



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



Term Two Week One
3 May 2018

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

Student Matters

Anzac Day Service

As Anzac Day occurred during the holidays we had our own service the first morning of this term. We believe it is very important for our small community to remember those men and women who have given their lives so that we may have our democracy. Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember all Australians, both men and women who have lost their lives in all military and peacekeeping operations in which Australians have been involved. The spirit of Anzac, with its qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice, continues to the meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.



On Monday, 30 April the pre-primary to year three students, staff, parents and grandparents gathered on the grassed area near the flagpoles for our Anzac Day Service. The students were so well behaved and silent; they are to be congratulated considering their tender age for rising to the occasion. Blessings to the parents and grandparents who were able to take the time to be here with us.

New Students Welcome

We welcome our new students and their families to our St Elizabeth's CPS community. We have Kobi Jones in pre-primary, Aliyah De Bono in year one and Savannah De Bono in year three. We hope you will enjoy the wonderful community spirit established by our parents.

Mother's Day Gift Stall Reminder

On Thursday, 10 May the P&F Association will be holding a gift stall at school. Thank you to all of the families for your contributions thus far. Each child will need to have a \$2:00 coin to purchase a treasure for Mother's Day.

Staff Matters

Mrs Tanika Farmer (Hewston)

Congratulations to Tanika and Kurt who celebrated their wedding during the holidays. I have seen some of the photographs and Tanika of course was a beautiful bride. Tanika has asked that I pop a notice in the Newsletter to thank all the parents in the year two classroom for their amazing generosity in presenting her with the beautiful gifts. God bless you.

Parent Matters & Communication

Mother's Day Gift Stall Reminder

Thank you to all of the families for your contributions thus far. If you have not yet brought in your gift for the stall would you please do so by Wednesday, 9 May. At this point in time we are approximately almost 40+ gifts short for every child to be able to buy one gift for their wonderful mums. If you have the time, take a walk around the house you may be surprised to find something you tucked away and don't really need or want it. We are not asking you to race out to the nearest shopping center to purchase something for the stall. The staff have also offered to check their cupboards.

NetSetGO – Term 2

NetSetGo will start on **Tuesday, 8 May** on the tennis courts from 3:00pm – 4:00pm.

To register, visit: wanetball.com.au/netsetgo. We received a telephone call today to inform us there were sufficient enrolments in the program, thirteen in all, to be able to conduct the NetSetGo here at school. Great effort!

2018 Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

The AEDC is a national census which builds a picture of health and wellbeing of children as they start their first year of full-time school. In May, 2018, teachers will collect information about the pre-primary children in these areas. With the support of parents/carers and schools they are able to build a more complete picture of childhood development in Australia. Please see attached Letter to Parents. If you would like to find out more please open this link www.aedc.gov.au. The census is confidential and the children's names will not be published.

NAPLAN – Year 3 Parents Only

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of: reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) numeracy. NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

Year three Parents, please find the hardcopy of the 'Information for Parents Handbook and Flyer' sent home today with your child.

Book Club News

The 3rd Issue of Book Club News has been popped into your child's Communication Bag today. It will be Tuesday for our gorgeous kindy class.

**Catholic Education Commission of WA
Strategic Directions 2019 – 2021**

The Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia (CECWA) has a strategic purpose to ensure that Catholic education is delivered and managed through the system of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) in a responsible and effective manner, working within the Catholic Mission, appropriate standards and regulations.

The CECWA has commenced the process of developing the strategic direction for Catholic education in Western Australia from 2019 to 2021. This fundamental work will enable the CECWA to consolidate and communicate our key objectives for coming years.

The first phase of this consultation involves gathering feedback from our Catholic education community that will inform the draft Strategic Directions 2019 - 2021.

We would like to invite you to complete a survey to provide your valued input.

Visit <https://connect.cewa.edu.au> to complete the survey, open for participation until Friday, 11 May. There are hard copies available at reception should you wish to complete one.

The CECWA is eager to listen to our community through this important process and I thank you in anticipation for your participation in helping to shape the future direction of Catholic education throughout Western Australia.

Term Two Term Dates and Reminders

Monday, 7 May – RAC Little Legends Safety Incursion (PP-Year3)

Wednesday, 9 May – 2:20pm Year 1 Liturgy - camp Australia Room

Thursday, 10 May – Mother's Day Gift Stall

Sunday, 13 May – Mother's Day Happy Mother's day to all our wonderful mums and grandmothers.

Monday, 4 June (Public Holiday - WA Day)

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

Carmel O'Shaughnessy

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