



Matthew Gibney Catholic Primary School
PRINCIPAL REPORT P&F MEETING
WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH 2020

At Matthew Gibney Catholic Primary School, we recognise our role in supporting parents as the primary educators of their children and thus believe that strong connections between parents, school and parish are essential. The quality of these connections requires respect for the individual, honouring the dignity of each other and reverence for our faith. Our aspiration therefore is to be a place where, every child has the opportunity to learn successfully, to live faithfully and to respect the dignity of others.

Reporting under the CEWA Strategic Directions for all WA Catholic Schools.

1. INSPIRING CHRIST CENTRED LEADERS

- Sacramental Commissioning Masses were held on the weekend of the 7 and 8 March for all students receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation in 2020. The Masses were well attended by the students and their families. The teaching staff for each of the Sacramental classes and the Leadership Team attended the Masses to accompany the children.
- The school is participating in Project Compassion for Caritas during Lent. The Project Compassion campaign has been promoted through the classes and the students are working on a school target for the duration of the Lenten Season.
- The Making Jesus Real virtues are being promoted to the students on a fortnightly whole school basis. The virtues are discussed at the Monday assembly each fortnight and one child is identified each fortnight for displaying the particular virtue positively to others.

2. CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE

- Class Assemblies have been presented by the Year 5, Year 3 and Year 2 classes. I have been pleased with the high attendance of parents and friends to the class assemblies.
- A Super Circus Incursion was held in Week 4 for all classes from PP-Yr 6. The students enjoyed the incursion and participated in a number of circus skills activities during the incursion.
- Art designers from the City of Kalamunda attended on Friday in Week 6 to work with the students to collect designs to be used on the footpath leading to the new train station.

- Classes have been completing a number of assessments over the past few weeks. The data from the assessments will be used to drive the teaching and learning program requirements to suit the individual needs of our students.
- Staff participated in professional learning on Friday 28th February with Glen Pearsall, a presenter who visited us from Melbourne. Glen took the staff through a day of teaching and learning strategies to promote student engagement. He presented us with a wealth of practical strategies to enhance feedback, questioning, learning intentions and success criteria and behavioural strategies to promote positive and engaging classroom environments. The professional learning day was appreciated by the staff and the content is being used by the staff for their professional growth plans this semester.

CATHOLIC PASTORAL COMMUNITIES

- Ash Wednesday Mass was a school and Parish Mass on 26th February at St Francis of Assisi Church. The students participated in the Mass with reverence as they marked the beginning of the Season of Lent.
- Year Four hosted a class Liturgy of the Word on Wednesday 11th March. Fr Joseph attended along with parents. A morning tea followed the liturgy.
- The Welcome Evening was a successful and enjoyable event. The parents did an excellent job in preparing for the evening and the attendance was good. Feedback about the welcome evening was positive.

2. ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE AND SUSTAINABLE

- Enrolments – We currently have 203 enrolments K-6.
- The Open Morning scheduled for 20th March has been cancelled, due to COVID 19 concerns for visitors. An email has been sent personally to each family offering them a personal tour, in the meantime, should they want it. We had 5 families register to attend. Any who turn up on the day, who have not registered, will be offered a personalized tour.
- **Out of School Hours Care Information- discussed**
- **School closure preparations and postponement of activities due to COVID 10 - discussed**