A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Loving God,
we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.
May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them.
We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience.
We ask you to bless them with your own special love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother.
Amen

Dear Parents
A warm welcome back to Term Two. I hope you all had the opportunity to spend some quality family time together, possibly soaking in the Northern sunshine or maybe taking a drive down South to enjoy the scenery, fine food and beverages. Or were you able to stay home, away from holiday traffic, and just relax? I look forward to seeing many of our mothers at the special Mass, celebrating mothers, tomorrow morning and then after at the morning tea to be served outside the Ahern Centre.

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Another new project that has been completed in the holidays, is the library air conditioning, thanks to the wonderful efforts of our P&F committee and their fundraising initiatives and the amazing support they receive from all our Liwara families. The students and staff will now work in comfort when they attend lessons in our beautiful library. Also......keep an eye on the area outside our OSHC, as the red posts that have already been installed are there to secure some shade sails in the near future, to give our students more covered areas to play in and brighten up our outdoor environment.

PRINCIPAL REVIEW PROCESS
The Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia has endorsed a process of performance review for Principals. I am one of a number of Principals in Catholic schools to be reviewed this year in the week beginning Monday 31 May.

The Principal Review Process relates only to the Principal’s Duties and Responsibilities (as enunciated in the Principal’s Contract of Employment) and is not a School Review or Evaluation.

The aims of the Principal Review Process are:
• Accountability to the Employer
• Renewal of Contract and
• Professional Development for the Principal

This review will be conducted by means of written evaluation, followed by interviews with the review panel who will visit the school. The review panel usually comprises of two members, CEOWA Personnel and a Peer Principal.

God Bless
Andrea Millar

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

LIFELINK DAY 2016
To celebrate and commemorate the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, in partnership with Catholic Education Western Australia, has invited all Primary Schools to join together to participate in a special event for LifeLink Day 2016. Students are invited to buy ‘paper links’ at $1 each to support those people in need within the community.

These links will then form part of a ‘school chain’ containing the links each class has produced. Then, on LifeLink Day – Wednesday June 8 – Archbishop Costelloe has invited representatives from Liwara to join him at lake Monger Reserve where we will gather with all other schools and join the individual ‘school chains’ into one long continuous chain.

The ‘links’ will go on sale next week and can be bought from your child’s class teacher. The money raised from this event will go directly to LifeLink. The ‘school chain’ will be constructed on Thursday May 26 in preparation for its delivery to the LifeLink Day Launch.

FIRST EUCHARIST WORKSHOPS
The workshops for students receiving their First Eucharist and their parents are being held on Tuesday May 10 and Thursday May 12 at 6pm in the Ahern Centre. All students and at least one parent/guardian are expected to attend one of these workshops run by the All Saints Parish in preparation for the sacrament later this term.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
MSP Photography will be visiting the school on May 17 and 18 to take individual and class photos. Students are expected to be in correct Winter Uniform for these photos. Pre-Paid envelopes went home yesterday, they are to be returned with payment either on the day to the photographers or prior, to the class teacher. The schedule is on page 3 of this newsletter.

MOTHERS’ DAY MASS
You are all invited to the Whole School Mass to be held on Friday May 6 at 9am at All Saints Parish Church to commemorate Mothers’ Day. There will be a light morning tea afterwards in the Ahern Centre for all those Mums and Grandmothers who are able to attend.

NAPLAN 2016
NAPLAN test for all students in Year 3 and 5 will be held next week. National Assessments in Writing, Reading, Numeracy and Writing Conventions will be conducted in the classrooms during the week. It is important that students are particularly well rested and nourished when they attend school during this week.
CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATES PRESENTED ON
8 April 2016

PPG  Sam Sadler
PPR  Flynn Hayter
1G  Max Cunningham
1R  Mackenzie Gilford
2G  Harrison Gilford
2R  Sophie Traeger
3G  Sienna Mullane
3R  Aiden Greenhalgh
4G  Jazmyn Hay
4R  Olivia Beaman
5G  Joshua Fahy
5R  Julia Taylor
6R  Chiara Baker
6G  Samara Mariess

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

We still require assistance in the Canteen, if you can spare some time to help out, please call into the Canteen or phone Helen on 9448 3811 to add you name to the Roster for Term 2.

There have been some changes to the new Menu for Term 2, which will start from Monday 9 May.

Please note the “CARAMEL CHILL” is NO longer available.

With thanks
Helen Miller

MULTICULTURAL DAY
Thank you to all the students who participated in the Multicultural Day last term. A big thank you to the parents and carers who helped prepare plates of food for the shared lunch. It was delicious!

We as a school community helped raise $480 for Caritas.

Thank you

Katrina, Jorja, Matesse, Sean, Tayla & Noah
Special Events Ministry.

SCHOOL PHOTO SCHEDULE
The children will need to be dressed in their full winter uniform for the school photos.

Tuesday 17 May
♦ Kindy Red & Green
♦ Pre-Primary Red & Green
♦ 2 Red & Green
♦ 4 Red & Green
♦ 5 Red & Green
♦ 6 Red & Green

Wednesday 18 May
♦ OSHC
♦ Family Photos
♦ 3 Year Olds
♦ 1 Red & Green
♦ 3 Red & Green
♦ Graduation (Year 6)
A number of years ago, groups of university students in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane decided that an April Fool’s Day prank would be conducted simultaneously in each of their capital cities. As people were making their way to work along one of the busy streets, a couple of students stepped to the curb, looked upwards and started to point at “something”. They were joined by other students, then by ordinary people and so a crowd formed. Soon a “mysterious object” was confirmed to be hovering over each city and sighted by “a large crowd of people”. Of course, the “mysterious object” “disappeared” once the students began to shout, “April Fool’s Day, April Fool’s Day”.

Nearly two thousand years ago, a “genuine” group of people was looking upward as their friend and leader, Jesus, was ascended into heaven. This visible ascension brought to an end the early ministry of Christ. Over a period of forty days since the Resurrection, Jesus had shown Himself to be very much alive to a substantial number of people under different circumstances. He was seen by Mary Magdalene in the garden on the morning of the Resurrection John 20:14, by Peter later on the same day Luke 24:34, by the two disciples on their way to Emmaus Luke 24:13-33, by the ten disciples without Thomas John 20:19-24, by the eleven disciples with Thomas present John 20:26-29, by the seven disciples by the Tiberius Sea John 21:1-24, by 500 believers in Galilee 1Cor. 15: 6, by the disciples prior to His Ascension. Had Jesus arisen and gone immediately to be with His Father, it would have been easy for the authorities to claim that the body of Jesus had been stolen from the tomb. Now, the authorities had to deal with the reality of Jesus’ person and the witness of a large group of people. Besides this, the disciples needed a new vision and hope and these appearances, along with the coming of the Spirit after the Ascension, gave the disciples a strength that was indestructible. The ascended Christ empowered the disciples with gifts by which the mind of God was revealed and later preserved in the sacred literature of the New Testament or the Christian Scriptures.

The legacy that Jesus left us is the Church and Jesus is with His Church despite all its imperfections and weaknesses: “Behold I am with you until the end of the world.” Matt. 28:20 The Church is imperfect because none of us is yet a perfect copy of Jesus. Jesus’ Ascension reminds us that we are only “passing through” like pilgrims on a journey. Jesus’ life of love, care and forgiveness to the people He knew, is the challenge we have as His followers, as Christians.

Ascension day is a good time to have a think about how we are using our gifts of the Spirit that we received on our Pentecost Day, our Confirmation, to make a difference to the lives of the people we know. Jesus tells us that we should, “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15 The Ascension of Jesus tells us that it’s now our turn “to be Christ” to the people of our time.

“Lord, we ask that the people in our lives experience Your kindness and compassion through us, Your disciples of our time. Amen.”
Year 2R had great fun learning what life was like at school in the olden days on our History excursion to the WA Museum Shipwreck Galleries in Fremantle last term! Writing on slate boards was great fun but, pretty tricky too! We even dressed up in olden days school uniforms.
Dear Families of Liwara Catholic School

We are once again offering the Seasons for Growth program in Term 2 and 3 this year to our students. Seasons for Growth is a wonderful program that provides support to children and young people who have experienced some sort of change or loss in their lives. This may include loss and change due to death of a person, divorce or separation or moving schools, homes etc. The program is facilitated in small groups of ideally 6 children, similarly aged peers. The group offers children the opportunity for social support and to practice skills to cope effectively with change and loss. Seasons for Growth also offers children the chance to increase their self-esteem, to manage their feelings, problem solve, build support networks and have a forum to communicate in a safe and supportive environment.

If you would like your child to participate, please return the slip below to the front office. Signed consent is required even if you have spoken with me about the program. Also, your child can attend Seasons for Growth again, even if they have been involved in previous years. If you need further information about the program, please do not hesitate to contact me on Mondays and Wednesdays, or via email on evans.jane@cathednet.wa.edu.au

With warm regards

Jane Evans - School Social Worker

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***PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO THE SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 18th May 2016***

I ________________ would like my child ________________

Class ______ to participate in the SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAM

Signed __________________________ Date ________________

*In the case of 50/50 shared care, consent is required from both parents.

Jane Evans
School Social Worker
Liwara Catholic Primary School, Greenwood -
Mondays and Wednesdays 8am to 4pm Ph: 9448 3811
Liwara Catholic School is delighted to be offering a new program for parents - the *Seasons for Growth*® Parent Program: Supporting your child following separation or divorce.

The *Seasons for Growth*® Parent Program has been developed to meet this need. The program provides an opportunity for you to reflect on the experience of separation and divorce from your child’s perspective, and to explore ideas and strategies that might help you support your child/ren through the changes happening in your family.

The *Seasons for Growth*® Parent Program: Supporting your child following separation or divorce is a small group program for 6-12 parents. It will be held over 2 x 2 hour/or 1 X 4 hour session and is for parents only.

If you are interested in attending this program, please email Jane Evans, School Social Worker at evans.jane@cathednet.wa.edu.au

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Jane to discuss further.

Kind regards

Jane Evans
School Social Worker
Hello from the OSHC Team,

Welcome back to OSHC for what I am sure will be a busy term 2.

Sadly, we say farewell to Donne Holmes. Donne takes on a full-time teaching position in Goomalling next Monday. Donne has been a highly valued member of the OSHC team and she will be missed by us all. Donne’s hard work and dedication has been very much appreciated and we cannot thank her enough for her commitment to Liwara OSHC.

Our Vacation Care Program was very well attended and enjoyed by children and staff. Activities and excursions ranged from a day at the Perth Zoo discovering dinosaurs, learning new skills at the Suitcase Circus, getting physical on the Gym Bus and participating in tabloid sports and a crafty or ‘Pinteresting’ day.

From Fruit Faces for breakfast to One Minute Team Challenges........

To some very impressive circus skills........

And bowling, soccer and hockey skills .....
Discovering dinosaurs and more at the Perth Zoo........

From finding craft activities on Pinterest to OSHC made popcorn......

To cubby building, exercising on ‘bikes’ and sharing jelly beans with monsters......

We are also very proud to let you know that the OSCH children received compliments for their beautiful manners at the Zoo and we received this message from Paul Meny (Meny Sports) – “It was lovely to come and do the session last Tuesday, your kids are so well mannered and their attention is magnificent. Thank them for me”

Regards,
Gaye Margetic and the OSHC Team
COMPOST BINS
With our school officially receiving the first Waste Wise grant our children and staff can now push ahead with our sustainable garden project. For our garden beds to be productive and to grow produce of the highest quality, one of our priorities is to begin making compost. Peg from Mindarie Regional Council will be conducting an incursion on how to make compost on June 1 with some of our students.

The bins will be constructed out of old wooden pallets, so we are in need of many of these. They will be taken apart and the wood used to construct the compost bins. All donations will be greatly appreciated and can be stacked outside the blue shed near the freeway.

wrapper free

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.

The dates for Term 2 are:-

11 May    18 May    25 May
1 June    8 June    15 June    22 June    29 June
**GRACE-FILLED PARENTING**

**Course Type:** Face to Face Course  
**On:** Thursdays 19 May - 23 June  
**From:** 10am—12.30pm  
**Cost:** $45.00  
**With:** Mr Derek Boylen  
**At:** Newman Siena Centre

Jesus tells us: “You are salt of the earth” and “You are the light of the world.” One of the places we struggle most to live this call is in family life. Does the faith illuminate your parenting? Does it give flavour to home life? These workshops are aimed at giving Mum and/or Dad some time for faith growth but in a way that nurtures home and family life. **A free on-site crèche is available for your little ones!**
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.

CA N T E E N
Contact Helen: 9447 5133

Outside School Hours Care
Before & After School Care
Vacations Care
Contact Centre Supervisors

0477 994 123

PLEASE BOOK NOW
TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

Absente 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.
Please do not reply to the computer generated absentee text sent to you if your child is not at school. We do not receive it.