CALENDAR

FEBRUARY
Fri 12  5.30pm  New Parents Night
Fri 19  Archbishop Timothy  Costello Canonical  Visitation
Sun 21  9.00am  Family Mass
Wed 23  7.00pm  Sacramental Meeting
Sat 27 & Sun 28  Sacramental Enrol  Masses

MARCH
Tue 1  Swimming Carnival
FRI 4  PUPIL FREE DAY
Sat 5 & Sun 6  Sacramental Enrol  Weekend
MON 7  PUBLIC HOLIDAY

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Banish our spirit of criticism;
Replace it with a spirit of affirmation.
Help us to see the glass that is half full;
The essay that is half written;
The answer that is halfway correct.
Help us to see the many students with their hands up …
Not just the few who are shouting out!

Banish our spirit of self-resignation;
Replace it with a spirit of determination.
Help us to be bold and tenacious;
To believe in ourselves;
To believe in our colleagues;
To believe in our God;
To believe that all things are possible.

Banish our spirit of procrastination;
Replace it with a spirit of energy and action.
Help us to get ourselves organised,
So we can do the things we said we would do.
Give us a sense of purpose and direction;
Help us to praise students and co-workers who keep going …
Even when the going gets tough!
Amen

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

We have all had an extremely calm and smooth start to the 2016 school year
and I would like to thank all families for the part you have played in getting your
children fully prepared to begin the year, from day one, in a positive and
enthusiastic frame of mind. The staff and I look forward to working alongside
you as we journey together in maximising the learning opportunities for your children. With the support of our parents, we aim for our students to be faith filled, confident, fully rounded lifelong learners.

As a follow up to the Protective Behaviours Parent Workshop offered to the community last year, the staff were involved in a Protective Behaviours training day in the week before school began and will be sending home information to parents as they begin to implement the program in their classrooms. The programs have been designed to equip people with the knowledge and tools to shield children from harm. Protective Behaviours WA is Western Australia’s leading prevention education organisation working in WA and Internationally to prevent child abuse. The Protective Behaviours Program is child-focused, and informed by a fundamental belief that children have a right to physical and psychological safety at all times , and that we as individuals, parents, communities and governments must play a part in protecting children of all ages and walks of life. The programs seek to prevent child abuse by providing greater awareness and understanding; as well as providing the tools and strategies for individuals, organisations, parents, families and communities to address and deal with these issues.
What a great way to begin the second week of the school year, gathering as a community, at our Parent Information Evening on Monday. It was an opportune time to get to meet all our new staff and to share classroom information about the experiences and expectations your child will be involved with this year.

For those families with siblings attending Kindy this year, the staff would like to thank you for dropping the older students to their classes first and for then bringing the Kindy students to class. A reminder that the Kindy doors will be open at 8.40am so please try and be in the room by 8.45am each morning. Contact hours are 8.45am — 2.45pm.

Please fill in and return the relevant forms and any changes in family details to the school by Monday 15 February. Please feel free to keep the folders to house any school information which is sent home, for reference, this year. An important reminder that any medication sent to school with a student must be handed in to the office with a Student Medication Form, signed by the medical practitioner who has prescribed the medication. The signed form must accompany the medication for the office staff to administer it to your child. The forms are available on the school website. Please click on the following link to access forms. Student Medical Forms

Thank you for your cooperation and support with the after school pick up and drive through areas. It is pleasing to note that the lower car park drive through is gaining in popularity with the addition of a second lane and the flow through is moving at a better pace. Please do not park in the GRASSED AREA, as this is a staff only car park so that at the busiest time of the day there will be no cars driving in or out of this area, which is where the children will be walking close to, to get to their cars. In respect to all parents using this drive through area it is the responsibility of all drivers to park on the bitumen, marked bays only. I thank you for your consideration of all community members.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
I would like to thank all our care givers for supporting the school in our endeavours to maintain a strong sense of pride in all students, by proudly wearing the Liwara school uniform. Please be diligent in following the Liwara Uniform Code as found on the school website, keeping to the required standards as closely as possible. The uniform shop and school office have information regarding retailers that stock BLACK sports and school shoes. We continue to speak with students about these standards, but rely on you, our parents, to support our endeavours in this area. If your child has needed new shoes this year, sports or regular school shoes, it is an expectation that parents support the Uniform Code and purchase ALL BLACK shoes for your child.

CARITAS - PROJECT COMPASSION
All families will today receive a Caritas Project Compassion Collection box and brochure.

The Caritas theme for this year is 'Learning More Creating Change" to highlight that learning creates opportunity for long-term positive change which brings with it renewed hope to the vulnerable and poor.

Please give generously during this Lenten period as part of our Catholic custom of alms giving to those with less than ourselves. Families will be advised prior to Easter as to how boxes can be returned.

SACRAMENTAL MEETING
The Sacrament Team from the Parish have organised a guest speaker, Mr Eric Chidlow, to give a presentation on ‘General Sacrament Theology’ on Tuesday 23 February in the Ahern Centre commencing at 7pm. All parents of students receiving a sacrament (Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation) are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting.

SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENT WEEKEND
The Parish is holding an annual Enrolment Weekend for all families who have children celebrating First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year.

The requirement is that you attend Mass on the weekend of 27th/28th February. 6pm (Sat) or 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am, 5.30pm (Sun). If unable to attend, please contact Gill Keating through the Parish, 9447 6225, to ensure your child is enrolled for the Sacrament.

At the completion of your preferred Mass, a register will be available for you to sign. This indicates that you and your family have attended the Enrolment Mass.

Please come into the Church Meeting Room to sign the register to enroll your child in the Sacrament they will celebrate this year.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

CONTINUED FROM PRINCIPAL….
TWO CEWA SAGNORA AWARD WINNERS

Sangora Education Foundation was established in 1990. It provides grants in a number of categories including Language and Culture Award, Beginning Teacher Award, Disabled Award, Innovation in Teaching Award, Post Secondary Education Award and Language Teachers’ Award.

CEWA was honoured to have two of our languages teachers share the Language Teachers’ Award for 2014. These recipients were Rosaria Rossi, an Italian teacher at St Helena’s CPS and Cherie Hess, the CEWA Languages Consultant at the time of receiving the award, and a current Japanese teacher at St Bridget’s Catholic College in Lesmurdie. They received a framed certificate of their award on Sunday 19th April 2015.

Congratulations Rosaria and Cherie!

Welcome to Liwara Signora Rossi.

The Canteen is in desperate need of volunteers to help assist in food preparation and serving the students at recess and lunch time. Any time that you can spare will be greatly appreciated. Please call in and put your name on the Roster or you can call Helen on 9447 5133.

A reminder when paying for more than one child, please ensure that you write on ALL lunch bags which child’s bag the money is in. Also, please add 10c if you don’t have a paper lunch bag for your order.
Welcome back to OSHC for 2016.

The Liwara Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) education program is developed and implemented in accordance with the My Time, Our Place – Framework for School Age Care. It ensures that students have opportunities to participate in leisure and play-based activities that are responsive to their needs, interests, and choices. Our hours of operation are before school from 7am and after school until 6pm. We open for Vacation Care and Pupil Free days from 7am – 6pm.

We are currently taking bookings for the Pupil Free Day on March 4, 2016 and places are filling fast so please contact the centre to register. We are planning a water play day with a slip ‘n slide, frozen boats, bubbles, ice cream and icy pole making and lots more. Other dates to note are that the centre will close for the second week of the April school holidays from April 18 and will include Anzac Day on April 25. The centre will close for the year on December 23, 2016 and will re-open on January 9, 2017. The centre will be open for all other Pupil Free Days and school holidays throughout 2016.

In the past few weeks the entrance to the OSHC centre has had a make-over with bright paintwork and a fresh new sign with all our OSHC information. Inside the centre the children have become acquainted with our newly acquired and yet to be named Crazy Crabs. Will their names be Sheldon, Mr Fiesty, Bob or Alro – democratic voting will decide???

We have enjoyed a popular and exciting Vacation Care Program in December and January and are now well settling into our Before and After School Care. We have welcomed back our ‘regular’ OSHC children and families and also offer a warm welcome to the very many children and families new to Liwara OSHC.

Our Vacation Care program included excursions to Whiteman Park; WA Museum and State Library; Rollerzone; Joondalup Rock Climbing; and, Fremantle Prison. We also had Al Kazaam the magician and the Gym Bus visit the centre. Our in-house days were themed to include a very popular Wheels Day when children brought along scooters, bikes, ramps and of course safety gear; a day of water play with a slip ‘n slide, bubbles, sprinklers and water sprayers; a Baking Day; a Super Hero day; an Aussie Day and much, much more.

A reminder to all families that an enrolment form for 2016 is required for all children for this year. The enrolment form can be downloaded from the website or collected from the OSHC centre.
Waste Wise

**WRAPPER FREE WEDNESDAYS**

will occur every Wednesday during the school year.

The dates for term 1 are:-

February 17
February 24
February 24
March 2
March 9
March 16
March 23
March 30
April 6

These days are when students and parents are asked to pack a lunch box without single-use disposable items.

Single-use includes plastic shopping bags, plastic cups, straws, plastic packaging...basically anything that's intended only to be used once and then discarded.

Every day we encounter single-use plastic: bags, water bottles, straws, food packaging & takeaway coffee. We can all take steps to avoid plastic becoming a problem and as a school we can choose reusable alternatives and pick up plastic litter.
Welcome back to another year!

Relationships Australia have some great courses and seminars coming up over the coming months. One in particular that caught my eye is this:

**Pit Stop – A Parenting Tune-up for Fathers**

*Dads play an essential role in raising their children. This 8 week course is engaging, fun and above all, practical. You’ll leave each week with new tools and skills as well as a better understanding of how to be the best Dad you can for your sons and/or daughters, whatever their ages. Join a group of Dads in a friendly, non-threatening atmosphere getting tuned up together.*

**Fee:** $120 per person  
**Time:** 6.30 to 9pm  
**Dates:** Thurs 11,18,25 Feb, 3,10,17,24,31 March  
*West Leederville.*

Contact them on **1300 364 277** to secure your place.  
Other great resources available online at [www.relationshipswa.org.au](http://www.relationshipswa.org.au)  
For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me here on Mondays and Wednesdays.  
Kind regards

**Jane Evans**  
School Social Worker  
MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS 8am to 4pm  
Ph:9448 3811
The Council and Staff of the Parents and Friends Federation of WA would like to welcome everyone back to the new school year. We trust that at this stage, into week 2, you are all back into the routine of lunches, uniforms and searching for those elusive permission slips at the bottom of school bags.

The staff here in the office have hit the ground running and are currently working hard to get information about our upcoming conference in May out to all schools. The dates for the conference this year are Friday 20th and Saturday 21st May. The Awards of Excellence in Building Positive School Communities will be presented at the conference dinner on Friday 21st May. Nomination forms for the Awards of Excellence are already available on our website, so get your entry in early!

We are also receiving lots of calls in the office from parents who are working hard to ensure P&F’s and parent groups get off to a good start for the year. If you need any information about office bearer’s roles, governance or just some general advice please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Theresa McDonnell, the new Liaison Officer at the Federation, has settled beautifully into our small office and she, along with Siobhan Allen (our Executive Officer) is looking forward to getting out and about and meeting with parents and parent groups in Catholic schools throughout the state. If you would like to arrange a visit from PFFWA to your school, please contact the office or email theresa@pff.wa.edu.au and we would be delighted to organise a time.

Best wishes

PFFWA Council and Staff

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www.pff.wa.edu.au  
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103 Wood St, Inglewood, WA 6932

JOIN IN THE FUN AT Greenwood Girls’ Brigade

Make new friends; go on camps; enjoy crafts; drama; play sports and awesome games.

When: Wednesdays  
Where: Trinity North Uniting Church,  
89 Marlock Drive, Greenwood, 6024  
Time: PP to Yr 12: 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Email: administration@girlsbrigadewa.org.au  
Tel: - 9478 1822

www.girlsbrigadewa.org.au

Low Cost Activity. Get into Girls’
Warwick Greenwood Junior Football Club (WGJFC) is holding its 2016 Registration Day on Sunday the 21st of February at Ellersdale Oval, Warwick.

On-line registrations are now open for all age groups or you can come down and register on the day.

**Auskick:** (born between 1st July 2007 and 30 June 2011) between 10am – 12pm.

**Modified and Opens:** (Year 4 to 12) between 12 - 2pm.

There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks available for purchase.

Merchandise will be available for sizing. Mouth-guards can be sized on Gala Day.

All new players are welcome, Auskick through to Opens. We support a full rotation policy, which means everyone gets a go in every position!

See our website [www.warwickgreenwoodjfc.org.au](http://www.warwickgreenwoodjfc.org.au) for more details.

WGJFC are a Gold accredited club as part of the AFL Quality Club Program and are Level 2 accredited as part of the Good Sports Program.
**CANTEEN**  
**Contact Helen:**  
9447 5133

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**UNIFORM SHOP**  
New Opening Days & Times  
Monday 8am - 9.30am  
& 2.30 - 3.30pm  
Assembly Fridays 8.30am - 9am  
during the school term  
Please direct enquiries to  
uniformshop@liwara.wa.edu.au

Order Forms available on website  
Full payment is required on ordering. Orders will be dropped off at your child’s class on Monday mornings.

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**Absentee Line**  
SMS - 0419 915 606 for the absentee line  
before 9.30am.  
Leave the child’s name, class and a brief description for the absence.

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**Outside School Hours Care**  
Before & After School Care  
Vacations Care  
Contact Centre Supervisors  
0477 994 123

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**PUPIL FREE DAY 4 MARCH**  
PLEASE BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT