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.

REFLECTION
By rising from the dead, Jesus shattered the hold that death had over all of us. Death could not keep him down and, if we are joined to him, neither can it keep us down for we are “Easter People” full of the new life of Jesus. This is why Christian faith does not rest on the death of Jesus and an empty tomb but on the continuing experience of the risen Jesus.

The Resurrection announced that human values cannot be extinguished by violence or death; no one can be forgotten. Here and now, God holds onto the lives of all the departed including the lives that have been wasted, violently cut short, damaged by oppression. All have worth in God’s sight.

There are constant hints of resurrection in our daily lives, foretastes of our ultimate resurrection. These are found daily in our downs and ups, our sorrows and joys, our worries and relief, our disappointments and successes. Easter Sunday offers an opportunity to celebrate all our small, personal “resurrections” and unite them with Jesus’ Resurrection. If offers us renewal to be people of faith, hope and love in our community.

PRAYER
“Lord, we ask this Easter to become more like you. Help us to develop an inner strength that is capable of handling life’s situations. Help us to provide a place in our heart where you reside. Amen.”

Dear Parents,
On Tuesday April 5th Liwara hosted an Academic All Stars Tournament. This event provided an opportunity for teams made up of ten year 5 students to represent their school at a competition involving academic challenges. I congratulate the students in the teams representing Liwara, Holy Spirit, Padbury Catholic, Currambine Catholic, St Stephens and Lake Joondalup Baptist for the way in which they conducted themselves, the spirit in which they competed and for the impressive way they worked through the challenges. There were some great thinking skills and abilities on display. They had the honour of being the first group to make use of the newly renovated Ahern Centre. Liwara is congratulated for winning the Poetry and Drama sections and finishing 4th overall. The Liwara team consisted of Amy Morris, Aisling Crake, Ruby Alarcon Gleeson, Ryan Campbell-Howard, Milan Marrochi, Hannah Norriss, Tayla Rattray, Stacie Blott, Hannah Whitbread and Eve Dabelstein.

I express a great appreciation to Clare Magee who was the organiser and prepared the Liwara team to take part in the tournament. I also thank a team of parents that included Ali Glenister, Liz Moldrich and Di Morris for the invaluable help they gave to Clare in conducting the event. A big thank you to Kerman Contracting Ltd for sponsoring the event. Also thank you to Jenny Turner who helped on the day.
Through the efforts of Clare Magee we have been fortunate to gain the services of Corporal Benjamin Roberts-Smith to address our year 5 and 6 students on April 13th. Benjamin received a Victoria Cross in January for his gallant and courageous actions in Afghanistan. One of the things he said after he received this award was “It is who you are all the time that matters”. This along with the notion of working as a team and always doing your best will be themes in his presentation to students.

**Holy Week Celebrations**

On Monday April 18th we will focus our attention on Christ’s Passion story by walking and praying The Stations of the Cross. A time table for when your child’s class is starting to pray the stations will be distributed through the classes. You are most welcome to join us to be a companion with your child’s class as they reflect on the meaning of the Easter story.

Our Easter celebration across Holy Week directs our attention to look further into the cross, to see in it and through it the mystery of profound love, a love that does not forget, a love that is sustained through the Holy Spirit. At Easter we remember the death of Jesus and we celebrate the new life of his presence within us. What we celebrate from Friday to Sunday at Easter is the core of our faith. As this is the final newsletter for Term 1, I wish all the Liwara school community a joyful and life-giving Easter. As we conclude a busy and productive term on Monday, April 18th I thank all involved in making the rich array of activities that have been part of our first term’s program a great success.

**Last Day for Students—Term 1**

The last day for students in Term 1 will be Monday April 18th. The staff will be involved in Professional Development on Tuesday April 19th.

**First Day for Students—Term 2**

The students will commence Term 2 on Thursday May 5th. We look forward to welcoming the students back in Term 2 wearing their correct winter uniform with pride.

**Building Project**

This week the fences surrounding the building site were removed. There is still work to be carried out on the new facilities and so we don’t expect to take full possession of the buildings until the beginning of Term 2. Thank you for your patience, good humour and cooperation during the construction period.

**Portfolios**

Student portfolios will be sent home on Friday, April 15. I encourage you to view and discuss the work contained in the folder, celebrate the growth and development that is evident and then set new learning goals with your child. The folder presents an ongoing record of your child’s progress. It provides an opportunity for your child to take responsibility for their learning and it is a key component of our assessment and reporting package. The selected work over time helps to demonstrate a student’s growth and development in the various learning areas.

The teachers include documentation of performance levels against established criteria. Three-way interviews to discuss student progress will be held next term.

**Visit by CPL. Benjamin Roberts-Smith, VC, MG**

Leiza Brooks will leave the Liwara staff at the end of Term 1 to take up a new position as a teacher assistant at Mercy. I thank Leiza for the outstanding job she has done in setting up the OSHC service at Liwara. We have been very fortunate to have benefited from Leiza’s expertise and wish her every success with her new role.

**Interschool Chess Team**

Liwara will again be entering a team into the Chess Association of WA Metropolitan Primary School Chess Competition. Congratulations to the 2011 team:

- Tom Burns (Captain), Breanna Matthews, Hannah Norris and Logan Ives
- Clare Magee REACH Coordinator

**Interschool Cricket**

Venue: Floreat Oval
When: Friday 8th April (between 9.30 and 2.30pm)

The selected students need to bring their recess, lunch, plenty of drinking water, sun block and wear their sports uniform (white t-shirt) including hat.

**Interschool Swimming Carnival**

Venue: Challenge Stadium
When: Thursday 14th April 2011
Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm

It is essential that students bring their recess and lunch, suitable swimwear (no Board shorts etc), towel, drinking water, and a positive attitude! Parents of team members are welcome to come along and support the children.

**Stations of the Cross**

As the Lenten period continues we move closer to the celebration of Easter. As part of our Holy Week celebrations, the students will be journeying through the Stations of the Cross on Monday 18th April. The Stations of the Cross are a Catholic devotion which commemorates the Passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is an important symbol of our faith and the Lenten period. The celebration of this story will take place throughout the day with all year groups involved. Times will be allocated to each year group and we invite parents to be a part of this journey. A separate note with this and more information will be sent home early next week.

**Walk to Water**

Next Friday, April 15th, the students from Year One to Six will be taking part in a ‘Walk to Water’ to raise awareness of those who suffer from scarcity of water on a daily basis. We are also using this opportunity to raise money for ‘Project Compassion’ this year. Parents should have received some information last week with a bag that is to be used for the collection of money. Please bring this bag and your donation, however much, back to school on the day of the event. If there are any parents who can assist with marshalling on the afternoon of the 15th, please come and see Oliver Banks. Your support with this fundraising opportunity is greatly appreciated.

**Year 3 Reconciliation**

Last Saturday, students from our Liwara community participated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time at the All Saints Church. We continue to pray for those in our community who will be continuing on this Sacramental journey this Saturday. It is important we take this opportunity to thank all those who have been involved in preparing our students for this special time – class teachers, parish members and the community. Congratulations and may the blessing of God be with the Reconciliation students this weekend.

**Staff Changes**

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EASTER MASS TIMES ALL SAINTS PARISH

PALM SUNDAY
16/17 APRIL - MAIN PROCESSION DURING THE 10.30AM MASS

HOLY THURSDAY
21 APRIL - MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER AT 7.30PM

GOOD FRIDAY
22 APRIL - OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS AT 10AM (GATHER ON THE SCHOOL OVAL)
SOLEMN LITURGY, THE LORD’S PASSION AT 3PM

EASTER VIGIL
SATURDAY 23 APRIL - 7.30PM

EASTER SUNDAY
24 APRIL - 7.30AM, 9AM, 10.30AM
(PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO 5.30PM MASS)

A NOTE ABOUT SCHOOL LUNCHES!
Please do not send tins of food with children to school. These are often difficult for children to open e.g. tuna. Food needs to be put in plastic containers. Also please note food requiring heating (microwaving) is not suitable to send in children’s lunches. Both these items can cause injuries to your child or other children.

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 child for 2012.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE—VACATION PROGRAM
Please see page 5 for the complete Vacation Care program for the April—May holidays.

PRAYER SERVICE
The Year 4 students will lead the prayer service on Monday April 11th at 2.30pm. Parents are invited to join us at this gathering.

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

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to the Moala family Donna, David, Eloise and Molly on the safe arrival of baby Isabelle born 30th March 2011. We welcome Isabelle to the Liwara Community.

THE WEST’S WISH LIST COMPETITION
Please remember to cut the Wish List coupon in this weekend’s West and send it in to the school office. The more coupons we get the more chances we have to win.
The calendar is now on the Liwara Website please see below for the web address.


Uniform Shop Hours
8.30am to 9.30am

Canteen
A very big thank you to all the helpers in the canteen this First term. Also thanks to the Year 6 student helpers your help is much appreciated.
There will be a new winter menu coming out in 2nd Term. Please use your Term 1 menu until then. Thanks I have the Term 2 roster for anyone to come and put their name on (come and check out the new canteen) for next term. Enjoy the holidays and Happy Easter
Helen Miller Canteen Manager

Friday April 8th—Donna S
Monday April 11th—Amy Clifford
Tuesday April 12th—Rebecca Sturniolo-Baker
Thursday April 14th—Anita Daly
Friday April 15th Sandra Antonelli and Mandy A

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)

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
BEFORE SCHOOL/AFTER SCHOOL/VACATION CARE SERVICE
If you are interested in finding out more information about the service or expressing an interest in enrolling your child contact the school office or Leiza Brooks the centre supervisor on 0488 083 657.
Tuesday 19 April
Movies-exursion
The biggest holiday favorite! Come along with us to see the latest movie and eat some yummy popcorn. After the movie we'll head to the local park for some lunch and some games.

Monday 2 May
Games day-Incursion
It's games day so bring along your wheels, your balls, your bats OR your xbox games! If it's a game, we're going to play it so be prepared for a little bit of friendly competition!

Liwara OSHC is closed from Friday 22/4/2001 and reopens Monday 2/5/2011

Every day it is crucial you remember...
- A Hat, sun screen and clothes that cover your shoulders
- A water bottle and some lunch
- Spare clothes in case you get wet

Wednesday 20 April
Willy Wonka chocolate factory - incursion
We're hanging out at OSHC today for a fun filled day of chocolate Easter egg making and crafty creations! It's going to be messy, delicious and best of all...AWESOME fun!

Thursday 21 April
Super golf - Excursion
Bring your comfy walking shoes because we're off to the swan valley for SUPER GOLF! After that we will find a nice quiet spot have lunch and run a muck in the open, fresh air with our friends.

Tuesday 3 May
Sizzler - excursion
All these holiday have been hungry work! So we're off to ALL YOU CAN EAT Sizzler for a tasty lunch! Once our belly's are nice and full we're going to trek to Volcano Park for an afternoon of sunshine and play.

Wednesday 4 May
Bouncy castle - incursion
Last day of holidays...Nooo! But its ok we have one last awesome OSHC day left and due to popular demand we're getting the Bouncy castle back! So bring your springs, bring your wings and get ready to fly, HIGH on the biggest castle we've had yet!

Sizzler

Bus departs for excursions at 9:15 and returns to Liwara at 3:45