



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

*Bringing alive our Core Values of
'Charity, Service, Humility and Compassion'*



Term One Week Five
Friday, 8 March 2019

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

NAPLAN ONLINE 2019

This year, our school will be completing the NAPLAN testing online. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for 2019 will begin on the 14th May. Students in Year 3 will complete an assessment in Mathematics, Spelling and Grammar, Reading and Writing. Except for the Year 3 Writing, all other tests will be completed online. We aim to make the testing as stress free as possible and the students will be given an opportunity to practise sample tests during Term 1.

The results of these tests are used to assist the government in establishing programs that aim to achieve the best outcomes for all students in Australia. For more information, please refer to the letter and Parent Information Pamphlet sent home today. What is most important to us about NAPLAN is the mental state of your child. We, the staff treat NAPLAN like any other form of assessment. The children are encouraged to always do their best, it is not about 'I can't' it is about 'Do your best.' Please do not put your child under pressure by buying practice books at the local newsagency, this does create pressure!

Ash Wednesday Mass

On Wednesday we celebrated our first mass with Father Ben Lee for Ash Wednesday, which is the commencement of the Lenten Season (the six weeks in the lead up to Easter) and culminates in the celebration of Christ's Resurrection. Lent is about the preparation for Easter, which includes prayers, fasting and penance over forty days. It is a time for personal reflection as we struggle with our bad habits and find new opportunities to turn back to God. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to spring clean our lives and start anew.

Many of us will connect Lent with Project Compassion and donating money to help with projects around the world which impact greatly on the lives of others. We also connect Lent with giving up something we enjoy, like chocolate. Making sacrifices is also an important part of Lent, we are called to come from a place of selfishness towards caring about and appreciating others and hopefully our lives will take on a meaning that is more about others than ourselves.

Father Ben congratulated the students for their outstanding reverence and beautiful singing. Well done to the staff for preparing our children so well for mass. Several parents have commented on the beautiful Ash Wednesday Mass, Father Ben's patience and the positive behaviour of the children.

The following excerpt is a wonderful accolade from a parent "I was pleasantly surprised and impressed at how well behaved the children were, especially given how young some of them are... a real achievement and testament to the children and staff." I say thank you for your support and to our families here at St Elizabeth's CPS, for teaching your children the values of respect.

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who were able to return for the 11:00am mass. I appreciate many parents were committed to their work. God Bless.



Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes will be coming home next week as a part of the Lenten Program. If you have any spare coins laying around, you may wish to have your children place these in the Project Compassion box for Caritas Australia. You are also able to visit the Caritas website to see some of the stories behind the project.

<https://lent.caritas.org.au>

Thank you for your on-going support for the wellbeing of others. You set outstanding examples for your children. This is significant. You make a difference!

Emma Fernandez

Assistant Principal Religious Education

Year One Assembly

Congratulations to the year one students who enthusiastically shared their knowledge about how to support others in creating happiness by filling their own buckets and helping others fill theirs through; sharing, being kind, smiling, helping others and being nice which helps us all to be friends together. Great to see so many families come along.

Congratulations to our Care Bear Winners from last week - Year 3/4, Well done!

Year 3/4 - 110, Year 2 - 102, Year 1 - 65 and Pre-Primary - 23

Merit and Christianity Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received awards on Friday.

Merit Awards

Pre-Primary

Jordan Gotse

Year Two

Isabella De Assis-Carrijo

Year One

Nicholas Van der Heyden

Year Three & Four

Miranda Collova

Ashton Charlesworth

Christianity Awards

Pre-Primary

Ella Staltari

Year Two

Kieran King

Year One

Raphael Phan

Year Three & Four

Holly Stewart

6:30pm Saturday, 9 March and 9:00am Sunday 10 March

Commitment Masses for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

This evening, the commitment masses will take place for the Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrated in year three and the Sacrament of Holy Communion in year four. The children in year three and four who are preparing to receive one of these sacraments must attend one of the masses with their parents. All families in our community are welcome to attend one of the masses to support these young children in preparing for one of the sacraments. Staff will be present at both the 6:30pm mass and the 9:00am mass to support and celebrate the children's preparation over the coming months.

5:30pm Monday, 11 March - P & F Meeting

Please join our wonderful P & F Committee in the staffroom, all are welcome and your help planning upcoming events and fundraising would be greatly appreciated! Take note of the attached Movie Night, there will be matters to discuss and prepare for the event. Take a leap of faith!

Please Note: We have attached the St Elizabeth's CPS Family Movie Night on Friday, 5 April. Please take time to read the flyer and quickly get your money in before all the space is taken on the oval.

2:20pm Wednesday, 13 March

Year Two Liturgy - weather permitting in the undercover Area.

6:00pm to approximately 7:00pm/7:30pm Wednesday, 13 March – Keeping Safe Parent Workshop

Child Protection Program

Please make every effort to come along to this workshop. Justine O'Malley is a very knowledgeable presenter who understands the program extremely well. Justine will be able to answer any questions you wish to share.

Library News

Allison Burgess as you know has taken on the Librarian role for us.

This is her corner

To our parents and grandparents thank you for your generosity!

I would like to acknowledge our generous families who have donated new and used reading books to our library. I truly appreciate your generosity, some of these books have been on the Diana Rigg recommended list.

Book Covering

We have "loads" of reading books which need covering. If you have any free time on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays, please come and see me, I would love your support and company.

Borrowing Books

Procedure

I thoroughly enjoy seeing the children choosing a book to take home to share with their parents or siblings. However, to enable all children the opportunity to read the same book, the books need to be returned on the due date, from one library day to the next library day. Please check with your child's classroom teacher to find out your child's library day. Thank you!

The Library Protocols

If your child does not return the library book, he/she will not be able to borrow again, until the book is returned. Within each term, if a book is lost, destroyed or misplaced the cost will be invoiced to the parent, please note we are not asking you to find an alternative book, the cost is in cash or Eftpos so we can replace the original book. Thank you! On the bright side, the majority of children do return their books. Well done and thank you!

Beautiful snippets direct from the classrooms.

My Heart

During a dance lesson, Naomi was explaining about the reason for the hand movements "When you move your hands from your heart to the sky you are giving your heart to Jesus."

mmmm one young lad looked a little perplexed and said, "I need my heart."

What to give up?

I was fortunate to be able to take the year two class for Religious Education yesterday. We shared ideas about Lent. The children had to decide what they were going to promise to do to help them to be better children for forty days. Macca's chips were a 'give up' however this did not include other types of chips. A big favourite was "listening to mum and only being asked once! once! once!" I would love to hear the results!

Teacher says

"These letters are the vowels what are the other letters called?" "Continents!" came the loud cry. Good try!

Sending our love - Sebastian in Kindy

Our hearts and love are winging their way to Sebastian in kindy who managed to fracture his right tibia last week and is now home; wheel chair bound and non-weight bearing. A big ask for a four year old! Sebastian, we hope to see you soon. Our thoughts go out to Mum and Dad.

Mater Dei College Donation

Wow! Annette Morey, Principal at Mater Dei College has kindly donated through the Music Department sixteen (16) Glockenspiels and an organ to add to our musical resources. Thank you, Annette for thinking of us. Glockenspiels belong to the family of percussion instruments, whilst Xylophone's bars are wooden, glockenspiels are steel.

Mater Dei Tour

We currently have seven families who are interested in the tour of Mater Dei College. I will be organising the Tour date early next week. Please email me, carmel.oshaghnessy@cewa.edu.au if you have not responded and would like to join the group.

International Women's Day

Today is International Women's Day. A Happy Day to women everywhere, love yourself and be proud of who you are.

Emma, our wonderful Assistant Principal came out to school this morning with all sorts of goodies for the staff to eat. Thanks Emma, the staff really appreciated the long trek out to see us and bless you for increasing our girth!

WA Police Flyer

Please see attach a n invitation form the WA Police Force. If you have the time to attend this free event, it would be of value for the children.

"May God keep you safe in the palm of his hand"

Carmel J O'Shaughnessy

Carmel J O'Shaughnessy
Foundation Principal

St Anthony of Padua Parish, Wanneroo



MASS TIMES

Weekend

Saturday 6.30pm

Sunday 7.30am | 9.00am | 6.00pm

Weekdays

Tuesday 8.30am | Wednesday 8.30am

Thursday 8.30am | Friday 9.00am