Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Other Parishioners,

Yesterday, Rebecca Gage and I went to an Expo of Contemporary Learning at St Augustine’s School in Frankston. There were about 11 schools presenting their journey towards an education that meets the current needs of their students and also what we can predict will be their future needs. As a school leader that has been part of this transformation of learning, I can truly say how proud I was of the work being done in our schools. You probably know that St Elizabeth’s School has been a Contemporary Learning Research School and therefore an important part of this learning over the last 4 years. In that time we have trialed, tested, reflected on and made huge changes to the way we teach to cater for the way today’s student wants to learn.

Our staff have also shared their learning with colleagues along the way. We are regularly visited by teachers from all over our state from all three systems, Catholic, Government and Independent Systems. We have also hosted interstate and international visitors. Our staff have presented at Conferences and Workshops and all the time, they have kept a tight focus on their own students.

Last Sunday we had Confirmation and many of our Yr6 students were confirmed by Bishop Peter Elliott. Here was a perfect example of the way our school staff work as one team and with the firm intention of making the celebration of Confirmation not only memorable but also very sacred.

A special word of thanks to Ms Elisabetta Salierno who led the team, but a special ‘Thank You’ to all the staff who combine outstanding commitment to improving teaching and learning with a strong commitment to their individual students and a genuine commitment to the whole of our school community. It is an honour to work with such generous and committed educators.

AN EMERGENCY FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

We all know that it is quite possible that an emergency can happen that prevents you from being on time to collect your children. On these rare occasions, it is important that you contact the school as soon as possible so that we can make arrangements for the care of your child/ren. We can place a call to your emergency contact/s and get them to pick them up or, if that is not possible we can organize care through our staff. However, the best way to manage this is to have booked the children into Out of School Hours care on a casual basis. ONLY children registered with Out of School Care can go there even if it is an emergency. As you know there is a great deal of legislation these days about child care and OSHC cannot accept children into the program unless they have previously been given all the details about that child by their parent/guardian. In the unlikely event that you are delayed past the time that the school can mind them and no-one has come to collect them, children would be taken to the nearest Police Station. In our case, that would be Dandenong Police Station.

Christine Ash / Principal
“Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.”

Letter of St Paul to the Galatians.

A very special Congratulations and Thank You to the Newly Confirmed and their families for last Sunday’s celebration. It was a joy filled and prayerful celebration shared with family and friends and led by our regional Bishop, Bishop Peter Elliott.

It is always difficult following a solemn celebration, such as this Sacrament, to list those to be thanked as there are so many who have given of their time and energy, their talents and skills to enrich the celebration of the Sacrament. I begin by first of all thanking the parents of the Confirmed who have continually supported their children and walked with them through the time of preparation and continue to show their love and support for all that these children are seeking to do. I thank the classroom teachers for their preparation of the children and I am also very conscious of the staff of St Elizabeth’s who supported these teachers and helped me in the shaping of the Liturgy and making sure all was ready for the actual celebration to flow smoothly and reverently.

I thank the parish RISE Youth Group for their support of the children and providing music and song that enable the prayerful participation of all. I thank our altar servers and their families, Matthew, Joseph, Nerise and Ellen who willingly gave of their time to be of service to Fr Tad and the Bishop for the ceremony.

In trying to say ‘THANK YOU’ to all who contributed to the celebration, I must say a very special Thank You to Fr Tad and Bishop Elliott. It was a packed church. We did have people standing in entrance ways and yet even with this crowd they called us to prayerful participation inviting us all to enter into the quiet of the occasion and to be open to the presence of the Spirit in our own lives as well as in the lives of the young candidates.

I hope I have expressed my thanks to all who made last Sunday, not only a joy filled celebration of the presence of the Spirit, but also a prayerful experience of the life of the parish community of St Elizabeth’s.

Thank you for your continuous trust and support throughout the preparation and celebration.

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CLASS LITURGIES:

Friday 22nd November:
Yr5 and Yr6 Learning Community will prepare and lead the 9.15am Mass.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS:

FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER IS ADVENT GIFT-GIVING MASS CELEBRATION.

All Levels will gather at 9.15 am in the Church for Mass during which the children will be invited to place their gifts in and place them around the empty Christmas Crib.

We ask the Yr5 and Yr6 students to bring, if possible, a gold coin that can then be used by St Vincent De Paul to prepare Christmas hampers for those families in need.

We are asking the Yr3 and Yr4 students to bring gifts of food, special teats (lollies or BonBons) to be added to the hampers. I’m sure you know those little extras that go to make Christmas special for all families.

We are asking the Foundation, Yr1 and Yr2 students to bring a gift, it can be pre-wrapped and tagged, to be given to those in need and to brighten up their Christmas day.

We invite you to join with us for this mass at 9.15am on Friday 6th December.

School Sport News ...

This week’s P.E. classes, the Milo In2 Cricket and the Team Building Round Robin for the Yr3 and Yr4’s have all been hit by the week’s inclement weather. Our older students are currently learning a tennis backhand and volley.

Our Foundation, Yr1 and Yr2 students are finishing off their dribbling and passing soccer skills and will be involved in mini games next week.

Yours in Sport
Dean Andrew
Sports Teacher
GETTING ALONG

Teaching/Encouraging Types Of Thinking That Develop Getting Along - Part 2

Teaching Playing by the rules
♦ Discuss with the young person how following important school and home rules benefits him/her by making school and home a better and safer place to live and learn. Indicate that this is why people should play by the rules.
♦ Make the point to the young person that in order to learn self-discipline, all people need rules to live by. Otherwise chaos would prevail.
♦ See if the young person can describe the negative consequences for breaking important rules. If not, discuss reasonable negative consequences making sure they are tough enough to deter the young person from breaking them.
♦ Be sure to encourage the young person to follow the rules. Do not take compliance for granted.

Teaching Thinking First
♦ Make a list with the young person of situations, people, and times when he/she acts without thinking e.g. taking something without asking, hitting, yelling. Using several of these situations as examples, discuss with the young person:
1. different things he/she could have done to stay out of trouble and get what he/she wants;
2. the positive and negative consequences of each different way to have handled the situation;
3. How the other person would likely feel for each possible different course of action.
♦ Have the young person select the course of action that leads to not only getting what he/she wants, but that has the most positive and least negative consequences associated with it and that leads to the least negative feelings for the other person.

Use the following sequence of questions when faced with two young people in conflict:
1. - “What happened?”
2. - “How does … feel?”
3. - “How do you feel?”

Teaching Social Responsibility
♦ Discuss with the young person how it is important to not only think about one’s own happiness and doing things for oneself, it is also important to be interested in the wellbeing of others and of the community he/she lives in. Explain that this way of thinking is called ‘social responsibility.’
♦ Pont out to the young person things you do in your own life that help other people in need, and talk about what motivates you to do so.
♦ Have the young person volunteer to help a person in need who could benefit from his/her help or a community project and get involved.

Nan Perazzo  /  Wellbeing Coordinator
iPad Apps for Reading and Writing

Kindle
Download free books from Amazon for your child to read.

Toontastic
Students develop storytelling skills, communicating ideas through animation.

Story Kit
Students write their own story and add their own illustrations.

Eggy 100 HD
Children recognise and learn sight words.

Little Writer - The Tracing App for Kids
Help students learn letters, numbers, shapes and words.
In Year 5/6 AP, our Confirmation candidates have shown the pillar of organisation. They were organised and ready to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday.

There was so much to do to be organised for the day: learning about the sacrament of Confirmation, learning about Saints, choosing what to wear, inviting friends and family, preparing for photos, preparing for a celebration after Mass and so much more!
A dynamic tennis coaching team in Noble Park

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Munchkin Tennis 9 x 30min $117
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Cardio Tennis 9 x 60min $180
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YOUTH LEADERSHIP VICTORIA PRESENTS - ST ELIZABETH'S OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

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