Dear Parents,

Over the past three days, a number of staff members and I have had the good fortune of attending the National Catholic Education Commission Conference which has been held in Perth. This conference has brought together Catholic Educators from across Australia to explore and reflect upon what it means to lead Catholic Education today so as to achieve a full and integrated education system for the children in our schools.

The calibre of both keynote and concurrent presenters was high and we have had the opportunity to listen to thought provoking speakers, including a keynote address by Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga, who I believe was the runner up to Pope Francis in the most recent papal election. A Q&A panel facilitated by ABC Journalist Tony Jones spoke on The Place and Role of Catholic Education and opened up an interesting debate on many issues facing education today. A key message from this debate was that at the end of the day, decisions need to be made respecting the dignity of each person.

Senator Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education and Training, gave an address as did the Leader of the Opposition, Bill Shorten. It was great to listen to Professor Donna Cross from the Telethon Kids Institute who clearly reminded us that in child development, not everything that counts can be counted. It is important that our children develop social competence, emotional resilience and attain a sense of personal achievement. Positive interactions with peers, positive interactions with adults, availability of positive adult role models, engaging community activities and effective self-regulation of emotions are key contributors to our children’s development.

Talking of our children, we look forward to the Years 3–6 Dance Showcase this Thursday afternoon, student reports on Friday and Parent Teacher Interviews next Wednesday.

After a very busy three days out of the school, I look forward to returning tomorrow.

Many blessings

Tamara McGougan

PRINCIPAL

**TERM 1 REPORTS**

Parents please ensure that you are able to log in to your SEQTA Engage Account as Semester One reports will be available online only. **Paper copies will not be sent home.**

SEQTA Engage is available at [https://whitfordcatholicps.coneqt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au/](https://whitfordcatholicps.coneqt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au/) or a link is available from the home page of the school website.

If you are having difficulty logging in to your account, please contact the Office ASAP.
PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL 2016

This year is the 27th Catholic Schools Performing Arts Festival. Over 25,000 students will take part in the Festival which runs throughout August with a final concert at the Perth Concert Hall in September. Below is the timetable for our school entries in the Festival.

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We are more than welcome to attend any of these performances and must be impeccably dressed in full winter uniform (or dance costume) for performances.

Parents are more than welcome to attend any of these performances – entry fees listed below.

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VENUES:
St Benedict’s Church, cnr Canning H’way and 115 Ardross St, Ardross (gold coin donation on entry)
Vasto Club, 1 Vasto Place, Balcatta ($4 entry fee)
Perth Convention Exhibition Centre (Adults $22, Students $18 book through Ticketek from Monday, 18th July)

The following children have also entered the Festival as solo performers:

**Piano:** Leah Dineen, Amon Ross, Amara Ross, Claudia Dineen, Noah Smith, Caomhie Mahon, Joel Matthews, Mark Puiu, Shaun Randera, Tina Algeri, Ethan Beaudoin, William Cream

**Vocal:** Ella McCaughey, Hannah Mohr, Anthony McCaughey, Leanne Fragomeni

**MUSIC SPECIALIST**

**ASSEMBLY**
This week’s assembly will be presented by 3G and held on Friday 24th June at 2.00pm in the School Hall. The following students will receive Merit Certificates during this assembly:

**Pre-Primary**
- Fox Weston
- Summer McGregor
- Hayden Bennett
- Year 1B, 1G & 1W
  - Arkeela Makene
  - Thomas Coughlan
  - Sofia Cashman
- Year 2B, 2G & 2W
  - Amelie Mikeska
  - Ruby Mooney
  - Sarah Rampant
- Year 3B, 3G & 3W
  - Adelaide Hilton
  - Orlagh Boyle
  - Lucas Orkney
- Year 4B & 4G
  - Joe Finnigan
  - Lachlan Dunn
- Year 5B & 5G
  - Indyanna Ballard
  - Cooper Arundale
- Year 6B & 6G
  - Michael Shum
  - Sienna Mjajacka

**MUSIC SPECIALIST**
Leanne Fragomeni
Vocal:
- Smith, Caoimhe Mahon, Joel Matthews, Mark Puiu, Shaun Randera, Tina Algeri, Ethan Beaudoin, William Cream

Piano:
- Charlie Liou
- Aislinn Healy
- Xavier Hermann

**STAFFING CHANGES**
Miss Jilska Fairweather will continue to teach class 2B for the reminder of the year. Miss Fairweather is very enthusiastic about remaining in Year 2 as she has developed an excellent relationship with the students and works and plans very well with the Year 2 team.

Mrs Danaher, who has had experience in a support role, will return from Long Service Leave next term and will take over the role of Levelled Literacy Intervention and Literacy Support Teacher from Mrs Catharine Hughes, who will be working in an administrative role as Assistant Principal while Mr Andrew De Malo takes Long Service Leave in Semester 2.

We are operating an online booking system for Parent/Teacher interviews this year.

If required, KidsCare is offering after school care from 12noon. To book, please call 0401 378 751.

**L.I.G.H.T.S. PROGRAM**
On Monday, June 20th, we held our first Whitford Catholic Primary School Creative Problem Solving Challenge. Students from Years 4 through to 6 were invited to enter. They had six weeks to prepare a creative solution to a literary challenge.

24 students entered the competition and formed four teams. The students received no help from outside the team and they learned about creative thinking, planning, responsibility and team commitment.

The winning team members for this inaugural challenge are Jeremy Lewis (Yr4), Grace Kane (Yr4), Erin Kretschman (Yr4), Kayah Swiatopek Mirski-Smith (Yr5), Xavier Roberts (Yr5) and Ava Moyles (Yr6).

We were fortunate to have two former LIGHTS students and Tournament of Minds entrants, Bri Clarke - Whitford LIGHTS Class of 2012 and Tahnee Clarke - Whitford LIGHTS Class of 2009, as well as Mrs Denise Clarke, our talented Year 5 teacher. A special thank you to them for volunteering their personal time to carry out this important role.

**Andrea Yeo**
COORDINATOR GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMME (LIGHTS)**
ACADEMIC NEWS
Congratulations to Michael Shum on his successful selection into the Selective Academic Program offered at Perth Modern School for Year 7 2017. We also congratulate Tina Algeri who has accepted a scholarship to St Mary's Anglican Girls' School next year.

P&F NEWS
Last Chance To Buy Your Disco Tickets Online
Online ticket sales will close at 9am Thursday morning and entry bands will be sent home Thursday afternoon.
To book, visit https://www.trybooking.com/205265
Tickets and sausages sizzles will be available to purchase on the night. We can't wait to see to see you all in your bright Hawaiian outfits!!

P&F Meeting Tonight – All Welcome
All parents and friends are welcome to attend tonight's P&F Meeting at 7.30pm in the Staffroom. This is a great opportunity to meet other Whitford parents and to find out what will be happening around the school. A copy of tonight’s agenda accompanies this newsletter.

Shobukan Martial Winter Holidays Kidz Camps
3 days of action packed fun, self-defence, bully awareness, fitness, karate, confidence and games. Spots are available for one day or all three. Please enrol through the following link: https://form.jotform.com/Shobukan/kidzcamp

Cadbury's Chocolate Fundraiser
This week’s volunteering opportunity is http://tinyurl.com/CadburyChoc
Also, if families do not want to purchase the chocolates and have NOT received their Cadbury’s Chocolate Fundraiser opt-out form, please get one from the office and return ASAP.

Entertainment Books
All outstanding payments or unwanted books are now due paid. Please return any unwanted Entertainment Books or make purchase ASAP. Payments may be made online with the following url: www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/86141z
For any queries, please contact Ines Elloy on 0448 800 471.

Craft Group
We are looking to start a craft group in Term 3 in preparation for the fete. If you would like to help, please email pandf@wcps.wa.edu.au.

Jar and Figurine Donations
If you have any jars or small action figures / Lego figurines lying around the house that you no longer require please place them in the blue container located near 2W.

Kids Wonderland
Kids Wonderland will be open in Stirling from 2nd July to 10th July. One time entry fee and you ride for free. If you use the school code 1256 when ordering you will receive 10% discount and the school will receive $3.50 per ticket. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Nadine Cooperwhite
P&F PRESIDENT

LIBRARY NEWS
The Great Book Swap: Keep the books coming because we want it to be a GREAT Book Swap. Parents will be very well catered for too so don’t miss out. You may find that one book you have been missing from a set! In week 10 of this term, the week we celebrate NAIDOC, we will be holding a book swap to raise funds for literacy resources for kids in remote Indigenous communities. From now until Wednesday 29th June you can bring into the library the books (in good condition) that you have loved reading but no longer want to keep. It should be a book that you know other children would enjoy. (Not just clean out your cupboards time 😊) Your parents can send theirs in too! On Thursday 30th June you can bring a gold coin donation and choose a book to take home from those that have been donated. We will have the parent book swap before school and the children’s book swap before school, recess and at lunchtime. You can read more about the Indigenous Literacy Foundation at http://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au

Library Quiz: Congratulations to Samantha McKinnie 4G for answering that if a cowboy rode to an inn on Friday. He stayed two nights and left on Friday. It is because his horse is called Friday. This week: Which high school came and performed with their fantastic school band on Tuesday? See you in the Library. St Jerome, pray for us.

Mrs Annette Lynch
TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

DANCE NEWS
YEAR 3-6 DANCE SHOWCASE- Thursday 23rd of June
An email has been sent home to parents with information for the Dance Showcase which will take place in the school Gym. The show will be split into “Show 1” and “Show 2”. Show 1 will begin at 1:45pm sharp and Show 2 will begin at 2:30pm sharp. Please check the emails for more information. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Dance Showcase!

SHOW ONE: 1:45pm (Doors for parents and friends will open at 1:30)
- Year 3 Blue, Year 4 Blue, Year 5 Blue, Year 6 Blue, Boys Dance

SHOW TWO: 2:30pm (Doors for parents and friends will open at 2:20)
- Year 3 White, Year 3 Gold, Year 4 Gold, Year 5 Gold, Year 6 Gold, Boys Dance

Candice D’Adamo
DRAMA AND DANCE SPECIALIST

WHITFORD KIDS CARE
Don't forget Whitford After School Care is available for upcoming school holidays. Book in early!! See the attachment sent with this newsletter.

CANTEEN NEWS
END OF TERM SPECIAL THURS 30TH JUNE – orders must be received by 12 noon tomorrow, 23rd June.

Thursday 23rd June – Pastry Free Day
Wrong orders will be substituted with a cheese toastie
Special: Fish ’n Chips $4.40
Recess: Yogo $1.60
Mini Pizza $1.30
Roster: Catherine Camilleri, Bec McKinnie, Donna Duncan

Monday 27th June
Recess: Chicken Goujons $1.20
Mini Cupcake 60c
Roster: Helen Wool-Cobb, Kylie Vanderwel

Thursday 30th June – END OF TERM SPECIAL ONLY
Chicken Treat & Juice Box - $5.50
Choice of: 1/8 Chicken & Chips, Chicken Nuggets & Chips, Chicken Burger (with Salad & Mayo) & Chips
Note: Absolutely no late orders will be taken! No bag required.
Orders to be handed in by 23th June, 12noon.
Recess: Yogo $1.60
Mini Pizza $1.30
Roster: Jacinta Broadley, Veronica Lazar-Robert, Mary McGrath-Yek

Tuesday 19th July
Roster: Deb Swan, Melissa Small

KIDS OF MERCY: Last week, I overheard Eileen telling her visiting daughter that she so looks forward to the children visiting. They are the “highlight of her week.” It is essential that you come to the office straight after the second bell as waiting for you will mean that the ladies have to wait too. Enrolment slips can be obtained from the office or library.

Altar Serving Roster: Fr Joe would love it if children could collect their rosters in the church robing room this weekend as that way there won’t be any “no shows” in the holidays.

Seasons for Growth: A grief and loss program to help adults cope with death, separation, divorce, any loss in our lives, will commence Wednesday 20th, 27th July, 3rd, 10th August at Mater Dei College, Edgewater 7-9.30 pm. There are only six participants in each program. Please contact Sr Margaret Kane rjs as soon as possible 9440 3914. Or marg2@bigpond.net.au

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