

LIWARA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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OUR MISSION

We gather as a community of believers in a Catholic environment to develop in each child a sense of wonder of learning. With the essential support of parents, our Mission is *to empower children to be faith filled, confident and fully rounded, life-long learners.*

OUR VISION

Our Vision is a community with strong connections where every student has a sense of belonging, feels safe and is known by name and need. As our motto suggests, we strive to be a place of *Strength in Community.*



ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH PRIEST: FR ELVER DELICANO ADDRESS: 7 LIWARA PLACE, GREENWOOD WA TEL: 9447 6225 Check for further details on the General School News page.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL The Musician's Praver

Oh Lord, please bless this music that it might glorify your name. May the talent that you have bestowed upon me be used only to serve you. Let this music be a witness to your majesty and love, and remind us that you are always watching, and listening, from your throne above. May your presence and beauty be found in every note, and may the words that are sung reach the hearts of your people so they will draw closer to you. May your Spirit guide us through every measure so that we might be the instruments of your peace, and proclaim your glory with glad voices. Amen

Dear Families,

ANNUAL LIWARA FAIR I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who was involved in making our Fair another amazing event! The enormous amount of preparation going on behind the scenes, leading up to the big event, is a feat that is achieved by so many Liwara families who are extremely generous. I would like to thank all our community members who have been so giving of their time, donations, energy and enthusiasm. A special thank you to the Fair Committee and their teams of diligent workers, the stall coordinators, the set up and set down crews and the dozens of other helpers. So many hours of pre-fair preparation have already been invested by parents and staff to provide a large range of activities, stalls brimming with produce, exotic plants, white elephant items, food, drinks, games and so much more. The Liwara Fair is a true reflection of the strength of our community and it is a demonstration of the enduring community spirit that permeates Liwara. On Monday 19 November at the Annual Community Meeting (ACM) at 7.00pm in the Ahern Centre, I will be hosting the grand preview of the film footage that the MSP photographer took during the fair. The brief for the photographer, was to create a film to capture the essence of Liwara, to promote this wonderful community and as the fair is such a big part of our Liwara life, I invited him in to spend the day with us to capture some of the precious moments. I am sure that all who see it on Monday night at the ACM, will be very pleased with his work! I cannot wait to see what our 40th Fair Anniversary brings in 2019!



GRADUATING CLASS OF 1988 30TH REUNION On Saturday 20 October, a group of past Liwara students celebrated their 30th Reunion in style. They spent a couple of hours at the school, wandering through the rooms and reminiscing about times gone by and then moved on to the Greenwood Hotel to continue their celebrations. It was lovely that they chose to spend some time together at the school as they were able to see the changes and improvements in the classrooms and grounds, whilst enjoying the company of each other.



STUDENT SAFETY IN DRIVE THROUGH PICK UP AREAS: A big 'THANK YOU' to all our parents who are using either the top or bottom drive through pick up areas for ensuring the children are only picked up from the supervised gates at all times. A reminder that both areas of Carpark #3 are provided for parents who are parking and entering the school grounds to pick up their child. All children leaving the grounds without an adult, must go straight to the Duty Teacher at Gates #3 or #6 where they will be released to the parent via the drive through procedures, put in place for the safety of our students. Please do not park your car and leave it at any time in the drive through lanes as this can lead to the safety of our students being compromised and causing unnecessary angst for the parents who are following the correct guidelines. Staff members, whose main duty at this time is to ensure the safety of our students, will leave their post and approach any driver who is not following the correct protocol to ask them to keep moving, once they are in the drive through lanes. I thank you for heeding this important information. All teachers will be reminding their students of the correct protocols for the end of day pick so they are all aware of the importance of gathering with the duty teacher each afternoon.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PERFORMANCE

A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

St Vinnies Christmas Appeal

The Liwara Social Justice Ministry will be supporting St Vinnies in its annual Christmas Appeal again this year. All families are asked to donate non-perishable foods, Christmas table wear (bonbons, napkins, etc) or toys/books for the less fortunate in our community. The Appeal began this week and all donations are being received through the classes. Your continued support of this Appeal is greatly appreciated.

Instrumental Tuition 2019 Please see Skoolbag for the Information Letter for tuition in 2019

Social Worker's Corner	
Today I'm grateful for my kids	5 FRUSTRATIONS as a PARENT by Big Life Journal
WANTING THEIR WAY = BEING PERSISTENT	 ACCEPT YOUR CHILD AS THEY ARE See and know them for who they are rather than who we expect them to be. Tell them from the start that you will love themand repeat it all the time. Be awake to who they are; feeling seen is an essential part of feeling loved. A great way to connect with your child is via their love language, you can make them feel seen and appreciated.
CLINGING TO ME = BEING AFFECTIONATE AND CONNECTED	 All feelings are ckay! When a strong feeling arises, observe it. Pause and take a breath. When frustration arises, use the helpful S- stop what you are doing T- Take a few deep breaths O- Observe your thoughts and feelings as they are
DEMANDING THINGS = BEING ASSERTIVE	practice S.T.O.P. P - Proceed with whatever you were doing before KNOW THE "90-SECOND RULE" When we resist a feeling, we inadvertently remain stuck in the same feeling. When we accept the feeling, it's gone in under 2 minutes!
NOT SITTING STILL = BEING ENERGETIC AND JOYFUL	In the critical 90 seconds of an emotion, be sure to communicate your strong feelings to your child and how you plan to cope with them. "Mommy is feeling very tired and grumpy right now." PARENT FROM A PLACE OF GRATITUDE
WHINING ALL DAY = COMMUNICATING THEIR NEEDS	 Practicing gratitude improves mental and physical health, increases empathy, and improves sleep. It even changes the brain! Each time you're about to say, "I have to" to, replace it with "I get to." "I have to take my daughter to ballet" versus "I get to take my daughter to ballet". "I have to put him to bed" versus "I get to put him to bed."
BEING LOUD = BEING EXPRESSIVE AND CONFIDENT	 APPLY GROWTH MINDSET TO YOUR PARENTING No one is born knowing how to parent. When frustration overtakes you, use it as an opportunity to grow from the experience, and decide what you'd do differently next time. When it all seems too difficult, remember the feeling of your brain growing.
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Drop it off Kerbside systems' cannot separate items like mobile phones, coffee pods, computers, paint, printer cartridges and soft plastic. Find a local drop-off service on **RecyclingNearYou**



Check locally Recycling rules for other materials can vary between council areas. Search

RecyclingNearYou or check directly with your council to find out what's accepted.

If in doubt Leave it out of the

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Extra Tip Close the loop by buying products and packaging made with recycled materials like Planet Ark Paper and Naturale Toilet Tissue, Search our Recycled Products Directory











This year in Year 2, we have been learning about the seasons, forces and mapping. We visited Scitech and we became mini scientists!









parenting *****ideas

Four critical tools for kids' anxiety management by Michael Grose

Anxiety disorders are currently taking a heavy toll on Australian children and young people. It's been estimated that there will be at least four children in every Australian classroom who are experiencing an anxiety disorder at some stage during a year.

Anxiety is not restricted to secondary schools either, with children as young as four now presenting with symptoms of anxiety, manifested in headaches, tantrums and refusal to go to school.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that there is still a stigma attached to anxiety as people still seem to associate it with weakness and don't understand the difference between normal feelings of stress and crippling anxiety.

Anxiety is normal

Anxiety is the body's response to fear, real or perceived. It's our body's way of protecting us when we're in danger. It's completely normal to feel anxious from time to time. A child might feel anxious about speaking in front of their class or a teen might feel anxious about an exam. Those anxious feelings can act as a motivator to do more revision or be better prepared. With 'normal' anxiety, when the stressful event has passed, the anxious feelings pass too.

We can liken our anxiety response to a smoke alarm. The alarm is designed to alert us to fire, a danger that can threaten our lives. Anxiety becomes a problem when the mind's alarm system is extremely sensitive and responds when there's no genuine danger present.

Anxiety needs to be addressed when it starts interfering with daily life. Kids and teens with anxiety experience the symptoms when they're actually quite safe; the danger is only imagined. And sometimes anxiety shows up for no reason at all.

Parents are well positioned to provide kids with the tools and skills to regulate their anxiousness. Here are four critical skills to teach kids to help them self-manage feelings of anxiousness:

1. Breathing to calm down the anxiety

When it comes to calming down anxiety, the brain 'listens' to the body. Kids and teens can show their brain they're safe using deep, slow breathing. This type of breathing helps bring the brain down from high alert and signals the nervous system to begin to return to normal. Encouraging kids to practise deep breathing in between times of high anxiety is essential. By practising, they're preparing their body to also be able to calm down using breathing when the fight or flight response is in full swing.

2. Mindfulness to bring kids into the present

Generally kids become anxious about future events such as giving a talk, starting secondary school or going into an unfamiliar situations. They can be perfectly safe yet their bodies can respond as if they are in danger because they are thinking about what may happen. Mindfulness is a great tool to bring kids into the present and relieve them of their feelings of anxiousness.

3. Exercise to dissipate anxiety

Exercise plays a huge role in anxiety management, yet children's lifestyles are increasingly sedentary. Exercise and movement help kids regulate their moods and reduce the symptoms of anxiety. Play and exercise help to ease muscle tension, regulate breathing and induce the release of 'feel-good' neurotransmitters.

4. Thought-noticing to shift thinking

Thought-noticing is a wonderful skill set that helps kids to better manage their mental health. When kids tune into their thinking, they can immediately distance themselves from it. Rather than being lost in the thoughts that are making them feel anxious, they can mentally step back and see the thought for what it is – a thought which comes and goes, and not a fact.

Breathing, mindfulness, exercise and thought-noticing are best taught and practised when kids are not under stress. They are most effective when they become an entrenched part of kids' lifestyles rather than an activity to be called upon from time to time.

Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including Thriving! and the bestselling Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It, and his latest release Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children.



LIWARA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL 2019 KINDY PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Dear Parents,

If your child is starting Kindy next year, we would like to invite you to attend the 2019 Kindy Parent Information Session.

At this session you will get to meet the 2019 Kindy Staff and Nurse Fran - our friendly Community Health Nurse. You will also receive all the necessary information that you will need to start Kindy in February 2019.

Please, no toddlers, if possible.

Date: Wednesday 28 November

- Time: 9:00 10:00am
- Where: Ahern Centre

RSVP: Monday 27 November (Please RSVP to Admin office on 9448 3811)



ALL SAINTS PARISH PLAYGROUP

Recruiting new members for 2019!

The Parish Playgroup are calling for any families with young children ages 0-5 to come and meet other members from the Liwara and wider Parish community next year.

The playgroup meet every **Friday** morning during **school term** in the Parish meeting room. <u>Time</u>- **9:00-10:30am**

Cost per family, per term- \$25

This includes activities for the children, an excursion each term and tea & coffee for parents. There is a roster for a family to bring Morning Tea each week.

Playgroup is a perfect play-date for Pre-Kindy and Kindy children, as well as younger babies and toddlers.

If you, or anyone you know who may be interested in joining the playgroup for 2019, please contact the **Parish Office** on **9447 6225**, or come to the Parish room on Friday mornings and we can sign you up.

The Playgroup Committee. *Leanne, Heidy, Narelle & Claudia*





CANTEEN NEWS

I wish to say a big thank-you to all the parents that have been coming in to help, it is appreciated. Please call into the canteen anytime to put your name on the Roster, even if it is not your classes turn.

We have some new Icy Poles available. Pop in and have a look. Muffins and Oat biscuits at Recess are all home made and healthy.

Please include your child's class colour (Red or Green) when you are ordering your children's lunches online. This will reduce the time taken to process your order. Thank you.

Please take the time to look at the Quick Click menu - https://quickcliq.com.au/

Term 4 Week 7 Helpers needed from Kindy Red Monday 19 November HELP NEEDED Tuesday 20 November HELP NEEDEED Thursday 22 November Rebekah Baker Friday 23 November HELP NEEDED Term 4 Week 8 helpers needed from PP Red Monday 26 November HELP NEEDED Tuesday 27 November Cathy Czerwionka Thursday 29 November HELP NEEDED Friday 30 November HELP NEEDED

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

Contact Canteen: 9447 5133





SERVICES AT LIWARA

UNIFORM SHOP

THURSDAY 8.15am - 9.00am

Please direct all enquiries to sales@jfe.net.au

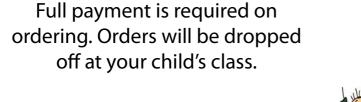
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ABSENTEE Notification

ABSENTEE CHANGES Click on the Absentees Icon on the Liwara School Website or leave a voice message on the school number 9448 3811 ext1 before 8:20am Leave the child's name, class and a brief description for the absence.

No, SMS or voice mail to the school mobile number.

Changes from Term 4 2018

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.

CANTEEN

Please take the time to look at the Quick Click menu as there are a few new items.

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Volunteers always welcome Just pop in and see Helen

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS





Is your child currently in Year 4?

Interviews for prospective students commencing at Mater Dei College for Year 7 2021, begin in February 2019. If you have not submitted your child's Application form, please contact the Enrolments Officer, Mrs Ang Lourens, on <u>enrolments@mdc.wa.edu.au</u> or 9405 4777

