**Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy**

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Send your Spirit to consecrate us so that the Jubilee of Mercy
may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,
may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.
We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy;
You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
Amen

**Welcome to Term Two**
A warm welcome to Term Two of our school year. It was lovely to see the children eager to return, however I am under no illusion that their happy faces were about ‘learning’ more to catch up with their friends! Perhaps my memory serves me well from my own school days.

**Tuesday – Professional Development Day**
Our teaching staff joined the staff at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Karrinyup to develop the knowledge and skills using an internal product called SEQTA for programming and assessments. It was a very productive day. The non-teaching staff used the day wisely to take the time to reflect on their own well-being by attending a Reflection Day. The feedback was very positive and the staff returned very relaxed.

**Pre Primary ANZAC Day Service**
On Thursday, the pre-primary class conducted a thoughtful and reverent assembly in memory of the men and women who have given their lives to protect our country and our way of life. We also remember and give thanks for our service men and women who continue in the services for justice around the world. Lest we forget. Thank you Kate, Joan and the pre-primary children for preparing for this assembly and to the readers on the day.

**P and F Association Business**
The Parents and Friends had their first meeting on Wednesday night, thank you to the parents who were able to attend the meeting. We encourage you all to come along when you are free to do so, remember many hands make light work!

A couple of activities coming up;
**7:30am – 3:30pm Saturday, 30 April (this Saturday) Masters Sausage Sizzle at Joondalup**
Please find attached the roster for the parents who generously donated their time. If you are unable to help, we would love you to call in and have a chat, perhaps buy a sausage sizzle or two.
School Disco
This will be held on the last day of term. The event sounds exciting for the children. More information to follow later in the term.

School Board
We also had our meeting on Wednesday, congratulations to Kerri Boscarino-Hunter for your election to the School Board as the P & F Association Representative and Mark Stewart for your acceptance as a secondment to the School Board. We know that you bring skills and wisdom which will be an ‘added value’ to our meetings. The Annual Financial Statement was audited by HLB Mann Judd, Accountants. We are pleased to inform you that the report affirmed our meticulous handing of all financial matters. Well done and thank you to our Finance Officer, Melissa Dimond who undertakes the majority of the work.

Care and Safety of Staff and Students
You are all aware that the St Elizabeth’s CPS staff strive at all times to ensure safety and care for our students and ourselves. As we grow in numbers we are constantly refining our protocols.
The following are minor changes;
- The footpath gate will be locked after the first bell in the morning and will reopen before the end of the day.
- All visitors, particularly people who need to be on site, sign in and out at the office and wear a red lanyard clearly marked as ‘Visitor’ and signed by the Principal.
- Parents and Grandparents (with a current Working with Children Check) will as from this week, sign in and out at the office. They will also wear a red lanyard clearly marked as ‘Parent Helper’ and signed by the Principal.
- Classroom doors continue to be locked at all times, if parents are not here by 8:29am you will need to bring your child to the office to sign in.
- All staff wear a blue lanyard containing a door key, emergency gate key and whistle.
- Whilst on day all staff wear a high visible top so that the children and other staff members can clearly identify them in the playground or when involved in all outside activities.

Concerted Effort
I appreciate having small children, particularly younger siblings and babies makes for an Olympic Gold medal to get the children to school in time. However, late children disrupt the learning for not only your own child but also for the children who are ready to learn. The children need sufficient time to complete their routine in the mornings so 8:20am is an appropriate time to be here.

Assemblies
Assemblies commence at 8:30am for all classes. Parent arriving late cause disruption to the performance. Therefore, I stress you need to be here on time, at least by 8:20am otherwise you will need to wait outside the classroom until the assembly is finished. If you have an issue, please come and see me.

Camp Australia – Before and After School Care
I would like to know if there are any of our families who would use Camp Australia with Krystal for child care on days when we have professional development and our non-contact days. For example, Week 7 on Tuesday, 7 June we have a Catholic Day so school will be closed. I make no promise however I will try to see if we can have the service available. This includes parents who do not currently use Camp Australia. I have a feeling we will need to have eighteen children. Please note I am not including the holiday program. I am unaware of the cost at this stage however you will need to ring the office or email admin@stelizabethhocking.wa.edu.au to let us know by Friday, 6 May if you would like to use this service. Then I will follow the matter up.
Pre Primary and Year One Parents
Please note the return date for the invitation to the Mother’s Afternoon Tea was incorrect (typo). PLEASE NOTE YOUR REPLY MUST BE IN BY THIS MONDAY, 2 MAY. The teachers will be organising their shopping on this day.

Term Two Planner
The Planner has been attached and it will also be on our website. Please note days and/or events which relate to your child. Of course you are all most welcome to all our activities, your children and the staff enjoy your attendance.

Concerns/Issues/Problems
If you have a particular concern regarding your child/ren please make an appointment with your child/ren’s teacher. If the concern is not resolved an appointment will be made to include myself, the Principal.

If your concern/issue/problem is a matter not directly related to your child, please email or make an appointment to see me. I am always prepared to listen and act when necessary, however this does not always translate to your desired outcome. “Trouble shared is trouble halved”

Have a great weekend, I hope you keep dry for the sausage sizzle. I’m not taking any chances; my raincoat will be with me in Fremantle while I assist with the clean-up of the harbour.

‘May God keep us safe in the palm of his hand’

Carmel O’Shaughnessy

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