Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Other Parishioners,

**PLEASE NOTE, WE WILL NOT BE HAVING A CURRICULUM DAY ON THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER. SCHOOL WILL BE AS USUAL.**

We are all made in the image of God, it is Christian belief. It means that we are all connected to God who created us and loves us. If we are all connected through our Creator, we are all one family. If we are all one family, we are all responsible for supporting and caring for each other as a Christian family. So when we read about the absolute devastation in the Philippines due to Typhoon Haiyan, it is not good enough to just feel sad and sorry, we are called to act.

It was heartening to see the reaction of our students. Many of them sent me letters asking if we could fundraise to support those thousands left grieving for loved ones that they will never see again.

Mothers and fathers who lost one or more children, Grandparents who lost entire families of sons and daughters and grandchildren. Thousands of our brothers and sisters are homeless and many, many people injured. The situation is still horrific. No water, no food, no buildings left intact, no hope in hearts. We need to do something and not something small and insignificant. We need to do something that will make a long term difference.

I proposed to the school community on Monday at Assembly that we should seek a Parish with a school, (or one that had a school!) in the province of Leyte and we should ask them if we could support them as a sister school over the coming years.

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**CALENDAR**

**St. Elizabeth’s Parish Mass Times:**  
Saturday, 6.30pm, Sunday, 8.30am, 10.30am and 5.30 pm

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<td>6.30pm Vigil Mass, followed by Blessing of the Nativity Scene</td>
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**NEW PARISH EMAIL:** nobleparknorth@cam.org.au
Our Yr5 and Yr6 students have accepted the challenge to find such a Parish and we will begin to take any steps we can to support them.

In the meantime, the situation will probably disappear from the television news, current affairs programs and the newspapers here and the terrible problems affecting these people will be a ‘past’ event. That is the way it is in our world today. For the people of the Leyte Province, it will not disappear, it will not be over.

The heartbreak will continue through the generations. If we can do something to help even a few of these desperate people over the next few years, we should.

It is our Christian calling, it is a deeply human response. I hope that we have your support in this project.

If any of you have relatives or friends in this area and can put us in touch with a Parish like ours, we would love to hear from you.

OSHC FORMS
Last week I asked you to consider filling in the Out of School Care forms in case you were ever unable to pick up your children. If you do fill them in we will keep them in the office so you do not have to pay the registration fee of $30 unless you need to use the program!

INVITATION
Invitation to all families.
Archbishop Denis Hart will be here for Mass on December 14 at 6.30pm. He will bless the Nativity Scene.

In P.E for the past few weeks, our Foundation, Yr1 and Yr2 students have been learning how to kick. We started with kicking a round ball (just like soccer) from the ground, and are now learning how to punt a ball being dropped from the hands (just like Aussie rules).

For some of our students who are involved in weekend development programs, such as Auskick, this may seem a very basic skill, but they have been fantastic in passing on their knowledge to our less experienced kickers.

This week our cricketers headed down to Barry Powell Reserve for the first of our cricket sessions on a real cricket ground. Thank you to the Lyndale Cricket Club and their club president, Rodney, for hosting our future Ashes heroes.

Next week will be our last week, and for those that wish to continue on with this great program, can join the Lyndale Cricket Club's In2 Cricket program on Friday nights. More details will be handed out next week.

Yours in Sport
Dean Andrew
Sports Teacher

For Sale ...

One Nazareth Blazer, size small to medium, excellent condition (hardly worn) - $90. Please contact Jo Peters 0412 631 097.
'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.'

Luke 21:5-19

GOSPEL SUMMARY
It is clear from this passage in Luke’s Gospel that when the world ends, some terrifying events will occur. The clear message, however, is that we should not face these events with apprehension, but rather with trust - trust that God wants us to have everlasting life with him. Instead of being afraid, we are called to find strength and courage in God’s love and persevere in our faith.

REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES
This coming week’s Gospel makes it clear that we should all persevere in our faith and be faithful disciples. Parents are most responsible for evangelizing their own children. There is an expression, “Faith is caught, not taught.” How do your children see you live out your faith? How do you witness the greatness of God’s love and your personal response to that love? Share with your child(ren) what it means for you to walk with Jesus.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY
During the week, find a copy of ‘Thunder Cake’ by Patricia Polacco at the library or ‘Owl Babies’ by Martin Waddell. Read the book as a family and talk about who was there when someone was afraid. Ask one another who helps us when we’re afraid? The answers may be predictable or you might be surprised. In either case, it’s good to remind one another that Jesus is always with us . . . especially when we are afraid. God bless!

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CLASS LITURGIES:

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

Friday 29th November:
Yr3 and Yr4 Learning Community will prepare and lead the 9.15am Mass.

TRANSITION MASS - LEVEL 4B
On Sunday 15th December the Yr6 children will gather at the 10:30am Mass. This is a time for them to gather and celebrate the time spent as part of the St Elizabeth's School community and all that lies before them as they move into Secondary schooling. We look forward to sharing this Mass with ALL students in Yr6 who will be moving on to secondary schools next year. We celebrate with our Parish and our Parish community prays for their success in their transition to secondary school and gives them their blessing.

CAROLS NIGHT
On Wednesday 11th December, we will gather for our yearly Carols night. This will commence at 6:30pm outside the PAC (weather permitting), where we tell and sing the ‘The Birth of Jesus’. Following this, all communities will sing novelty Christmas songs for all to enjoy! Bring a meal to share before the Carol’s begin at 7.30pm. Tuckshop will be open for drinks and ice creams.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS
On Wednesday 18th December, we will gather for the End of Year School Mass. This Mass will begin at 9:15am and will give us the opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for all that we have shared throughout the year.

It is that time of the year where we need to keep an eye on the calendar, as there is so much happening and as usual we feel, so little time to do it all in. Please mark these key dates and join with us wherever possible.
**ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS**

**Is Your Child Safe?**

- Children should always get in and out of the car through the rear kerb side or ‘safety door’.
- Always drop your children on the school side of the road.
- Meet your children on the school side of the road, preferably at the school gate - particularly in wet weather.
- **NEVER** call to your children from across the road. Teach them to wait until you come to them. Talk with them about what they should do if you are not there on time.
- Children up to at least eight years old should hold an adult's hand in a car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road. Children between eight and at least ten years old should be closely supervised by an adult in the traffic environment and should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- Talk your child through the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ routine every time you cross the road together: **STOP!** One step back from the kerb. **LOOK!** For traffic to your right, left and right again. **LISTEN!** For the sounds of approaching traffic. **THINK!** Whether it is safe to cross.
- Always slow to 40km/h when travelling in an operating school zone.
- Always obey parking signs as these signs help save children’s lives.
- **NEVER** leave a child of any age in a vehicle without adult supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to tragedy.
- Always drop-off and pick-up your children from your school’s designated area, following your school’s road safety procedures with care and courtesy.
- Use the ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ zone - the facility that is convenient for drivers while enhancing the safety of children.

**Parking Unsafely Can Put Children’s Lives At Risk**

The following behaviours put children at risk outside the school:

- Calling children across the road.
- Dropping children on the wrong side of the road.
- Leaving children in a vehicle without adult supervision.
- Double parking.
- Using a driveway to turn around.
- Parking in a bus zone or driveway.
- Making an illegal U-turn.

**Get In And Out Of The Car Using The ‘Safety Door’**

Teach your children to get in and out of the car by the ‘safety door.’

- The rear kerb side door of the car is the ‘safety door’.
- Never allow children to get out of the car on the traffic side.
- When possible, children should remain in the car until an adult opens the ‘safety door’. This ensures that children get out of the car safely.

Nan Perazzo / Wellbeing Coordinator
Have you seen how far our blogs have spread around the world?

http://juniorsteps.global2.vic.edu.au has received over 1000 visitors from 37 different countries!

http://56steps.global2.vic.edu.au has received over 2000 visitors from 53 different countries!
An invitation is extended to all families and parish members for

Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday, 11th December, 2013

Now that the oval is in good condition, we have decided to return to our traditional format for our Carols By Candlelight evening.

Between 6.30pm and 7.30pm you are invited to bring a picnic tea to share as a family. Bring your own chairs, blankets, plates, glasses etc.

Coffee and ice cream will be for sale at the tuckshop.

Raffle tickets for the Christmas raffle will be sold up until 7.30pm.

At 7.30pm the Foundation children will tell the story of Christmas with carols sung by everyone.

Following this, each community in turn will meet their teachers to sing a novelty song.

At the end, everyone will join in with “We Wish You A Merry Christmas”.

No food or drink will be allowed inside L4 Learning Link.

*Please note - all visitors to this event are asked to ensure that children not performing are kept under parent supervision at all times.*

Glow Stix Order Form

This year we will be offering all our families the opportunity to purchase Glow Stix to bring to our Carols Night. The cost of a Glow Stix is $2 each. Glow Stix can be ordered prior to the event and will be given to the children to take home or for sale on the night up until 7.30pm. If you would like to purchase a Glow Stix prior to Carols, please complete and return the order form below in an envelope marked “Glow Stix” with your child’s name, class and correct money to Lisa at the front desk by Wednesday 4 December. Eftpos is not available as a payment option.

Child’s Name: _________________________________

Class: _________________________________

Number of glow stix required ($2 each): ________________

Total Amount: $ ________
St. Elizabeth’s Parish
Here we are...

When: 14-Dec-13
Time: 06:30PM

2013 Nativity Scene

St. Elizabeth’s welcomes Archbishop Denis Hart

You are invited to attend a special event at St. Elizabeth’s Parish to mark the 10th Anniversary of our Nativity Scene Display.

Most Reverend Denis Hart, Archbishop of Melbourne will be celebrating the vigil mass followed by Nativity Scene blessing to mark this special occasion.

All are welcome

Highlights

- Meet and Greet at 6.00PM
- Vigil mass at 6.30PM
- Blessing of the Nativity Scene (after mass)
- Tea & Coffee

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NORTH DANDENONG JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATION DAY

Sunday 1st December 2013
10am to 12pm
McDonalds Noble Park
Cnr Princes Hwy and Elonaera Road Noble Park

Family Discount of $10.00 when 2 or more children register
Plus $20.00 discount per child when register and pay on same day!

First time Under 8, Under 9 and Under 10
Registration players receive a free pair of team socks

2014 Fees:
Under 8’s, 9’s and 10’s - $90.00
U11’s and 12’s - $140.00
U13’s and 14’s - $180.00
Youth Girls ages 13 to 18 - $T.B.C.

PLAYER AGES 7 – 16 (Girls Welcome to U14’s)
(players MUST be 7 years of age as at January 1st 2014)

Club Contact:
Lois Twohig Reserve, Carlton Road
Meagan 0403 907 192
Sean 0430 009 109
Email: ndjfc1@gmail.com
YOUTH LEADERSHIP VICTORIA PRESENTS - ST ELIZABETH'S OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

Weekly Activities ...

Beginning: Monday 25 November, 2013

Monday
- Paper Creations, Scrap Booking, Craft Ideas, Go Fish, Basketball, T-Ball

Tuesday
- Mosaics, Crazy Pom Pom Creatures, Carpet Bowls, Volleyball

Wednesday
- Make Silly Shapes, Forest Animals, Butterfly Cut Outs, 40-40, Football, Sandplay

Thursday
- Dot Painting, Painting Patterns, Make an Abstract Painting, Balloon Race, Poison Ball, Kick Ball, Cricket

Friday
- Free Time, Make Your Own Funny Face Biscuits

Contact Details ...
St. Elizabeth’s Out of School Hours Care Program
111 Bakers Road, Dandenong North
Ph: 0422 803 709 / 0402 133 225

Before School Care: Permanent: $11.50 / Casual: $12.50
7.00am to 8.45am Monday to Friday during school term, excluding all Victorian public holidays.

After School Care: Permanent: $13.00 / Casual: $14.00
3.15pm to 6.15pm Monday to Friday during school term, excluding all Victorian public holidays.

Vacation Care / Pupil Free Days: Per Day: $45.00
7.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday

Late Pick Up Fees: Per minute: $1.00

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