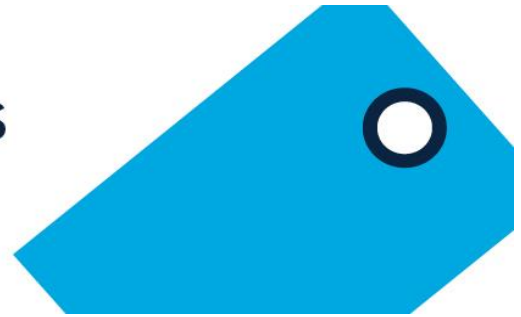




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Dear Parents & Families

Prayer of the Aboriginal People  
Father of all, you gave us the Dreaming  
You have spoken to us through our beliefs  
You then made your love clear to us in the person of Jesus  
We thank you for your care  
You own us  
You are our hope  
Make us strong as we face the problems of change  
We ask you to help the people of Australia to listen to us and respect our culture  
Make the knowledge of you grow strong in all people  
So that you can be at home in us and we can make a home for everyone in our land.  
Amen.  
*Prayer composed for the meeting between Pope John Paul II and the Aboriginal people.*

CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK  
**FOR OUR ELDERS**  
2-9 JULY 2023

This week, we celebrated **NAIDOC Week, focusing on the theme “For our Elders.”** During this week we celebrated and recognized the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with a number of activities. On Tuesday our students and families participated in **a traditional Smoking Ceremony where we were cleansed and blessed.** We thank Trevor and Kerry Stack for facilitating this beautiful opportunity for our community.

As per my email sent to families in the holidays, we have been unsuccessful in attracting a **Traffic Warden** to replace Malcolm at the crosswalk for the start of the school term. **I urge parents to continue to reinforce the importance of road safety with your children,** emphasizing and practicing:

- The need to **stop, look, and listen** before crossing the road
- **Standing back from the kerb,** and the traffic, whilst waiting to cross
- **Keep looking and listening while crossing**
- **Do not run, ride or skate across the road.**
- Cross only when it is **safe to do so**

Your guidance and supervision in this regard are crucial to maintaining the wellbeing of our students.

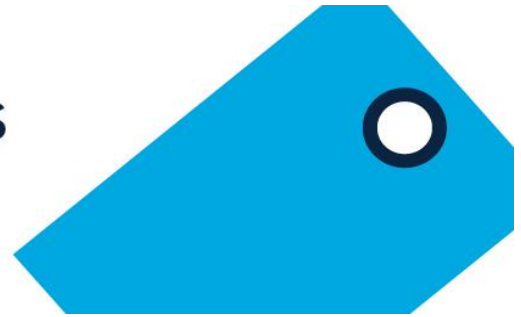
We are **currently interviewing for Kindergarten (Four-day program) and Pre Kindy for 2024 and 2025 and are offering places to families.** If you have not yet filled in your Kindy application, please enrol [here](#).





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After 22 years of dedicated service to the people and priests of the Diocese of Bunbury, the **Most Reverend Gerard J Holohan** DD confirmed on Friday 30 June 2023 that His Holiness, Pope Francis accepted his **resignation as Bishop of Bunbury**. Bishop Holohan has made a significant contribution to Catholic education in Western Australia, and we **thank him for his service and wish him well** in his retirement. Archbishop of Perth, the Most Reverend Timothy Costelloe SDB DD will serve as Apostolic Administrator of the Bunbury Diocese until a successor to Bishop Holohan is appointed.

## *A Focus on the Child Safe Framework*

Here are some FAQ about the Framework.

### **Will students be informed about the Child Safe Framework?**

Absolutely. The voice of the child is an important element of the Framework. Schools are required to incorporate student's ideas and feedback into what creates a safe environment for them.

### **Where can I find relevant CECWA policies?**

Relevant policies can be found on CEWA's external website [here](#).

### **Who should I speak with if I see something that concerns me?**

Please speak with the class teacher first or ask to speak to an Assistant Principal.

### **Why is my school teaching a Protective Behaviours-type curriculum?**

The aim of this type of curriculum is to educate children and young people in ways to problem solve and seek help when faced with unsafe situations. This is not just about abuse prevention but about skills that they can use in their everyday life. Many aspects of such curricula are already being taught in various learning areas of the wider curriculum. Besides the obvious value in teaching children and young people such skills, the teaching of such a curriculum is mandated by the State Government.

### **Why is my school using the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum?**

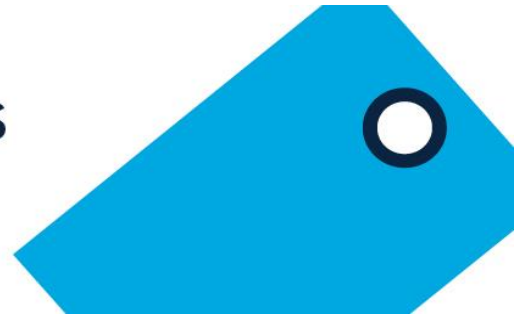
The Keeping Safe Child Protection curriculum was created by the South Australian Government in partnership with the Catholic and Independent schools' sectors. Key researchers helped to design it based on latest research. It is a program that spans from 3 years up to Year 12. As such it is the most comprehensive curriculum of its type. There are conditions of use that specify that any resource used must be consistent with Catholic teaching. [KSCPC Parent Flyer V2 180612](#)





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## Don't these type of curricula teach about sex and sexuality?

No. These programs are not human sexuality programs. They are designed to equip students with knowledge and strategies to enable them to navigate everyday issues. There is abuse prevention specific material, but this is not to be confused with teaching of human sexuality. All Catholic Education Western Australia schools must adhere to the "Guidelines for the teaching of Human Sexuality."

## Why should my school's Code of Conduct apply to me?

As a Catholic community we are committed to educating the whole person. In order to do this, we need to ensure a safe, supportive and engaging environment. The basis for this is that all in the community model what healthy, respectful relationships look like. The Code of Conduct is the definitive guide to the behaviours we want to model to, and expect from, our children and young people. We want to create a culture that assists our children and young people on their learning journey. We can only achieve such a culture in partnership with all who participate in our community.

We have a busy term ahead with all events published in the [calendar section](#) of our new school website. I would like to flag the date change of our school Athletics Carnival from 25 August to 01 September (Week 7). **Furthermore, to assist our families and minimise work disruption for parents, the Fathers' Day breakfast and Mass will also be held on this day, before the carnival.** We look forward to an amazing day!

## Upcoming Events:

- 25 July: Early Close 2.30pm
- 27 July: Assembly 2:30pm
- 29-30 July: Reconciliation Mass at Parish for Year Three Students
- 2 August: Interschool Cross Country Carnival
- 2-4 August: Year 3 and 5 CEWA Religious Assessment
- 4 August: Principal's Day
- 8 August: Mary Mackillop – St Mary of the Cross Feast Day Mass 9am
- 9 August: P&F Meeting 6:30pm
- 10 August: MCC Year Four Taster Day
- 10 August: Assembly 2:30pm

**May God bless our school and those within it.**

*Miranda Swann*

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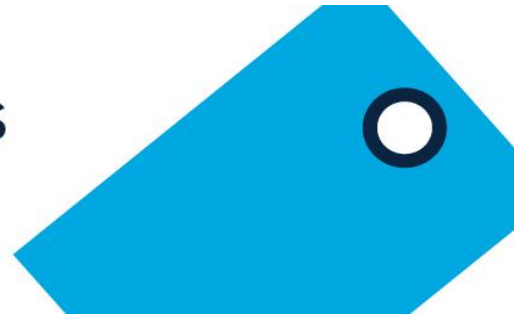
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Week 2	Events	<b>Reconciliation Masses</b> From Saturday 29 July to Saturday 26 August  <b>Mass Times</b> Saturday 6:00pm Sunday 8:00am Sunday 9:30am Sunday 6:00pm  
<b>Good Morning</b> Monday 24/7	<b>Canteen Closed</b>	
<b>Thank You</b> Tuesday 25/7	<b>Canteen Closed</b> <b>Interschool Cross Country Training</b> <b>EARLY CLOSE 2:30PM</b>	
<b>Winking</b> Wednesday 26/7	<b>Canteen Open – Online Orders Only</b>	
<b>Thumbs Up</b> Thursday 27/7	<b>Canteen Open – Online Orders Only</b> <b>Assembly 2:30pm</b> <b>Interschool Cross Country Training</b>	
<b>Friendship</b> Friday 28/7	<b>Canteen Open – Online Orders Only</b> <b>Interschool Basketball Training</b>	

**MJR & Virtue Focus – Thanks** - The big 'T' word – The word 'thanks' is a small word that seems to be forgotten in so many cases. We all appreciate being thanked when we do things for others. We should never underestimate the power of using the 'thanks' has, in making other people feel appreciated. When was the last time you thanked somebody? How often do you say thank you to Jesus? Make an effort to say thank you to those who help you.

**Term Planner** – Please be advised that we will not be sending home a paper copy of the term planner. To keep up to date with events please refer to our new website's live calendar. <https://www.assumption.wa.edu.au/term-planner#term3/>

**Kindy 2024 & 2025** – We are currently interviewing for Kindy 2024 classes and accepting applications for Kindy 2025. **If your child is born between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020, they are eligible to attend Kindy in 2024, and between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021 to attend Kindy in 2025.** Applications are available from our website: <https://www.assumption.wa.edu.au/>

**Pre Kindy 2023 & 2024** – We are now taking enrolments for Pre Kindy 2023 and 2024. **We are pleased to announce we have opened a Friday Pre Kindy Class.** Children can enrol for either Tuesday or Friday Pre Kindy or both days. Please note that your child must be a minimum of three years old to attend Pre Kindy. If you would like more information, please contact the school office, or apply online.



**NAIDOC Smoking Ceremony** – On Tuesday we gathered as a whole school to celebrate the beginning of NAIDOC Week. Trevor and Kerry Stack shared a smoking ceremony with us where we were renewed followed by a NAIDOC presentation. We thank Trevor and Kerry for this rich learning opportunity for our community.



**Raising Kids in a Digital World** – Parenting Connection is holding a Dr Kristy Goodwin presentation Tuesday 8 August from 6-8pm at The Platinum Room (Peel Thunder Football Club). For bookings, please go to <https://bit.ly/drgoowinmandurah>. For enquiries please call Lisa on 0402517389.

