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Wanalirri School Newsletter Week 2 Term 1 2017

Dear Parents and Families,
Welcome back to the 2017 school year. We may not have many students to start the year, but as always school is running on time, every day, and with the best of educational experiences for the children of Ngallagunda Community. Thanks to Nancy and Daly-Ann who attended our first assembly last Wednesday. Students performed actions to the Beatitudes prayer then shared the results of Cooking class- beef and vegetables with rice. We are hopeful Dalton will be able to start at St John's Darwin soon, weather permitting. Families of year 7 students are welcome to come for help if they wish to enrol a student in a high school. We highly recommend St John's as other Wanalirri students have successfully attended there in recent years.

The letter on the right is from Mr Tim McDonald, Director of Catholic Education in WA to all parents and families of students attending Catholic Schools across the state. You may remember Tim visited Wanalirri in 2015.

**100% Attenders Week 1
Quinceton, Dalton, Daemon &
Keiran**



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to the start of the 2017 school year. This year promises to be full of exciting new opportunities and possibilities for your child in Catholic Education.

If you are new to our system, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you and your family. I am delighted that you have chosen to join the Catholic Education Western Australia system, which provides a faith-based education and inspires a passion for learning and discovery for more than 75,000 students in 163 school communities right across the State.

You are joining Catholic Education at an exciting time of system success, growth and transformation.

In 2016, one of the many encouraging indicators of the success of our system was the WACE achievement of our Year 12s. Approximately 96 percent of CEWA students achieved a WACE, above the total State average, while CEWA students improved their Median ATAR again to 81.95, and were awarded a total of 3,178 VET Certificate 2 or higher.

In the past four years, our system has grown with the opening of seven new schools and colleges. Early Years Learning and Care is a key focus for us moving forward in 2017 as we seek to offer exceptional learning experiences for children in a vital period of their development, while meeting the needs of today's families.

This year we aim to reimagine collaborative learning at every school across our system by implementing our digital transformation initiative, LEADing Lights. LEADing Lights is a single digital eco-system, designed to equip students with the 21st century technologies and deep learning skills that will best prepare them for the future. Much work is underway in this space to ensure that this initiative supports world-class learning and development experiences for both students and staff.

Catholic schools rely on the contribution of parish, staff, students and parents working in partnership to sustain their vibrancy, educational excellence, and faith life. With your support and involvement in your child's learning, the efforts of our dedicated staff and Principals, we will ensure that our Catholic schools help your child reach toward their God-given potential.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all the best for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

Dr Tim McDonald
Executive Director, Catholic Education Western Australia



Friday's creek walk gave us a chance to take photos of the creek for our Art and Literacy work. It also provided bonus time for flipping, diving, orange-skin racing, posing, sandcastle building and finding dinosaur teeth.



Prayers and Assembly each Friday 9.30am

The most important reason to come to Assembly on Friday is to see the children's work and help them celebrate their efforts. The students are always excited at Assembly time and love having family members come to listen to them read, see their work, watch them dancing or singing, or to enjoy something good to eat from Friday Cooking. Please come!