



**Matthew Gibney Catholic Primary School**  
**PRINCIPAL REPORT P&F MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2023**

*At Matthew Gibney Catholic Primary School, we recognise our role in supporting parents as the primary educators of their children and thus believe that strong connections between parents, school and parish are essential. The quality of these connections requires respect for the individual, honouring the dignity of each other and reverence for our faith. Our aspiration therefore is to be a place where, every child has the opportunity to learn successfully, to live faithfully and to respect the dignity of others.*

**1. CATHOLIC IDENTITY**

- Caritas Project Compassion awareness training was held in an online forum for our Year 6 students on 21<sup>st</sup> February.
- All students and staff attended Ash Wednesday Mass in the Parish to commemorate the commencement of Lent.
- The Year 5 Mini Vinnies made their pledge and were commissioned into their role during the Ash Wednesday Mass.
- Students in Years 3, 4 and 6 receiving a Sacrament this year attended a Commitment Mass over the weekend of 11/12 March.

**2. EDUCATION**

- Teachers have completed individual student assessments in PP and Years 1, 2 and 3. Assessments cover on-entry data for Pre-Primary and Mathematics and Literacy data collection for Years 1, 2 and 3.
- Staff have participated in 2 professional learning days to support our annual school improvement goal for Mathematics. Staff attended a PD on 24<sup>th</sup> February with Dr Paul Swan to assist us with improving outcomes for Mathematics Problem Solving. Staff attended a PD on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March with a Top Ten Math's facilitator to assist us to use our resources effectively to improve place value goals for our students.
- Christina Zurzolo, Gina Nickels and Susan Donaldson have attended Student with Disabilities PD to support their roles in coordinating the teaching and learning programs for our students.
- Year Six students attended the inter school Cricket Carnival on 10<sup>th</sup> March.
- Cool Pool Day was held on Wednesday. All students participated in races and novelty events.

- Leader's Forum: The Leadership Team attended the CEWA Leaders Forum. Topics for discussion included: Missionary Discipleship (Pope Francis); what it means to be Christ Centered and Child Focused and Catholic School Parents – Families Walking Together.

### 3.COMMUNITY

- The mosaic project is coming along. Carolyn White has worked with all students in small groups and all have had an opportunity to contribute. We look forward to launching the finished project, possibly early in Term Two.
- Harmony Day was celebrated at school on Tuesday with an assembly and a symbolic gesture of placing hands, from all students, to signify the diversity that we celebrate in our community.
- St Patrick's Day was celebrated on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- A Parent Cyber Safe Workshop was held last week presented by Paul Litherland from Surf Safe Online. The workshop was very well attended and, although confronting, provided parents with some excellent information about what they can do to keep their children safe online. Paul will visit our school later in the year to run a workshop with Year 5 and 6 students.

### 2. STEWARDSHIP

- We have an Open Day on 30<sup>th</sup> March with school tours in the morning and afternoon. So far we have 16 families attending.
- **Child Safe Framework Update:**
  1. Canteen volunteers are completing MR training this term.
  2. Two teaching staff members completed the Keeping Safe Curriculum Training with CEWA last week.