



LIWARA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

July 2012—July 2013



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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"Stand firm in faith, be people of courage: be strong."

1 Corinthians 16:13.

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Introduction:

"Try not to worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done.

Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guide your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." Philipians 4:6,7.

Prayer:

God help me to understand that every challenge in my life helps me to grow, every problem I encounter strengthens my mind and soul, and every trouble I overcome increases my understanding of life and Your love for me.

God, even when I am feeling lost, I will praise you for the wonder of my being. I know that I am precious in your eyes and that you love me.

Give resilience and hope to me and to others who feel as I do. Amen.

Dear Parents,

In the coming weeks there are four events to note. Next week there are the workshops for families who have children enrolled in the preparation program for Reconciliation on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, there is the school swimming carnival on Friday 8th March, the Year 6 camp at Logue Brook Camp from 12-15 March and the overnight camp for the Year 5 students will take place on Tuesday 19th March. The arrangements for these events are detailed in the newsletter and in notes that have been distributed through the classes.

STATE ELECTION

Included with this newsletter are two key issue sheets that are related to the funding arrangements for Catholic Schools in WA, I ask that these be read and deliberated on in the context of the State Election on 9th March.

CHANGES TO THE PARISH TEAM

At the Year 6 Leadership assembly on Friday we had the opportunity to thank and farewell Fr Quynh who has been appointed to the Cathedral. This week we welcomed Fr Chris Webb who has joined the All Saints Parish team and he will take on the School Chaplain role at Liwara.

MAGAZINE

The first school Yearbook for nearly thirty years is now ready for distribution. These 2012 annuals will be sent home to families next week. I thank Ollie Banks, Anthea Pickering and our dedicated staff for their contributions to the production of the 2012 Yearbook.

UNIFORM—BLACK SCHOOL SHOES

The uniform code states that black shoes are to be worn as part of the general uniform and that black joggers are to be worn with the sports uniform.

While I appreciate that there are a range of shoes and joggers available on the market, I stress the shoes are to be from a standard 'school' shoe range and are not to be 'dress' type shoes and that joggers are to be predominately black with black shoe laces.

SCHOOL FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

DATE– Friday 8th March, 2013

TIME:-9.30am to 2.30pm

YEARS-4/5/6

LOCATION-Bold Park Aquatic Centre, The Boulevard, Floreat.

Students must be at school by 8.30am. Buses depart the school at 8.45am. Students are allowed to join parents for their lunch. Students should bring plenty of drinking water and apply sun block before coming to school. Parents v Staff 4x50m Relay will be the last race of the day. Any parents interested in showing the students how its done are to remember their bathers.

Students to assemble in class groups with teacher after presentation for bus trip back to school or leaving with parents.

Champion Boy and Girl. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to three boys and girls from each year 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.

Neil Morrison (Physical Education Teacher)

SCHOOL PRAYER

Parents are welcome to join us for our whole school prayer services held in the All Saints Church. Please remember prayer services are just that and are not to be applauded. I also ask that parents assist us in ensuring that there is respect and reverence when using the church by setting a good example. The Year 4's will lead the prayer service on Monday 18th March. The whole school prayer services begin at 2.40pm.

ASSEMBLY

The next assembly for the year will be held on Friday 22nd March at 9.00am in the Ahern Centre. The Year 4 students will lead and present the assembly items. Parents are most welcome to join us for the assembly and the presentation of awards.

YEAR 6 CAMP

On Tuesday March 12th Year 6 students will travel to Logue Brook to attend the annual camp. The camp is run by a group of experienced leaders who take the children through a series of activities including abseiling, mountain bike riding, raft building and rides on a flying fox.

The children return on Friday 15th of March. Please direct any enquiries to Gemma Ballantine or any of the Year 6 Team.

YEAR 5 CAMP

On Tuesday 19th March the year 5 students will commence their camp at Point Walter Recreation camp. The children need to be at school by 8.30am on this day to be ready for a bus departure at 9.00am. The bus will return to school on Wednesday 20th March at 2.45pm. All details are on the website on the Year 5 page.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Parent/Student Workshops

Reconciliation is all about having the right relationship with God and it is important that parents journey with their children to help nurture this relationship. The parents of those children who are receiving the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) this year are asked to attend the workshops on **Tuesday 5th March** or **Thursday 7th March at 6.00pm** in the Ahern Centre concluding at 7:30pm. These sessions will provide an opportunity for discussion, prayer and reflection. They are essential components of the Sacramental Programme at Liwara.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2013

'Open Doors into the Future'

Each year, during the 6 weeks of Lent, Project Compassion enables us to learn about the participation, dedication, resilience and hope of communities working in partnership to alleviate poverty. Project Compassion remains a practical example of how Catholic schools, such as Liwara, can actively and effectively engage students in the social mission of the church. All students received a collection box at school last week. Please take the time to discuss the importance of Project Compassion with your children and support this worthwhile cause through your donations.

PUBLICITY AND USE OF STUDENT IMAGES

A publicity and use of student images form was sent home this week to all families. This form is giving/not giving permission for photos to be taken of your child/children for use in school publications. Please fill out and return by Friday March 1st. Please see page 5 of this newsletter.

DENTAL THERAPY

The Dental Therapy Centre at Greenwood Primary School details are C/- Greenwood Primary School 12 Merivale Way Greenwood (Entrance via Ranleigh Way) Phone: 9203 5611 Centre hours 8.00am —4.00pm Mon-Fri

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Labour Day holiday Monday 4th March.

LEGO AND DUPLO

If you're tired of treading on the Duplo or finding bits of Lego under the cushions or it's just that the kids have outgrown them don't leave them to gather dust in the shed! We would love to have any preloved or unwanted building blocks like Duplo or Lego for our play boxes. Please label for attention of Mrs Liebeck. All donations received with appreciation and thanks.

KINDY 2014—SIBLINGS

Please check that you have your child's name on the list for Kindy for 2014. Parents and siblings will be asked to attend a meeting later in 2nd Term. Please come to the office and get an Expression of Interest form if you haven't already enrolled your sibling child for 2014.

VOLUNTEERS IN THE CLASSROOM

Tuesday 5 March, in the Ahern Centre from 9 to 11 a.m.

This workshop is for parents of children from Year 1 onwards who would like to volunteer in their child's classroom. The workshop covers how parents can help in the classroom, school expectations and children's developmental learning. The Volunteer workshop **must** be completed by any parent who wishes to help in the classroom. If you have done this workshop previously you don't need to repeat it. Come along to the Ahern Centre and register then.

I look forward to meeting you.

SUPPORT A READER TRAINING

Wednesday 20 March, in the Ahern Centre from 9-11 a.m.

The SAR program is an individual reading program for students from Years 1 to 3. Students read with a parent tutor for a short time each day to improve their reading and comprehension skills. We would love as many volunteers as possible to continue to make this a successful and effective program. We would also love to have anyone who has completed the program previously back on board. Notes will be sent home with your child (Yr 1-3) this week or contact Mrs Liebeck if you are interested.

PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

The Junior Primary staff are pleased to be able to offer workshops of interest to parents regarding their child's learning again this year. More details about topics and dates will be provided through your child's class.

Yvonne Liebeck

Literacy Coordinator

PARENTS OF YEAR 5 CHILDREN

Parents are invited to attend an information session presented by staff from Sacred Heart, on the enrolment process for your child to attend Year 7 at Sacred Heart in 2015. The session will be run in the Library at 2.30pm this Friday 1st March.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN testing will take place for Year 3 and Year 5 students in the week commencing Monday 13th May. NAPLAN tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy provide point in time information in relation to student performance.

There are always a number of contextual factors that will influence how well a student performs on a particular day in these tests.

NAPLAN tests are intended to complement the existing range of school-based assessments and it is important we ensure students are not overwhelmed by the experience or that the tests are given undue emphasis.

The NAPLAN results assist in providing one part of the picture of your child's demonstrated learning. I ask that parents avoid any disruption to the Year 3 and Year 5 classes during the week the NAPLAN tests are being conducted. A pamphlet was sent home today. If you did not receive one please call into the office for a copy.



LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Welcome back to another school year. If you have half an hour to spare at drop off time in the morning Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and would be willing to help with library book shelving, or covering no experience needed I will show you what is required. Please call 94483811 or call into the library and see Lorraine. Lorraine Dominish/Library

LOST CLOTHING

There have been a number of clothing items that have gone missing. Please check your child's bag to see if they have picked up someone else's item by mistake.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. Now school has begun, why not give yourselves some time together? You both deserve a weekend away investing in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is, contact Joe & Margaret on 0424 220 625 for more info or booking or

Email: cordina.joseph@cathednet.wa.edu.au Information: Website – www.wwme.org.au

Next Weekend: 12th – 14th April (Swan Valley)

Night Under the Stars
Friday 15 March 2013
Bring your rug, picnic and dancing shoes as we dance the night away under the stars. Lots of fun for the whole family!
6:30pm on the school oval.
Tickets will be selling soon!

TERM CALENDAR

The calendar is now on the Liwara Website please see below for the web address.

<http://myschoolweb.net.au/liwara/index.php/term-calendar>



UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop Hours

8.30am

to

9.30am

TUESDAY MORNINGS

NB: The Uniform Shop will be closed on Tuesday Dec 4th.

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 the centre supervisor Deborah Salame or Jesse Walls on **0488 083 657**.



CANTEEN

Thank you very much to all the helpers in the canteen your time here is appreciated.

Please remember to use the new Term 1 2013 menu. Thanks Helen

Thursday February 28th—Helen Romeo

Friday February 1st—Sharon Lund

Monday March 4th—Public Holiday

Tuesday March 5th—Anita Rippingale

Thursday March 7th—**Help Needed**

Friday March 8th—Louise Maidens

Monday March 11th—Sharon Lund

Tuesday March 12th—Tamara Bastow

Thursday March 14th—Sharon Pereira

Friday March 15th—Rebekah Sturniolo



ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Priest – Fr Vinh Dong / Assistant Priest – Fr Chris Webb

Resident Priest – Fr Tam Lai / Fr Tai Trinh

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday - 9.00am.

Wednesday evening at 6.45pm

Weekend Masses: Saturday - 9.00am

(anointing every 2nd Saturday of the month) &

Vigil at 6.00pm

Sunday - 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am & 5.30pm

The Church is open from 8.30am - 3.30pm weekdays (except school holidays)

Reconciliation: Saturday - 9.30am to 10.00am

& 5.00pm to 5.30pm or by request.



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Publicity and the Use of Student Images

Dear Parent/Guardian

As part of the school's publicity activities there may, on occasion, arise the situation whereby the school, Catholic Education Office Of WA (CEOWA) or local media will need to take photographs and/or video footage of your child/ren for publication in newspapers, school documents, CEOWA and Catholic agency documents (e.g. Caritas, CDF, LifeLink, etc), training videos and/or the school/CEOWA website.

Please complete the notice below and return it to the school office by FRIDAY, March 1st 2012 AT THE LATEST.

I _____

Parent/guardian of: _____ (please list child/ren and class)

Name: _____ Class _____

Name: _____ Class _____

Name: _____ Class _____

Name: _____ Class _____

Name: _____ Class _____

(Please tick)

Give Permission to the use of my son's/daughter's photo/video image in school publicity activities undertaken by the school, CEOWA or local media.

Do not give permission for the use of my son's/daughter's photo/video image in school publicity activities undertaken by the school, CEOWA or local media.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 1st.

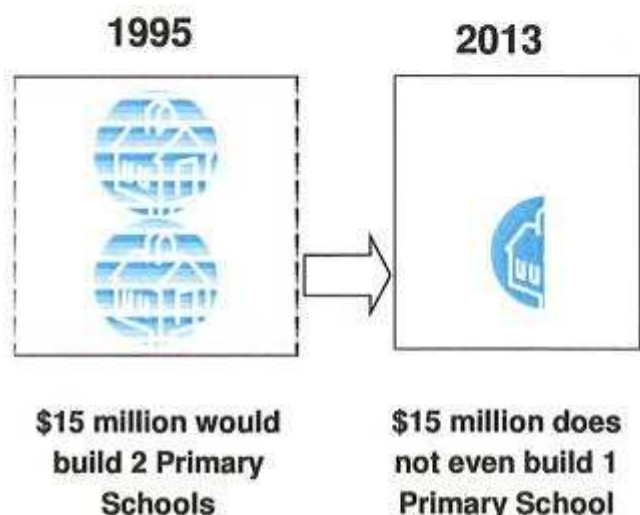
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Catholic Education in Western Australia

Key Issue 1: Increased capital funding for new & existing schools

The Low Interest Loan Scheme (LILS) has operated since the early 1990's. It provides \$25 million to non-government schools with \$15 million going to the Catholic system. Loans are provided at a rate of 1% for new schools and 3.5% for upgrades of existing schools.

- The quantum available to the non government sector has not increased since 1995
- The rate of interest has not changed despite the current unprecedented low interest rate environment



Catholic Education seeks,

- an increase of the total LIL pool to \$50 million with \$30 million available to the Catholic system
- this amount be indexed annually in line with increases in the Building Cost Index (BCI)
- a commitment to finding long term funding solutions to meet the demands of population growth. These might include grants, subsidies for contributions to LGA infrastructure, collaborative planning or public/private partnerships



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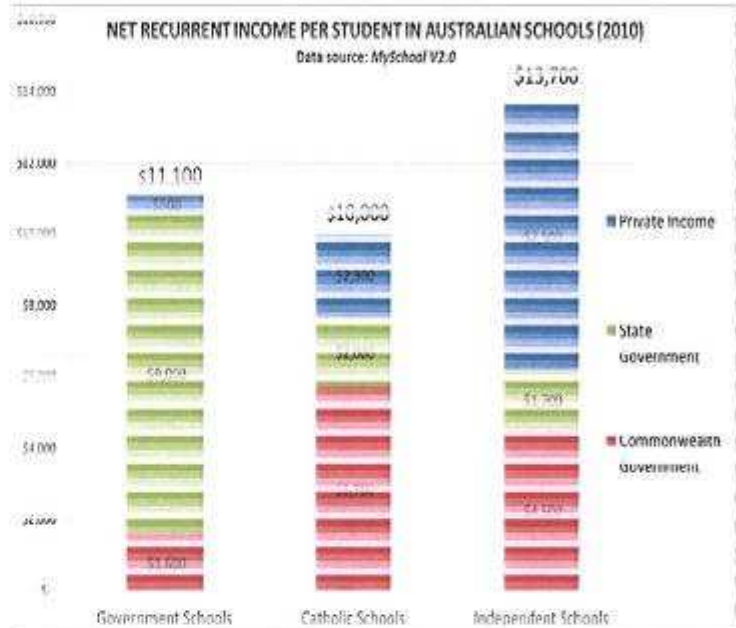
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Key Issue 2: Australian Government Review of Schooling Funding

The Australian government is currently reviewing funding for all schools and it is likely that the government will soon propose new funding arrangements. At present, there are concerns that Catholic schools will not obtain the funding needed to continue offering a quality education, while also keeping school fees as low as possible.

The chart highlights that students in Catholic schools, on average, receive less government funding than that provided to students in government schools and consequently operate with less total resources even when private income is added on.



This will be a significant issue leading up to the Federal election in September this year as any change to current funding arrangements which reduces government funding to the Catholic sector will have a significant impact on Catholic schools and in turn school fees.

Catholic education seeks to ensure that the crucial role of Catholic schools in the Australian education landscape, as a low fee provider of quality education, will continue to be recognised with appropriate funding.

Catholic Education seeks a commitment from the next state government that the implications for Catholic schools will also be considered in forming a state position on whether to sign up to the Federal Government's funding reforms



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Fact Sheet 1: Challenges posed by population growth

Perth has been the fastest growing capital city in Australia over the past 10 years. Since 2001 Perth has grown by 346,000 people, or 25%. Catholic Education has experienced strong demand over this same period with enrolments growing from 59,974 in 2001 to 71,774 in 2011, an increase of 20%.

The Catholic system's ability to expand existing schools and build new schools is restricted by:

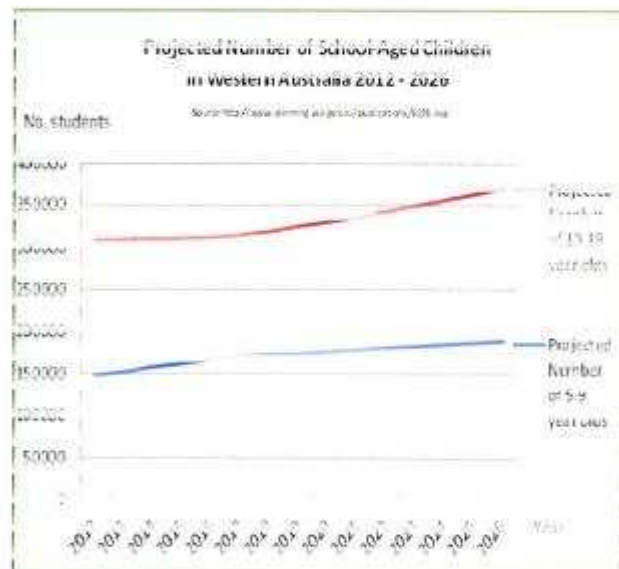
- levels of Capital funding
- local government planning processes
- increasing requirements for contributions to local infrastructure

The population growth in Western Australia is expected to continue for some time.

The chart shows the projected increase in the 5 – 19 yr old age group.

It is estimated that an additional 100,000 students will need to be accommodated over the next 13 years with approximately 18,000 to be in Catholic schools or a 25% increase on current numbers.

This is the equivalent of 20 new primary schools and 10 new secondary schools.



The need for a collaborative approach with the State Government is strongly endorsed by Catholic Education and this needs to occur now.



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Fact Sheet 2: Why fund Catholic Schools?

Projected savings to the government

The projected growth of Catholic schooling will not be possible under the existing funding regime. This presents a significant problem for the government as every student enrolled in a Catholic school saves the government considerable sums of money.



From a recurrent funding perspective more than four times the state funding will be required for every child that attends a government school because they could not get into a Catholic school.

From a capital funding perspective, the Catholic community takes responsibility for sourcing and purchasing suitable land for new schools and contributes the majority of the construction costs. Adding another 30 schools to the state government infrastructure requirements will add billions of dollars to state expenditure.



Providing additional funding to the non-government sector to meet the schooling needs of Western Australia's growing population makes good financial sense with savings to the government in the hundreds of million dollars.



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