OUR MISSION
We gather as a community of believers in a Catholic environment to develop in each child a sense of wonder of learning. Liwara educates children, with the Central support of parents, to become faith filled confident and fully rounded, life long learners.

STORY
For many years Thelma was the devoted maid of Walter and Lilian Disney and every Christmas she would receive a Christmas bonus—no cash but shares in the Disney Company. Each year she was disappointed and simply put the papers away in the bottom drawer in her bedroom. She would have much preferred to receive a $100 tip for her devoted service to the family. All that paper and those clouded words like “capital” and proxy votes and “dividends” meant nothing to her. In 1981 Thelma died in poverty and when her meagre possessions were being sorted out, they discovered certificates of Walt Disney stock worth 6 million dollars still in that bottom drawer. If only Thelma had sought to understand what she had how different life could have been.

REFLECTION
Grace is a totally free and unmerited gift from God but like all gifts, can be accepted or rejected. This gift is the Holy Spirit dwelling within us and as we respond to its promptings, we become like Jesus in the way we think, speak and act. It is grace that leads us to a life of holiness. It is quite possible that the “holiness” and “grace” of our lives have found their way to the “bottom drawer”. Never too late to take them out, enjoy their benefits and allow our children to see them active in our lives again.

PRAYER

Jesus, we open our minds and hearts to You, so that Your holiness might seep into our souls.
May our connectedness to You, through our gift of grace, lead us to inner wholeness. Amen.”

Dear Parents,
Early last week our Year 5 students participated in an outdoor activity program and had an overnight stay at the Ern Haliday camp site. This week our Year 6 students are at the Logue Brook Dam camp enjoying a range of experiences. I have had the pleasure of joining both groups for part of the camp program and I was impressed by the way in which the children were working positively and cooperatively to meet the challenges presented. I am very appreciative of the willingness of staff to give up personal time to facilitate a camp program and I thank the parents who have accompanied the groups to help with supervision and the running of the camp.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
I congratulate the year 4-6 students on the way in which they enthusiastically participated in the swimming carnival on Friday March 11th. A feature of the carnival was the endeavour of all students to do their personal best in the events they were involved in. There were many examples of students accepting the challenge of swimming in events at the outer limits of their ability. A great atmosphere was created by the cheering and war cries of the children in their faction bays, by the support the children expressed to each other and by the encouragement given by parents and extended family members.
Neil Morrison is acknowledged and thanked for organising and conducting a very successful 2011 Liwara swimming carnival. A special thank you to the staff and parents who helped out with the running of the events on the day. Neil’s wrap up of the carnival follows.
I thank the parents who have made the commitment to be part of the Support-A-Reader program in 2011. They completed the training workshops this week and will now provide additional assistance on a regular basis to help children improve their reading fluency and comprehension. A big thank you to Yvonne Liebeck who is coordinating the Support-A-Reader program at Liwara.

**YEAR 3 RECONCILIATION**

Please continue to pray for the children in the Liwara community who will be making their Sacrament of Reconciliation over the coming weekends. The children have been preparing for this symbolical moment in class and at home and we wish them all the peace of the Lord during this very special time.

Families of Reconciliation students please note dates and times below –

Saturday 2nd April – 9:30 – 10:30, 4:30 – 5:30
Sunday 9th April – 9:30 – 10:30, 4:30 – 5:30

It is important that families adhere to the allocated times displayed on the Year 3 class doors.

**PRAYER SERVICE**

The prayer service on Monday March 28th at 2.30pm in the All Saints Church will be led by the Year 6 students. The prayer on Monday April 4th will be led by the Year 5 students. Parents are welcome to join us for prayer and the presentation of certificates.

**BASKETBALL CARNIVAL**

The ‘Primary Schools Basketball Cup’ is being held at the WA Athletics Stadium and near Challenge Stadium in Underwood Avenue Floreat Park (next to new Athletics Stadium and near Challenge Stadium) on Tuesday, March 29th. Games are scheduled to commence around 9:30am, children need to arrive at school by 8.30am to take the school bus to the venue. We will return to school by home time. Students are required to wear white sports tops and green shorts. Bring a drink bottle, recess and lunch. Good luck to both teams competing. We hope both teams will represent the school proudly.

Neil Morrison

**BUILDING PROJECT**

It is hoped to have access to the new buildings in the week commencing April 4th. While some external works and landscaping will still need to be completed we will be able to begin using these facilities at this time. I thank the community for their good humor and cooperation during the construction period.

**SCHOOL PARKING**

The construction of a retaining wall on the Western side of the church and the continuing building activity at the school has restricted parking availability. Please move through the pick-up zone in the lower car park as quickly as possible. I thank everyone for their cooperation in such circumstances.

**PLEASE NOTE:** there is no parking available on Liwara Place at anytime. The council have put up new parking signs. If you park there please be aware that the City of Joondalup will issue fines.

**SCIENCE IQ TEAM**

Congratulations to the children selected to participate in the interschool Science IQ Team. Science IQ is a competition where our children compete in an online quiz against children from around Australia. They have already shown themselves to be able, cohesive and well prepared.

Tenille Reidy-Crofts (Captain)
Dillon Egan, Thomas Kerman, Quinn Titterington

**ACADEMIC ALL STARS TOURNAMENT LIWARA 2011**

Liwara is proud to host the 3rd Academic All Stars Tournament on the 5th April this year. The opportunity to host comes to the winner of the previous year’s competition… so again, well done to our 2010 Team! The day is based on a high school event called the Da Vinci Decathlon. The Liwara team comprises of 10 year 5 students and they will be competing against teams from 5 other Catholic and Independent schools. The Gala Day comprises eight challenging disciplines:

- Engineering – a building task designed to test creativity and ingenuity
- Art - developing a work of art on a theme
- Poetry – developing a poem on a theme
- English – spelling, word origins, definitions etc.
- Creative producers – developing and presenting a 45 second commercial
- Mathematics – emphasizing problem solving, number patterns and logic puzzles
- Games of Strategy – including guess who, mastermind and connect four
- General Knowledge. – A quiz including current affairs, entertainment, sport and trivia.

The teamwork and support from all of the year 5 REACH team has been fantastic. We wish them good luck.

Clare Magee REACH Teacher

**KINDY 2012—ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS**

Interviews for families seeking a place for their first child in Kindergarten for the 2012 school year will be conducted early next term. If you know families who have a child turning 4 before June 30 2012 and who are interested in attending Liwara please encourage them to contact the school office in the next few weeks.

**KINDY 2012—SIBLINGS**

Please check that you have your child’s name on the list for Kindy for 2012. Siblings will be interviewed later in 3rd Term. Please come to the office and get an Expression of Interest form if you haven’t already enrolled your sibling child for 2012.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

As part of our ongoing Project Compassion appeal we bring you the story of Elisabeth.

Elisabeth is 24 and lives in the Democratic Republic of Congo, one of the world’s most poverty-stricken nations. Here violence and homelessness are widespread. Since 2000, Caritas Australia has supported medical, psychological and economic care to thousands of men, women and children affected by violence. This unconditional acceptance and compassion gave Elisabeth hope.

Your donation to Project Compassion can help survivors of violence, like Elisabeth, to heal after conflict and to learn skills to earn an income and support her family.

Please view the CARITAS website with your family to discuss the importance of giving at this special time – www.caritas.org.au

**HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS**

Some important dates to note as we approach Holy Week.

Friday 15th April – ‘Walk to Water’ Fundraiser
Monday 18th April – Stations of the Cross

More information about these events will follow soon.
Friday 11th March was the Liwara School Swimming Carnival held at Bold Park. We were blessed with tremendous weather. The students were simply fantastic throughout the whole day, cheering on their faction peers. The level of ability, effort and participation was extremely high and most importantly the students enjoyed themselves. The Champion Boy’s and Girl’s for Years 4,5 and 6 are as follows.

Year 4 Boys
Travis Bevan—Champion Boy
Cameron Richards—2nd Place
Xavier Juminez—3rd Place

Year 4 Girls
Tylah Nation—Champion Girl
Caitlin Cartwright—2nd Place
Lauren Di Meglio—3rd Place

Year 5 Boys
Lachlan McGillivray—Champion Boy
Isaac Clinch—2nd Place
Ethan McAullay—3rd Place

Year 5 Girls
Madeline Hunter—Champion Girl
Hannah Whitbread—2nd Place
Cerys Phillips—3rd Place

Year 6 Boys
Thomas Kerman—Champion Boy
Quinn Titterington—2nd Place
Liam Hayes—3rd Place

Year 6 Girls
Ciara Moldrich—Champion Girl
Abbey Glenister—2nd Place
Samantha Meakins—3rd Place

Congratulations to all the above students.
The faction shield went to Boree!
A big thank you to all staff and parents who helped on the day.
You made the carnival run so smoothly.
Lastly thank you to all the parents who could attend and support the students. Go BOREE!
The calendar is now on the Liwara Website please see below for the web address.


The Canteen opening days are changing. For 2011 the Canteen will be open Mondays & Tuesdays and Thursdays & Fridays. The Canteen will be closed on Wednesdays. NOTE: Macaroni Cheese now comes with Bacon and not Chicken.

Thursday March 24th—HELP NEEDED
Friday March 25th—Donna S.
Monday March 28th—Sharon Murphy
Tuesday March 29th—HELP NEEDED
Thursday March 31st—Fiona Bird
Friday April 1st—Sandra Antonelli

Canteen Helpers Reply Slip
Name: ..........................................................
Eldest Child’s Class: .................................
Phone Number............................................
I am interested in helping in the Canteen. I am available on the following days:
Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday
I could do........ shifts per term (ie 10 shifts would be one per week)

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop Hours

8.30am
to

9.30am

TUESDAY MORNINGS
PARENTS DAY 2011

Saturday 14th May 2011, 9.00am – 4.00pm, The Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle

Part of the Positive Schools Mental Health & Wellbeing Conference

Michael Carr-Gregg (Effective Parenting)
Steve Biddulph (The Secret of Happy Children)
John Irvine (ad proofing kids)
Toni Roble (bounce back – developing resiliency)
Sue Bryne (positive body image)
Kate Hadwin (preventing cyber bullying)
Stephen Macdonald (Kids Matter, the school community)
School Display: Ways to help your children choose the best school for your children

This prestigious day of professional development for all parents and educators offers talks on the latest research and workshops from celebrity advocates of wellbeing equality and resilience and from internationally respected academics.

Michael Carr-Gregg, one of Australia’s highest profile psychologists, will offer tangible and sustainable solutions to building happy family life. One of the world’s best loved parenting experts, STEVE BIDDULPH will talk about raising happy children. Steve’s books, including 'The Secret of Happy Children' and ‘Raising Boys’ have sold over four million copies. Acclaimed author and child development expert JOHN IRVINE will talk about the importance of becoming media savvy. Stress psychologists HELEN STREET will address the life overload accompanying modern family life. TONI ROBLE, acclaimed resiliency expert, will talk about raising resilient kids.

Six 90 minute Workshops will cover topics including POSITIVE BODY IMAGE, CYBERBULLYING AND RESILIENCY. In addition the TRIPLE P POSITIVE PARENTING program will offer an interactive session and NEXT GENERATION will introduce ideas of community.

POSITIVE SCHOOLS 2011

PARENTS DAY

Part of the Positive Schools Mental Health & Wellbeing Conference

REGISTRATION FORM

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Daytime phone number: __________ Email: __________________________
Accounts department contact (if applicable): __________________________

ADDITIONAL DELEGATES

Name: __________________________ Email: __________________________
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Name: __________________________ Email: __________________________

Institution name & address: __________________________
Registration for 2011 event was a complete success. Book now to avoid disappointment.

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