



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



Term Three – Week Two
30 July 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)

Merit Awards Recipients

Congratulations to.....

Arthur PP



Nicholas PP



Malia Yr1



Lucy Yr2



Zamanuel Yr2



Nicholas Yr3



Lachlan Yr4



Owen Yr5



Christianity Award Recipients

Congratulations to.....

Olivia PP



Faith Yr1



Gurneet Yr2



Muku Yr3



Xavier Yr4



Sienna Yr5



Year Three/Four Assembly

This morning the Year 3/4 students performed their Assembly on 'Sustainability'. The students enriched the audience with some important facts about waste, a song called 'Save the Planet' and a short skit about how plastic is polluting our oceans.

Here are some amazing facts we learnt:

Fact 1 - Did you know that there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish, by 2050?

Fact 2 – It takes about 6 litres of water to brush your teeth if you leave the tap open.

Fact 3 – People make nearly 330 million tonnes of plastic each year. Half of this is only used once and then thrown away.

Fact 4 – 8.3 billion plastic straws pollute the world's coastlines today, so say no to plastic straws!

Fact 5 – Packaging, like chip bags, make up about one-third of most landfills. That is why it is so important to pack a trash-free lunch and avoid using unnecessary packaging.

Fact 6 – An energy-smart clothes washer can save more water in one year than a person drinks in an entire lifetime.



Liturgical Dance

Year Two Assembly Performance

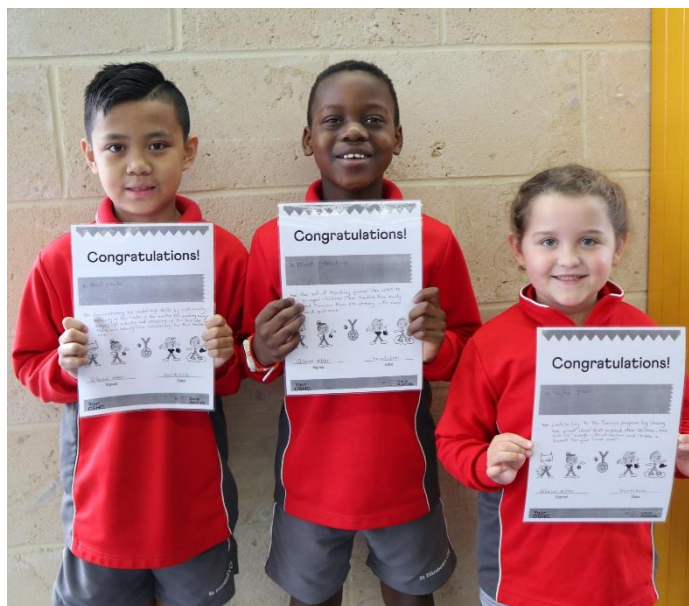
Today, the Year Two class performed their Liturgical Dance after the assembly. Thank you to Naomi Clarkson for allowing the children to show their individual and collective talents performing 'Ten Thousand Reasons', many blessings to Robyn and Krystal for your support with the performance.

The children told me they performed the liturgy again today because I was away on Wednesday. You are an amazing class of students with big hearts, and I thank you. Yes, I did cry because your liturgical prayer made me appreciate all that is good in our world.



Camp Australia Award Recipients

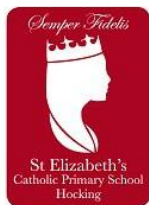
Ghazel Attar from Camp Australia presented awards to three children who attend Camp Australia Before and After school Care. Well done to Nico, Donnell and Sophie!



School Banking

A Huge thank you to Alana Marshall and Karen Bone for the time and help you have both given towards running our school banking on a Thursday Morning, unfortunately they have had to hang up their Banking shirts! however, we are very pleased say Jakki van der Heyden and Stacey Barr will be taking over this role! Thank you ladies!

If you wish to open a Commonwealth bank school bank account, please see the attachment.



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Our Value for Term Three 2021 – "Humility"

Dear Parents,

Earlier this year students from year three to year six were invited to self-nominate to join our inaugural St Elizabeth's CPS choir. Our choir has been invited to participate in the launch of the new Safeguarding children's safety song and book at the Archbishop's Annual Child Protection Week Breakfast.

The breakfast will be held on Thursday, 9 September (Week 8). The students will be required to be at school by 6.30am and will travel to and from by bus provided by the Perth Archdioceses to the Duxton Hotel in the city. The estimated return time will be around 9.30am. The student's will be provided with a 'breakfast pack' at the conclusion of their performance.

At the breakfast, the Archbishop will be launching the new Safe Guarding song 'You Own Your Own Body' and book 'You are God's Marvelous Creation' which have been written by Andrea Musulin, Director of the Perth Archdioceses Safe Guarding Program. The students will perform the song and read a dramatized version of the book to the audience which will include representatives from Parishes across the Archdiocese, Catholic Education WA, Government and Non-Government organisations and members of Parliament.

In addition, students will be offered the opportunity to audition for a lead speaking part to launch the book. Auditions will be held during lunch time on Tuesday, 3 August 2021. The sign-up sheet for auditions will be available for students on the administration door on Monday 2 August 2021. Please encourage your child to fill in his/her name if they would like an individual speaking role. Below is the audition paragraph, please assist your child to practice this if they are nominating for a speaking role (they can either memorise the words or bring a palm card to the audition).

Audition Paragraph

Remember,

*God made the grownups, to help you talk things through
especially the things that are worrying you.*

Some problems may be big and some problems may be small.

*But remember you can talk to a grown up you trust
to help you solve them all.*

Please complete the attached slip and return by to confirm your child's attendance at the Archbishop's Annual Child Protection Week Breakfast on Thursday, 9 September 2021.

I confirm my child, _____ will attend the Archbishop's Annual Child Protection Week Breakfast on Thursday, 9 September 2021.

Parent's signature _____ Date: _____

Kind regards

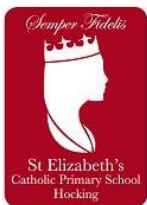
Justine O'Malley

Social Work: Tuesday and Wednesday

Health: Thursday and Friday

Naomi Clarkson

The Arts and Physical Education



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Dear Parents,

Catholic Education WA schools are Christ-centered and child-focused learning communities that support each child to develop to their full God-given potential. Key to this is ensuring the learning environment is engaging, supportive and safe. All members of our school share the responsibility for creating and maintaining this healthy culture. By working together, we can ensure all children flourish in a safe and healthy environment.

Recognising that each child has the right to be heard is an important element in the CEWA Child Safe framework. At St Elizabeth's CPS, we teach students they have the right to be safe and we empower them with the language, skills and strategies to assist in their safety by talking to people that they trust. It is a requirement that all students receive a protective behaviours and sexual abuse prevention education (10.6 Registration Standards for Non-Government Schools).

At St Elizabeth's CPS we are implementing the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS: CPC) which is an evidence-based child safety curriculum that teaches children to recognise abuse, tell a trusted adult if they are feeling unsafe, understand what is appropriate and inappropriate touching and ways of keeping themselves safe. The KS: CPC fits primarily within the Health Education Learning Area of the Australian Curriculum, however it is also taught across multiple learning areas.

The curriculum is based on two main themes:

- We all have the right to be safe
- We can help ourselves be safe by talking to people we trust.

The themes are presented through four Focus Areas:

1. The right to be safe
2. Relationships
3. Recognising and reporting abuse
4. Protective strategies

This term all year groups at St Elizabeth's CPS will be focusing on Focus Area 3, 'Recognising and reporting abuse'. Students will learn the correct anatomical names for all parts of the body, including breasts, vagina, vulva, penis, testicles and bottom. We will reinforce that they are in charge of their whole body, and no one has the right to touch them without their permission.

Teaching children anatomically correct terms promotes positive body image, self confidence, and parent-child communication; discourages perpetrators; and, in the event of abuse, helps children and adults navigate the disclosure and forensic interview process (National Sexual Violence Resource Centre, 2013). It makes communication clearer because they can tell someone and importantly, it gives the message to children that the adults can hear about that part of the body from a child, and that it's not something embarrassing or shameful that you need to hide (American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect, 2013).

St Elizabeth's CPS relies on strong partnerships with you, as parents and carers, to provide your child with the best possible learning and development opportunities. Working together ensures all children flourish

in a safe and healthy environment. A KSCPC parent information session will be scheduled later in term three. If you have any further questions about this information or the Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum in general, please speak with myself, Justine O'Malley, Social Worker and Health Education or your child's teacher. Thank you!

Regards

Justine O'Malley

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Parent Information: Tip Sheet 3

Focus Area 3 : Recognising and reporting abuse

Parents and Carers can support their child to:

- ✓ know and use the correct names for all body parts
- ✓ understand that they are in charge of their whole body (including private body parts and the mouth) and no one has the right to touch them without their permission
- ✓ know the difference between safe and unsafe touching, e.g. Safe – if two friends agree to hold hands or hug; Unsafe – touching private body parts unless receiving medical treatment by a trusted adult, doctor or nurse
- ✓ understand that some touch may be uncomfortable but necessary, e.g. when going to the doctor or dentist
- ✓ practise saying 'No' and 'Stop it' if they feel unsafe or are being touched in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable
- ✓ know how to recognise abuse (physical, emotional, sexual, neglect), e.g. being hurt, seeing others being abused, being touched inappropriately, no food or clean clothes
- ✓ understand who they can seek help from in the community if they are lost or unsafe, e.g. police officer, shopkeeper, bus driver – identified by their job and uniform
- ✓ know how to use the internet safely and respectfully (under supervision)

know the difference between safe and unsafe secrets, tricks and threats, e.g. safe – surprise birthday present; unsafe – private parts touching, being threatened with punishment or tricked with gifts. If unsure, talk to a trusted adult



Parents and Carers

We, the staff are fully aware of the effect of Covid-19 and the separation of you from your child's learning in the classroom. Whilst we need to be mindful that schools currently operate within the Phase 5 Guidelines which clearly state families from different households must remain 1.5 metres social distance within our school grounds.

I believe with the support of the staff, that you our parents and carers will maintain this distancing rule in all areas within the school grounds. The classroom teachers will set up parent help rosters in the classrooms and pop them on see saw sometime next week

Assemblies and liturgies will be open to all parents and carers. We are placing our trust that our community will maintain their social distancing.

Sunday Mass in "The Great Hall."

Father Peter has organised to celebrate Sunday mass in "The Great Hall" hopefully every second Sunday. We celebrate our first mass on at **10:00am Sunday, 8 August 2021**. The gates will open at 9:30am. Please note parents are responsible for their child/children at all times. Playground, play equipment, lawned areas and oval will be out of bounds as there will not be any staff on duty to ensure the safety of your children. We ask you to respect these guidelines.

We look forward to seeing you here for our first Sunday mass. Thank you Father Peter for generously offering to come to our school for Sunday mass.

WASTE WISE

Recycling at St Elizabeth's CPS

We have several recycling projects operating at our school and we encourage our families and the community to join us in our efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle and to minimise the amount of waste from going into landfill.

Our recycling projects includes:

1. **Batteries** – In partnership with Battery World Malaga
2. **Soft plastics** – part of Recycle and Woolworths.
3. **Aluminium cans and bottles** – part of the cash deposit scheme (so far, we have raised \$11.60)
4. **Plastic stationery items** – old whiteboard markers, textas, wind-up crayons – part of Teracycle



Our **worm farms** and **compost tumblers** are collecting all leftover fruit and vegetable scraps daily.

'Worm Wiz' For Sale at Assemblies

We have been able to collect some amazing 'worm wizz' which is great for the garden. Please keep a look out as we will have some bottles available at assemblies, so first in best dressed. A gold coin donation will give you a bottle of 'nature's nutrients' that your garden and plants will love.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 3 August - Pyjama Day with fun activities (cancelled last term due to Covid) Years One - Six.

Wednesday, 4 August - Pre-Primary will be celebrating their 100 days of school.

2:10pm Wednesday, 4 August – Year 3 Liturgy

8:45am Friday, 6 August – Assembly Year 2

10:00am Sunday, 8 August – Sunday Mass at St Elizabeth's (see details above)

Week 4

Tuesday 10 August – Friday, 13 August - Book Week and Book Fair in The Great Hall – more details to follow! Please see the attached wish list.

Wednesday, 11 August – Whole School Incursion – 'Bigger, Better, Brighter'.

5:00pm Wednesday, 11 August – Sacrament of First Holy Communion Parent Workshop at St Anthony's Church. (Year 3 Parents only of children preparing for their First Holy Communion)

6:30pm Saturday, 14 August – CSPWA Quiz Night! (now sold out) – Please see attached dessert box order form! Don't forget – Yummy!!

Liturgical Calendar

Saturday, 31 July – St Ignatius of Loyla

Tuesday, 3 August – St Dominic

Wednesday, 4 August – St John Vianney

Friday, 6 August – The Transfiguration of the Lord

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

Carmel O’Shaughnessy

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Principal

Attachments – Camp Australia Newsletter

Commonwealth Bank - school bank account guide

Book Fair Wish List

Quiz Night Dessert Box order form