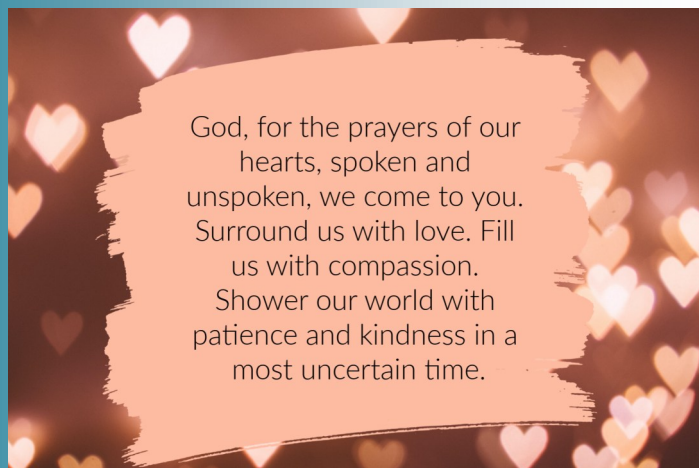




ST. ANNE'S WRAP!



Dates to Remember

2026

Sunday 22nd February	Commissioning Mass
Tuesday 24th February	P & F Meeting - 5.00pm
Monday 2nd March	Public Holiday - Labour Day
Thursday 4th March	Yr 4 MJR Assembly
Wednesday 11th March	NAPLAN
Thursday 12th March	NAPLAN
Friday 13th March	NAPLAN
Monday 16th March	NAPLAN
Tuesday 18th March	NAPLAN
Wednesday 18th March	NAPLAN

Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents, and friends of St Anne's,

Welcome to the newsletter for this week.

LENTEN SEASON This week marked the beginning of the Lenten season. Due to swimming lessons and timetable adjustments, students participated in various liturgies on Wednesday, reflecting on the significance of Ash Wednesday and the start of this important time in the Church year.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day season of preparation leading up to Easter. It is a time for kindness, reflection, and renewal. As we focus on almsgiving, fasting, and prayer, we are encouraged to look inward, make positive change, and grow closer to God.

We are guided beautifully by the words of Pope Francis:

***"Fast from hurting words... and say kind words.
Fast from anger... and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism... and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries... and trust in God.
Fast from complaints... and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures... and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness... and fill your heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness... and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges... and be reconciled.
Fast from words... and be silent and listen."***



Please see Bishop Georges Pastoral Letter for Lent and the end of this newsletter with his reflections.

KEEPING SAFE CURRICULUM: The Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum (KSCPC) is taught throughout all CEWA schools. Teachers who deliver the program receive explicit training to ensure they understand and apply the Curriculum appropriately and confidently.

Throughout the year, your child/children will participate in age - appropriate lessons designed to build their understanding of personal safety and wellbeing.

It is a requirement that all students receive protective behaviours and sexual abuse prevention education that:

- is developed by experts in child abuse prevention,
- is appropriate for the age and developmental stage of each student,
- respects cultural backgrounds and diverse needs,
- is integrated into the school curriculum with relevant learning area links,
- includes e - safety education, and
- builds practical self - protective skills and strategies.

Further information has been sent home via Seesaw. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. You are also encouraged to share any relevant information about your child that may help the teacher support them and alleviate any potential concerns.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Thank you to our staff for preparing and hosting the recent Parent Information Sessions. These sessions provided families with an overview of expectations and procedures in the classroom.

If you were unable to attend, please reach out to your child's class teacher for any available handouts or key information.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES: Just a reminder regular attendance is essential for every child's learning and wellbeing. In Western Australia, parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child is enrolled in school and attends every day the school is open for instruction.

If your child is absent, parents must provide a reasonable explanation to the school on or before the day of the absence.

Schools are required to record attendance daily, and if no explanation is received, parents will be contacted to ensure student safety. For further reference specific to our school see the link below - St Anne's Attendance guidelines.

<https://www.stannes.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Attendance-Guidelines-Procedure-PDF-1.pdf>

Making Jesus Real (MJR)

The spirit of Jesus remains central to who we are at St Anne's. The Making Jesus Real (MJR) program encourages students to recognise and reflect Jesus' presence in everyday life—through kindness, gratitude, respect, and positive actions.

Each week, families are invited to focus on our "MJR Tip of the Week", offering simple, practical ways we can all bring the message of Jesus to life in our relationships and choices. By changing our behaviours and attitudes to live more like Jesus, we can make a real difference to the lives of those around us - and to our own.

OUR PASTORAL CARE APPROACH



What Is Pastoral Care? Pastoral care refers to the systems, relationships, and practices a school uses to support the social, emotional, spiritual, and overall wellbeing of its students. It focuses on caring for the whole child—not just their academic progress—so they feel safe, valued, connected, and supported at school.

In Catholic schools like St Anne's, pastoral care is grounded in Gospel values and a commitment to nurturing respectful relationships, compassion, and a sense of belonging for every student.

Why Is Pastoral Care Important?

Pastoral care matters because it:

1. **Builds a safe and supportive environment** - When students feel emotionally and physically safe, they are more open to learning, more confident, and more willing to engage.
2. **Strengthens wellbeing** - Good pastoral care helps students learn to regulate emotions, solve problems, build resilience, and develop positive relationships—all essential life skills.
3. **Supports academic success** - Students learn best when their wellbeing needs are met. Strong pastoral care improves focus, motivation, attendance, and overall engagement.
4. **Fosters belonging and connection** - Feeling known, valued, and connected to a community is crucial for a child's development. Pastoral care creates the structures and culture that make this possible.

5. **Reflects our Catholic identity** - Pastoral care expresses our commitment to seeing Christ in one another. Programs like MJR, Gospel Goals, Friendology, and wellbeing initiatives help students live out kindness, gratitude, empathy, and respect.
6. **Strengthens the school/family partnership** - Pastoral care recognises that families and schools work best together. Genuine partnership ensures consistent expectations, better communication, and stronger outcomes for children.

Pastoral Care at St Anne's is embedded into everyday school life. We actively support student wellbeing through:

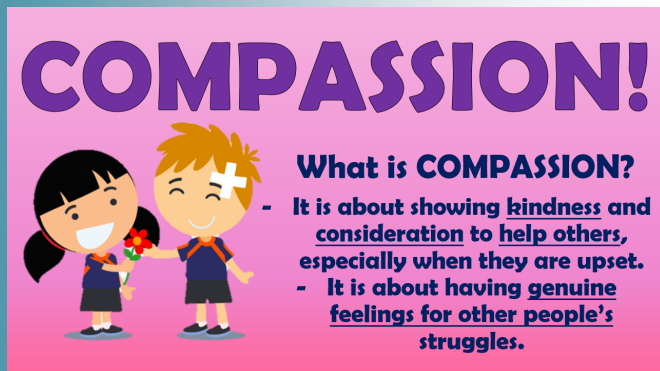
- Regular wellbeing check - ins and surveys
- Use of our dedicated Wellbeing Centre
- Clear behavioural expectations embedded in our Code of Conduct
- The Gospel Goals Program, guiding students in living out our Catholic values
- Implementation of Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) strategies to support emotional regulation, resilience, and classroom readiness
- Consistent practice of Friendology friendship concepts
- Regular opportunities for students to build self - awareness, gratitude, and empathy

We value the social and emotional dimension of student development as highly as academic growth and believe that strong wellbeing is the foundation for successful learning.

At St Anne's we are deeply committed to growing, learning, and improving each day. Most importantly, we believe that the wellbeing and flourishing of our students happens best when school and families work in genuine partnership.

Enjoy your weekend and have a safe, and happy week .

Darrin Croft
PRINCIPAL



MJR AT ST ANNES

MJR tip of the week.... COMPASSION

This week in MJR, we are focusing on **compassion**—seeing when someone needs help and choosing to act with kindness.

Compassion can be as simple as offering a smile, checking in on a friend, helping someone who is struggling, or showing patience when others are having a tough day.

When we show compassion, we Make Jesus Real in our school community and help create a place where everyone feels supported and valued.



School F E E S

Annual School Fee Statements were emailed to parents today. **The statement includes all applicable fees for the year to streamline the payment process for families.** If you have not received your fee statement via email (also check your junk folder), please call me on Ph: 9782 3300 or email admin@stannes.wa.edu.au for a copy.

Refer to the payment options on the second page and choose the option that suits your family budget, also note **5% discount** applies on tuition fee if the annual fee payment is made by **Friday 27 March 2026**. Should you wish to set up a direct debit from your bank account, the authority is included, so please complete and return to the school office (NB. Please include the date to commence payments).

Once your payment option is decided, complete the Payment Option Advice Form and return to the school office by Friday 13 March 2026.

Should you require assistance with setting up a direct debit authority, please contact me via the school office on Ph: 97823300 or forward an email to admin@stannes.wa.edu.au to arrange an appointment to complete the authority. Alternatively, return the payment options form with your account details and the direct debit will be set up for you.

If you have any further queries or are experiencing financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr Croft to discuss.

Thank you.

Pippa Holland
Finance Officer

Ash Wednesday

(Wednesday 18 Feb 2026)

This Lent, our school community is invited to be a part of something incredible. Once again, we are called to stand hand in hand with thousands of others across the country and *Unite Against Poverty* by supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Last year, our school was a part of a nationwide movement that raised over \$10 million to bring opportunity and change to vulnerable communities across the world. This year, with your support, we hope to have an even greater impact.

A Project Compassion donation box was sent home on Wednesday. By making a donation you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable. Your generosity will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges.

Together, through faith and action, we can bring hope and opportunity to those most in need.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes or by scanning the QR code to donate online.

You can also donate:
Online at: projectcompassion.org.au
By phone at: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

Please return Project Compassion boxes



CONCESSION CARDS

The Concession Card Discount Scheme provides an automatic school fee concession for the holders of eligible means tested family concession cards. This discount applies across all year levels from Kindergarten to Year 6.

If you have a Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) and qualify for a fee discount, please bring your card to the office to be photocopied and collect a form to complete, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Alternatively, forward via your digital wallet by email to admin@stannes.wa.edu.au.

If you are already receiving a discount, please bring in your latest card to be copied as we cannot give a discount on an expired card.

Thank you.

Pippa Holland
Finance Office



REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW



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Harvey Hawks Junior Football Club registrations are now open.

If your child is ready to pull on the navy and orange
and represent our town, this is the time.

We are taking registrations for:

U8

U9

U10

U11

U12

https://registration.playfootball.com.au/signin?redirect_to=%2Fparticipant%2Ffind-products&referrer_entity_id=8024



Government of Western Australia
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Mental Health, Public Health and Dental Services



School Dental Service Newsletter/Social Media Posts

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE, IT'S TIME TO ENROL!

Every year Dental Health Services (DHS) offers parents and carers the chance to register their kids for free dental care at the School Dental Service (SDS). The offer is open to every student from the year they turn 5 until their 17th birthday and includes check-ups, fillings, and simple extractions.

Your child will soon bring home an envelope with an enrolment form, Frequently Asked Questions, and reply-paid envelope from DHS. Just fill in the enrolment form, pop it in the reply-paid envelope, and put it in your nearest post box.

Once we receive your form at DHS our team will register your child and arrange for you to receive an appointment in the mail.

If you would like further information on DHS services and the SDS please visit our website: www.dental.wa.gov.au or scan the QR code.



How to brush your teeth



STEP 1
Squirt a pea-sized amount of toothpaste onto your brush. Using too much toothpaste will cause you to spit early and stop brushing. You also run the risk of swallowing more fluoride, which can lead to fluorosis.



STEP 2
Spend at least two to three minutes brushing your teeth. To make things easier, divide your mouth in 4 sections: top, left, top, bottom, left, and bottom right. This means you should be spending around 30 seconds in each section.



STEP 3
Start at the back of your mouth with your toothbrush at the gum line on a 45 degree angle so that the brush is placed partly on your gums. Begin gently brushing in short horizontal strokes. Be careful not to scrub too hard as you run the risk of causing your gums to recede, as well as damaging your tooth enamel.



STEP 4
Add a roll or flick motion when moving brush from gums to biting edge of tooth to help remove any plaque build-up beneath the gum line. Flick up for bottom teeth and down for top teeth.



STEP 5
Don't forget to brush your molars. Brush teeth so that the bristles are resting on top of your bottom molars and begin to move your brush in and out from the back to the front of your mouth. Repeat this process on all 4 sections to eliminate any bacteria.



STEP 6
Brush the underside of your teeth the most commonly skipped part of brushing is the inside of the lower section. To make things easier, hold your brush in a vertical position, and again, add a roll or remove any plaque build-up beneath the gum line. Repeat this process in each section.



STEP 7
Brush your tongue. Either using the bristles of your brush, or some brushes may have a scraper on the back of the head, gently scrub your tongue to remove any bacteria that can cause bad breath.



STEP 8
Rinse your mouth out. You may choose to rinse your mouth out with water or simply spit the leftover suds out. Research has shown that rinsing your mouth out completely actually removes the fluoride from your teeth, whereas some studies show there is no significant impact in doing so. It's entirely up to you!



"Rejoice in the Lord always" - Romans 12:12

18th February 2026

Pastoral Letter for Lent

"Now is the favourable time... now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

Each year, the Church gives us these forty days not as a burden, but as a gift, a holy invitation to renewal. Through the words of St Paul, we hear again the urgent and loving call of God:

"Now is the favourable time; now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2)

Not tomorrow. Not when life becomes less busy. Not when we feel more prepared. Now.

Lent brings us back to what is essential. On Ash Wednesday, ashes are placed upon our foreheads, a humble sign that we are fragile, that we are dependent on God, and that we are loved beyond measure.

Through the prophet Joel, God speaks tenderly to His people:

"Return to me with all your heart." (Joel 2:12)

Notice that God does not demand explanations. He simply invites us to return. From the beginning of salvation history, the Lord has always been calling His people home; calling Adam in the garden, guiding Israel through the desert, and welcoming the prodigal son with open arms. **Lent is our time to return.**

My dear friends, we often live distracted lives, pulled between regrets about the past and anxieties about the future. Lent brings us back to the present moment. God is always present tense. He meets us here and now.

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"Now is the day of salvation."

This season is an opportunity for each of us, in our families, our parishes, our schools and our communities to take concrete steps:

- To set aside time each day for quiet prayer.
- To return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- To practise generosity toward those in need.
- To seek forgiveness and offer forgiveness.

These are not merely religious practices; they are pathways to love. They shape us into a people who are attentive to God and compassionate toward others.

Small and faithful steps open the door to great grace.

Let us not be afraid to begin again. God is never tired of our beginnings. He does not grow weary of forgiving. He does not withdraw His mercy. His love remains constant.

As your bishop, I invite every member of our diocesan family to walk this Lenten journey together. Let our parishes become places of welcome and reconciliation. Let our homes become schools of prayer. Let our communities reflect the compassion of Christ.

May this Lent be a season not of heaviness, but of hope, a journey that leads us more deeply into the mystery of Christ's Cross and the joy of Easter.

Entrusting you and your families to the loving intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I assure you of my prayers throughout these forty days.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

+ *George Kolodziej*

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