



Matthew Gibney Catholic Primary School

PRINCIPAL REPORT P&F MEETING

WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY 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

- The school is collecting food for the St Vincent De Paul food appeal. Donations have been generous.
- The Project Compassion campaign for Lent was held last term.
- 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. We have focused on Gratitude and Forgiveness so far this term.

2. CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE

- The staff have focused on providing remote learning platforms to provide for students working from home since week 8 of Term One. Staff prepared for 6 weeks of remote learning; weeks 8 and 9 of Term One and weeks one-four of Term Two. Professional learning to support remote learning has occurred amongst the staff. The school has catered for families at home using both online and hard copy work packages. Since the beginning of Term Two staff have had to adjust their learning programs to cater for the students who are at school for face to face learning and students working from home with the support of their parents. The Catholic Education Office has supported Principals and school leaders with weekly Teams meetings and updates since the disruptions began in the second half of Term One. Weekly support meetings are continuing.

- Week 4 we will re-commence full classroom teaching whilst continuing to support those children who cannot attend due to their own or their family members health concerns.
- We are grateful to our parents for their patience with the pick up and drop off arrangements. These will stay in place until we are advised otherwise.
- Extra-curricular activities are still not permitted.
- Visitors onto the school grounds remain limited, until we are advised otherwise.
- Hygiene practices remain a considerable focus for us. Playground structures remain closed until we are advised otherwise.
- Running Club has recommenced this term.
- The Pre-Kindy Program will recommence in Week 4.
- The Year Six Camp has been re-booked for Term Four.

CATHOLIC PASTORAL COMMUNITIES

- The senior students lead the school in an Anzac Day ceremony in Week One. The ceremony was streamed remotely to all classes.
- A group of students from all year levels participated in a Mother's Day ceremony in Week Two. Once again, the ceremony was filmed and made available to all year levels.
- Opportunities to gather as a school have ceased this term due to the gathering number restrictions currently in place.
- Sacramental preparation will continue in each class. Receiving then Sacraments this year will however, be dependent on the rules governing gathering numbers. Parents will be informed once we have further information.

2. ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE AND SUSTAINABLE

- An average of 55% of students returned to school in Week One, 63% in Week Two and 85% so far this week.
- We are currently interviewing families for Kindy and Pre-Kindy in 2021. Families are encouraged to assist with enrolments and encourage friends, neighbours and other family members to consider Matthew Gibney CPS for their children.
- Canteen has opened this term with a limited menu. No volunteers are allowed in the canteen at the moment.
- Some Therapists and support staff for individual students will be allowed back at school in Week 4, with the required hygiene practices.