From the Principal

“I cannot do what you do, and you cannot do what I do, but together we can do something beautiful for God.” (Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

Dear Parents, Guardians, Friends and students,

Yesterday, children from Year 1 to Year 6 came together to celebrate our Beginning of the Year Whole School Mass. The children were beautifully behaved and showed reverence, respect and responsibility during their time in church. Thank you to Fr Edward for celebrating our Mass and to Miss Bernadette and Miss Melanie for their time and hard work preparing the liturgy. A very big thank you to our readers—we are all very proud of you:

- Thomas Curley
- Leolia Jackensburg
- Chelsea Van Vugt
- Zimirley Williams-Wilson
- Tom Mathew
- Jennifer Drummond
- Luciana Gill

REMEMBER: School Board AGM

The Catholic Education Commission of WA requires that all Catholic schools hold an Annual School Community Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is for the School Board to report to the Community on the overall management of the school. Where necessary, elections take place at this meeting to fill any vacancies for the coming year. This meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd February, at 4.30pm in the staff room. If you are interested in nominating for the School Board, please leave your name at the office.

Functions of the School Board
• Planning for the present and future operation of the school.
• Providing membership on selection panels for the employment of staff to the school.
• Passing on information about the school and about Catholic Education to persons and organisations in the community.
• Liaising in all matters relating to the financial management of the school with persons and organisations in the local Catholic community.
• Managing all finances associated with the school.
• Advising the Principal with respect to school policy that has financial implications.

Criteria for Membership of the Board
• Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board
• A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff
• A desire to give service to the Catholic community
• A keenness to promote Catholic schooling
• An ability to work co-operatively and constructively with all other members of the Board
• A sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties

If any parents are interested in becoming a member of the P&F committee, please let the front office know.

CENSUS DAY (Friday, February 17th)

The government funding we receive is determined by the number of students at school on a specific day. Unexplained absences will lead to the school receiving less funding. Please ensure your child is at school on Friday, February 17th and if they are not, then please notify the school in writing with a valid reason.
Term One Calendar
The Term One Calendar is included in this newsletter. Please refer to it often to keep informed of what is happening in the school. Also note that some dates that appear may change due to circumstances beyond our control.

Contact Details
Please contact the office as soon as possible if you have updated any of your contact details.

Student Absences
All absences must be explained with a written note. We appreciate parents/carers ringing up to notify us of an absence, but this must also be accompanied by a note, explaining the absence, when the child returns to school.

Kind regards
Susan Scanlon, Principal

School Gates
Please note from next week, Monday 13th February, all gates except the front gate on Loch Street will be locked at 8:30am. Please use the Loch Street entrance after this time.

Dates to Remember
Wednesday 11 Feb  School Board AGM at 4:30pm in staffroom

Merit Awards
The following children will receive Merit Awards at Friday’s assembly at 1.45 pm. Parents are welcome to attend our assemblies.

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Newsletter Incentive
Please ask your child to return the Newsletter Incentive acknowledgement slip as it gives them an opportunity to win a prize.

I have received and read my child ___________________________ newsletter.

Parent / Caregiver signature: _______________________________