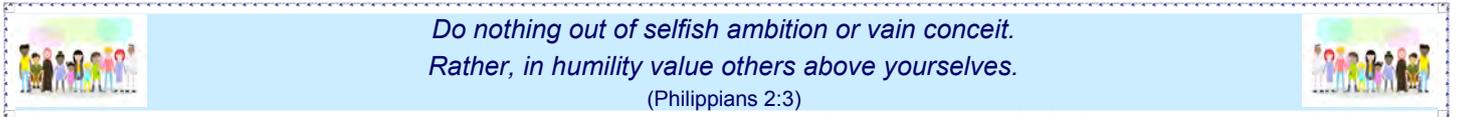




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*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.
Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.*
(Philippians 2:3)

Dear Parents, Friends and Students

On Wednesday we joined with the Parish to recognise the beginning of the Lenten period with the Ash Wednesday Mass. After an initial hitch with the buses, the Mass finally began a little after 10:00am. In his homily, Father Joseph reminded the children that there are three main aspects of Lent that we should try and carry out; alms giving (giving money to the poor), prayer and fasting. The teachers will talk about these with the children and help them to identify how they could do each of these during this time. I would like to thank Mrs Keddie for her work in organising the Mass and preparing the students. Thank you to Mrs Aldred for leading the music. Thank you to the many parents who came along to the Mass. As this was our first Mass with Father Joseph, he was extremely impressed with the student's behaviour and singing.

Congratulations to the Year 6 students and Miss Zurzolo for their excellent assembly last Friday. They shared their learning with the school community and impressed everyone with how much they have achieved in the first 4 weeks of the school year. They shared with us some interesting information about China, what happens when you don't wash your hands, the ideal growing conditions for plants (with some surprising results) and ended the assembly with a song from 'The Greatest Showman' that reminded us that we can only be the person God created us to be and nothing else. Thank you Year 6s and Miss Zurzolo. Congratulations, also, to our first merit award winners for the year. Our next assembly will be hosted by our Year 4 class and it will take place on the 15th March

A reminder that the Sacramental Commitment Mass weekend will take place this weekend, 9/10 March. All

students who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation will need to attend one of the Masses over the weekend at the Parish Church. The Parish holds four Masses each weekend, Saturday night (6:30pm) and Sunday (8:00am, 9:30am and 6:00pm). The children will bring to the Mass the commitment sheet that you, as a family, have completed. Families who are unable to attend any of the Masses will need to make alternative arrangements with Father Joseph.

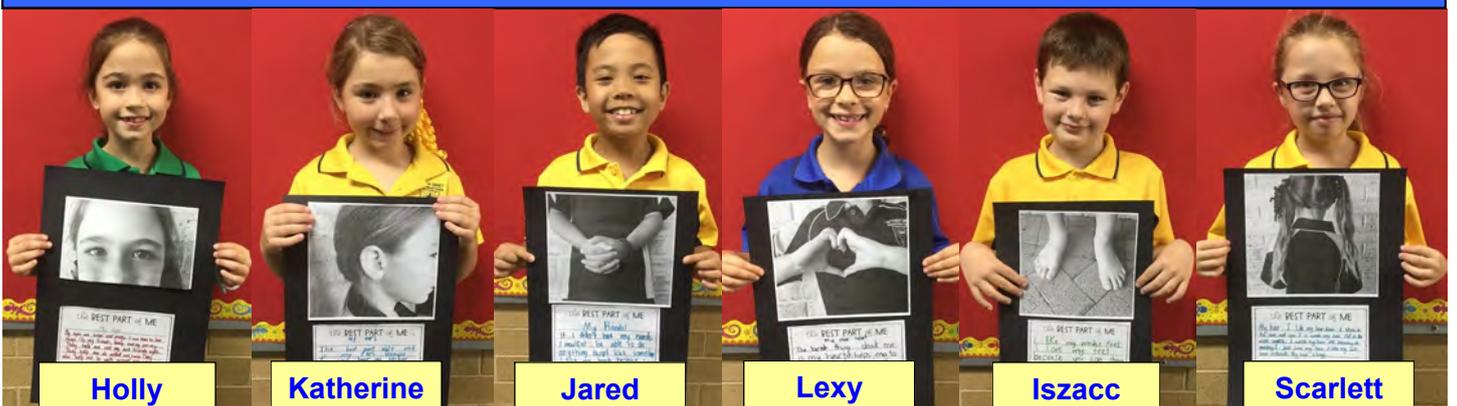
Coming home this week are directions on how to take part in Parent/Teacher interviews that will take place on Tuesday 26th March. The directive also contains information on how to book an interview through an online booking process. A reminder to families that school closes at 12:00pm on this day to enable teaching staff to meet with all parents in a timely fashion. Please be aware of this and make the appropriate arrangements with regard to the collection of your child/children on this day.

Our first class Liturgy of the Word will take place next Wednesday 13th March. The Year 3 class will be holding this Liturgy. All parents and members of our community are invited to join with us and then stay on for the morning tea that will follow. The Liturgy will start at 9:05am and it will be held in the Sacred Space.

Mark Powell

PRINCIPAL

GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS



Year Threes have been writing about the best part of them!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 9th Mar	Sacramental Commitment Mass at St Francis of Assisi 6.30pm
Sun 10th Mar	Sacramental Commitment Mass at St Francis of Assisi 8am, 9.30am or 6pm
Mon 11th Mar	PP - Yr 6 Snake Bite Presentation @ 11.15am
Wed 13th Mar	Year 3 Liturgy @ 9.05am
Fri 15th Mar	Year 4 Assembly @ 9.05am
Fri 15th Mar	Interschool Cricket Yr 6
Wed 20th Mar	School Open Day Event 4.30 - 5.30pm
Wed 20th Mar	P & F Meeting @ 7.30pm
Thurs 21st Mar	Harmony Day Activities
Fri 22nd Mar	Year 1 Assembly @ 9.05am
Tues 26th Mar	STUDENTS EARLY FINISH @ 12pm
Tues 26th Mar	Parent/Teacher Meeting 12.30 - 6pm
Wed 27th Mar	Year 5 Mass @ 9.05am
Fri 29th Mar	Cool Pool Morning 9am - 12pm
Wed 3rd Apr	Year 2 Liturgy @ 9.05am
Fri 5th Apr	Easter Play @ 9.05am
Mon 8th Apr - Thurs 11th Apr	Year 6 Camp
Thurs 11th Apr	END OF TERM 1 FOR STUDENTS
Mon 29th Apr	STUDENTS RETURN TERM 2 2019

MATTHEW GIBNEY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Wednesday 20th March 2019
4.30pm to 5.30pm



Dear Parents/Guardians

If you know of any family or friends that might be interested in their children attending Matthew Gibney Catholic Primary School in 2019/2020, please invite them to come along to our Open Day for a tour of our school and to receive a welcome pack.

All are welcome!

COOL POOL MORNING REMINDER

Permission slips due back by Friday 22nd March.



Assistant Principal's

Religious Education News

Mini Vinnies 2019

Congratulations to our new Mini Vinnie students from Year 5, who yesterday were commissioned at the Ash Wednesday Mass by Father Joseph. We are very grateful to the members of the St Francis of Assisi, SVDP Conference who attended the Mass, and handed the student's their badges. We very much appreciate their support.



Project Compassion Week 1

Thandolwayo lives with her grandparents and attends the local school which has just 35 students. Every morning Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres and risked being attacked by crocodiles as she collected contaminated water for her family. She'd then go to school feeling exhausted. Thandolwayo's hope to be a nurse seemed almost impossible to realise, until Caritas Hwange helped the village to install two solar powered pumps and two 10,000 litre water storage tanks. The pumps draw the water up from the river to the storage tanks.



Thanks to Caritas' support, water is now on tap in the village, benefitting the whole community - and Thandolwayo can concentrate on her education.

"Now I can bathe every day, the distance to collect water for the family has been reduced," Thandolwayo says. "We now drink clean, safe water and diseases are no longer affecting us."

The plentiful water supply has also triggered new ventures. Water is being used to mould bricks for building houses and to pound maize to sell. Plans are underway to establish a community garden and a fish pond, to generate a better income. "Hope is important because it makes me work harder so that I achieve what I want to be when I grow up," Thandolwayo says.

Karen Keddie
Assistant Principal RE

Closing
Early

REMINDER

Tuesday 26th March at
12 Noon for
Parent/Teacher Meetings.



PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher Interview instruction letter was sent home today with the eldest child. The event code for parents was sent via SMS and Email.



PLEASE DO NOT SHARE THIS EVENT CODE AND INFORMATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

Bookings must be finalised by 4.00p.m. Friday 22nd March 2019 .

CANTEEN NEWS

In celebration of Easter the Canteen will be holding an "Easter Egg Hunt" placing a surprise egg token randomly into lunch bags when you place your order. This will run each week until Easter.

To redeem your egg token, just bring it to the Canteen at morning recess or lunch.

Happy Hunting!

CANTEEN ROSTER

Fri 8th Mar	Marilyn B & Renata B
Tues 12th Mar	Vashti
Fri 15th Mar	Saroya P & Sylvia S

School F E E S

SCHOOL FEES

Fees are payable in three instalments, one third payable by **12th April**, second instalment by 5th July and final payment by 27th September.

If you have any difficulties in meeting this commitment by the due date, please make an appointment to discuss this matter with the Principal, Mark Powell, as soon as possible.

DIRECT DEBIT

Fees may be paid by direct debit, enabling payments to be spread over the year, i.e. weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Forms available from the office.

HEALTH CARE CARD TUITION FEE DISCOUNT SCHEME

Parents who have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card are eligible for a discount on their school fees. Please complete a 2019 Application Form at the school office.

KINDY ENROLMENTS 2020

(eligible date of birth 1 July 2015
to 30 June 2016).

Our Kindy enrolment interviews will take place in Term Two. If you have a family member or friend who would like their child to come to Matthew Gibney Catholic Primary School, applications are available from the office or you can download one from our website.

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SENT HOME TODAY

★ Parent/Teacher Interview instruction letter (eldest)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Touching Hearts, Teaching Minds, Transforming Lives

LA SALLE COLLEGE
Tuesday 2 April 2019
Tour Times 9:25am and 11:35am
Tour bookings please contact : 9449 0635
or communityrelations@lasalle.wa.edu.au

OPEN DAY

FATHER and KIDS WEEKEND 2019

We are seeking expressions of interest for the Father and Kids Camp for 2019.

The Nanga Bush Camp facility (about 1½ hours drive south of Perth) has again been tentatively booked from **Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd November**. The camp will commence on Friday night and expected to conclude just before lunch on Sunday afternoon.

This is a great opportunity for dads and their kids to **spend some time together** in a relaxed atmosphere, enjoying many fun filled activities. As a reminder the weekend is **NOT** school based but has the full support of the school. It is again being organized by a group of interested Dads on a voluntary basis.

The Weekend is open to all fathers and boys and girls who attend Matthew Gibney Catholic Primary School and their school aged brothers or sisters (even if they attend another school).

The cost will confirmed but we are expecting it to be \$270 for father and one child, with an additional \$100.00 for each additional child. The cost includes accommodation, meals and activities.

If you have any questions please email geoff@blonde-robot.com.au or call Geoff on 0432 170 941



FATHER & KIDS WEEKEND 2019 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Father's Name: _____ Shirt size : _____

Email: _____

Mobile Number: _____ Work/Home: _____

KIDS ATTENDING;

Name: _____ Class: _____ Age: _____ Shirt size _____

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Please return this form with a \$50 deposit to school by March 29th .

***Accommodation deposit needs to be paid by mid April, without your deposit or enough numbers the weekend may be cancelled.*

Perth Observatory March Night Sky Tours

9th, 23rd and 30th of March 2019

At Lesmurdie Senior High School

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Sausage sizzle from 6:30 pm

\$40 for Adults
\$30 for Concessions
\$20 for Children

Use coupon code **starshine**
for 10% off your booking

Book Now At
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