LIWARA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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LENT: A TIME TO BETTER UNDERSTAND GOD’S FORGIVENESS

God our Father, may this Lent be a time for us to understand better Your forgiveness of our shortcomings. We ask that the light of Your Spirit enable us to look within ourselves with honest eyes, to identify and deal with any behaviours that prevent us from being true to Your love for us.

SCRIPTURE READING

You, (God), are merciful to all, for you can do all things, and you overlook people’s sins, so that they may repent. For you love all things that exist, and detest none of the things you have made, for you would not have made anything, if you had hated it. How would anything have endured, if you had not willed it? Or how would anything not called forth by you, have been preserved? You spare all things, for they are yours, O Lord, you who love every living thing. Wisdom 11:23

RESPONSE PRAYER

Spirit of God within me, help me this Lent to grow in gratitude for my life; help me to reveal the face of Christ to other people as they enter into my life.

Dear Parents

The season of Lent is upon us again and it is a time for us to focus intentionally on what helps or hinders our commitment to Christ. It may be better not to give up something but to take on something, to build our spiritual muscles. At the beginning of Lent, the first thought of many adult Catholics is to give something up and the standard was to give up chocolate or other sweet temptations. A friend of mine told me that he had urged his children to move beyond giving up sweet treats and to focus on giving up something that made others unhappy. About halfway through Lent he asked the children how they were doing with their Lenten promise. One of his young sons had promised to give up fighting with his brother and sister during Lent. When his father asked him how it was going, the boy replied, "I'm doing pretty good, Dad—but boy, I can't wait until Easter!" That response indicates that this boy had only partly understood the purpose of Lenten "giving up." Lent is about conversion. It's about working towards changing permanently what we do so that we become better people; not just for the 40 days of Lent but for the rest of our lives.

It was heartening to see the majority of our parents attend the information sessions last Wednesday as these are important to ensure that home-school partnerships are renewed or established at the beginning of the year. At each meeting your child’s teacher would have outlined their programs, procedures and expectations for the year ahead. If you were unable to attend I would highly recommend that you make contact with the teacher to discuss the information that was presented.

The New Parents’ Sundowner was well received and supported once again this year and I thank the P&F Committee for their involvement in organising another successful Liwara social event. Many new friendships were formed and the P&F Committee were enthusiastically rallying around, enlisting new members.

Next Tuesday, 3 March, we will be hosting a Professional Development Day run by the staff from the Dyslexia SPELD Foundation. The full day workshop defines Dyslexia, describes common presentations in the classroom, and then devotes half the day to how Dyslexia is most effectively addressed in the classroom. We have invited our regional neighbours and to date we have 11 other Catholic school staff joining us. Participants will also be provided with a number of resources covering teaching strategies, classroom accommodations and modifications, literature regarding Dyslexia and learning disorders and information regarding English phonics and orthography.

I will be attending the annual Catholic Primary Principals’ Association (CPPA) Conference next week.

God bless
Andrea

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.

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CALENDAR

27 February Assembly Yr 5 — 9.00am
2 March Pubic Holiday
3 March Pupil Free Day
6 March Swimming Carnival— 9.30
8 March Family Mass —9am
9 March Prayer Year 4 All Saints
10 -13 Mch Year 6 Camp
10 March Board Meeting
14 & 15 March Reconciliation

Commitment Mass

ENJOY YOUR EXTRAS LONG WEEKEND
PARISH SACRAMENTALITY NIGHT
A very big thank you to Helen Medina, as part of the Parish/School Sacramental Team for organising. John van Nus to address the parents of students preparing for Sacramental programs this year. It was a well attended and informative evening where John identified the significance and importance of the sacraments in our lives and the lives of our children and how parents could prepare their children for the Sacraments.

BREEZEWAY DISPLAY
In Religious Education, the Year 6 students have been working on a Unit called ‘God Provides for All.’ They have been discussing the distribution of resources throughout the world and whether they are fairly shared amongst all people. As part of this Unit, they have learnt about the work of Mother Teresa and the concept of empathy. By receiving the Eucharist regularly, we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be aware of the needs of others and to do something about it. The breezeway display incorporates the thoughts and feelings of the Year 6 students when they put themselves in the shoes of someone who is less fortunate than themselves.

SACRAMENT ENROLMENT WEEKEND
Every child in Years 3, 4 and 6, who is receiving a Sacrament in 2015 (Reconciliation, Eucharist/Holy Communion, Confirmation), is to attend any Mass (6pm Sat, 7.30am, 9am, 10.30am, 5.30pm Sunday) at All Saints Parish on the weekend of March 7 and 8 to enrol in the relevant Sacrament.

FAMILY MASS
The Liwara School Family Mass is on Sunday March 8 at the 9am All Saints Parish Mass. We look forward to seeing you there!

CANTEEN NEWS
The Term 1 Menu is available on the website. Please note there has been some price changes. LASAGNA ($4.20) has been an addition to the menu for Tuesday!

SPORT NEWS
2015 FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Date: Friday 6 March
Location: Craigie Leisure Centre Whitfords Ave
Time: 9.30am—2.30 pm

Students are required to be at school by 8.30am as the Buses will be departing promptly at 8.45am

Students will:
- Sit in faction bays and remain there unless competing or going to the toilet
- Be allowed to join their parents to eat their lunch.
- Bring their own healthy recess and lunch with them
- Bring plenty of water to drink
- Apply sunscreen before arriving to school

A spectators fee will apply for any family members attending.

CHAMPION BOY AND GIRL
- Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to three boys and girls from each group who score the most points.
- Points go to the students who swim the fastest times in the Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke 50m races.
- All 50m races will be timed.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School Photos will be taken on Tuesday 17 March and Wednesday 18 March. Personalised envelopes have been sent home to parents. Please read carefully all the options available. If you are placing your order through the pre-paid envelope, please ensure the correct money is enclosed as NO CHANGE will be given. Your child will need to bring this envelope to school on photo day to hand to the photographer. If you have placed your order online, you DO NOT need to bring in the envelope to hand to the photographer. Credit Card payment is for Online Purchases Only. All children will have the opportunity to purchase Specialist Group Photos, once the photos have been delivered to the school, at $15 each. These will be on display, for 2 weeks after the delivery, to view at the School Office. If you wish to purchase a Family Photo, please collect the Family Envelope from the School Office. It will be the eldest child’s responsibility to collect their siblings at the scheduled time for their family photo. The Family Photos will be left at the school office for parents to collect and cannot be ordered online. You will be able to place late orders for individual portraits up to 6 days after the last photo day. Any orders placed after this period will incur a late fee and must be ordered by calling MSP Photography on 9342 3465. For any further queries phone MSP Photography direct.
Raising Resilient Children

Find out how to improve your child's capacity to cope with stress at a free seminar hosted by parenting expert Professor Matt Sanders. Founder of the Positive Parenting Program (Triple P), Professor Sanders will provide parents with practical ways to help their child recognise, express and accept their feelings and deal with challenges. This is a unique opportunity for parents, grandparents and carers to hear from an internationally recognised parenting expert. Triple P is based on 30 years of research and has reached more than seven million children and their families in 25 countries worldwide.

Parents and carers are encouraged to attend.

The seminars are presented by Parenting WA in partnership with the Department of Health, the Department of Education, the City of Bayswater and the City of Rockingham.

Parenting WA is an information and support service for parents and carers of children from pre-birth to 18 years.

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<td>9.00 - 11.00am</td>
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Online booking  Further info e: events@dlgc.wa.gov.au  w: www.dlgc.wa.gov.au

2015 FEES AND FAMILY INFORMATION FORMS

The family packs containing the Annual Fee statement and Family Information forms were sent home early in February. Please ensure you have returned your Family Information form noting any updates or changes or please tick and initial if all the information is still current. Please read the information regarding fee payment arrangements and ensure you have selected one of the options and returned the form or contacted the bursar, Mrs Hansen, if you have any queries. Families with a means tested Health Care or Pension card must also present these before the end of March to claim the discount.

Lee Hansen
Bursar

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Please Note:
Sushi must now be ordered on Monday for Tuesday lunch

IT'S BACK!!! THE BIG EASTER PRIZE DRAW

The Kindy and PrePrimary Classes are organizing an Easter Prize Draw to be held in Week 9.

To make this draw successful, we are asking if every family in the school could donate an Easter egg, chocolate bunny, a packet of mini solid eggs or something similar to place in our prize baskets. We are hoping to make up multiple prizes, so any donations of baskets would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off your donations of baskets and/or chocolates to the Kindy and PrePrimary classrooms.

Tickets will be sent out later, so please watch out for them.

We appreciate your support in this fundraiser.
In Kindy Green we have had so many new things to learn about. We are getting to know our daily routines and our jobs. We have been learning how to paint with marbles, balloons and brushes. We have been making new friends and learning how to take turns and share.
UNIFORM SHOP
Open Tuesday 8-10am
during the school term
Please direct enquiries to
uniformshop@liwara.wa.edu.au
Order Forms
available on our website
Full payment is required on ordering.
Orders will be dropped off at your child’s class on Tuesday mornings.

CANTHEEN
Menu available on our website
Contact Helen: 9447 5133
Parent help is always appreciated
Call in and put your name on the Roster for 2015!

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENTS
YEAR 7 - 2017
MATER DEI COLLEGE
Applications (and accompanying paperwork) needs to be forwarded immediately in March 2015 as interviews are commencing.
Please access the College website at www.mdc.wa.edu.au for enrolment application forms or e-mail barbra.moole@mdc.wa.edu.au to request an Enrolment Application.

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Leave your child’s name, class and a brief description for the absence.