15am  
Years Three, Four, Five and Six Students - Session at 10:00am
- Where:** Aquamation, Wanneroo
- How:** Registered Bus Service which the children and staff will travel to and from the school. At this present time, parents are unable to attend the lessons.

### Uniform and Swimming Items

Students will arrive to school in their bathers underneath their summer uniform. They will need to bring the following items in a separate bag with their name written on each article.

- Towel
- Thongs
- Goggles and Cap (optional)
- Underwear

Students change at school, into their school uniform after their swimming lessons.

**The bus will require street parking from 8:30am, therefore please reframe from parking in the bays on Ranworth Road nearest the corner to Anfield Road during the two weeks of lessons.**

### Reminders

#### School Fee Payment Options Form

All our families must be on a payment arrangement with regards to the payment of school fees. If you have not returned your forms, please do so as soon as possible indicating your payment method. Thank you!

#### Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop is open on **THURSDAYS** from 8:15am-9:30am and 2:15pm-2:45pm.

You can email us at [admin@stecps.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stecps.wa.edu.au) to place a uniform order. Please indicate the size and quantity and we will have it ready to be sent home with your child on a Thursday.

### Upcoming Events

**Thursday, 1 April – School Closed / Professional Development Day**

**Friday, 2 April – Public Holiday / Good Friday**

#### School Holidays

**Monday, 19 April – School Closed / Professional Development Day**

**Tuesday, 20 April – KG-Yr6 Students Commence**

**Wednesday, 21 April – Whole School Photographs**

**Tuesday, 27 April – Swimming Lessons Commence (Year 1-6)**

### Easter Celebrations

**1 April – Holy Thursday**

**2 April – Good Friday**

**3 April – Holy Saturday**

**4 April – Easter Sunday**



## Mass Times St Anthony of Padua Church, Wanneroo

Saturday, 6:30pm

Sunday, 7:30am, 9:00am, 6:00pm

Reconciliations Times

Saturday, 10:00am-10:30am, 5:30pm-6:00pm

## Happy Easter

On behalf of the staff I wish you a Happy & Holy Easter. A time over the Easter period to stop and listen, to enjoy your family and friends, be at peace with ourselves Remember those who have left this world, we pray for their souls. We pray too, for those who have been left behind. Amen.

Dear Lord,  
the resurrection of Your Son  
has given us new life  
and renewed hope.  
Help us to live as new people  
In pursuit of the Christian ideal;  
"Love one another as I have loved you" Amen



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

*Carmel O'Shaughnessy*

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Principal

## Attachments

- School Holiday Screening 2021 – KINDY
- Family Photograph Form

*Please visit our website regularly for updated term dates, parent calendars and nurse information.*