Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Other Parishioners,

As we are only at school for four days this week, we have a mini-newsletter to share with you. Tomorrow is a Curriculum Day and staff will be working on evidence and data we have collected over the last 4 years to review the school improvements over that time and to begin planning for the next 4 years.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

This week was the Annual General Meeting of the St Elizabeth’s School Board. Many thanks to the parents who accepted nomination for a Parent Representative position and to the parents who attended the meeting. I am delighted to announce that Sue Hatley-Smith, Joanne Cameron and Samantha Pirotta will all be your Representatives for 2014 and 2015 and Pina Martino will replace Maria Pizzarusso who left halfway through her term. Pina will serve one year in this position.

Many thanks to parents who nominated for positions and who did not get elected, your offer of support was very generous. Thanks again to Claude Fazio, Maria Pizzarusso, Janine Phillips and the other members of the Board for the work done over the last year. I look forward to working with the new Board over the next year.

**HENNESSY WAY GATE**

As you all know the back gate into Hennessy Way will not be open as of tonight. I have fought very hard to stop the parking problems at the back of the school and it is with deep regret that I have had to work with parents who live there and tell them that it is not safe for the gate to be used. Perhaps if the parents who have made this situation come about by parking illegally and putting children at risk were witness to the distress that this has caused the people who live at the back of the school, we might have been able to keep the gate open.

**ANAPHYLAXIS CONCERNS**

Can I please remind parents who are sending children to school with nut products in their child’s lunch and snack box that we try to keep our school as free of nuts as we can. We DO have several children who can suffer an anaphylactic reaction if they eat nuts. If nuts get onto their hands and they put their fingers near their mouth they can also suffer the
Principal’s Message (continued) ...

... symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction. **Please do not use nut products for school lunches.**

Birthdays are a great time to share food and if you do send a treat to be shared in a community, we will give it out, BUT, the children will eat it at their home, not at school. Please help your children understand why we ask them to take any treat home and eat it at home!

Christine Ash
Principal

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### School News ...

#### Parents and Friends News

The Parents and Friends dinner that was organised for Thursday 3 April has been **postponed** until next term. The new date will be published in the newsletter next term.

*The next Parents and Friends meeting is Tuesday 22nd April 2:15pm in The Nook, all very welcome including toddlers, babies, grandparents etc.*

#### Students Enrolling at St. Elizabeth’s in 2015

Could any families who have children planning on coming to St. Elizabeth’s in 2015 for their first year of schooling please contact Lisa on 9795 5258 for an enrolment form.

#### School Banking

We welcome any new children who wish to bank with the Commonwealth Bank. This facility operates every Thursday and bankbooks must be in the classroom pencil case first thing Thursday morning. This is a great way to teach children the value of saving.

#### Piano/Keyboard Lessons - A Musical Journey!

Keyboard/Piano and music theory lessons are conducted with a focus to promote general musicianship skills and artistic growth through creative and fun teaching methods and apps to make the learning more exciting. Great opportunity to experience music through the keyboard! For further details please contact Pik Mobile 0450561878 or email pikfoong@yahoo.com.

#### Guitar Lessons - St. Elizabeth’s

- Small group lessons for 30 minutes during school hours.
- Chords, notes, tabs and strum & sing along style.
- $16.50 per lesson (group of 3).
- Enrolment forms at school office or contact Choon Mobile: 043 1616 364, After Hours: 03 9758 0731 or email: choonbaelim@yahoo.com.

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### School Sport News ...

#### Last Thursday our two softball teams, mixed basketball team and kanga cricket B’s travelled to Westall Primary School to play in the District finals.

The weather was perfect for the big day. The format is the top four teams from the season play in two semi finals, and then the two winners play off in the grand final.

In the semi finals, the basketballers lost by a solitary point and the kanga cricket B’s lost narrowly as well. Both softball teams tied their games and had to play an extra innings, in which they both won. Then in the grand finals our two teams had convincing wins. St. E’s now have two new premiership pennants that were presented to the teams at assembly.

Thank you to the teachers and parents that supported this fantastic program throughout term 1.

Both Auskick and NetSetGo! will start in the first week of Term 2 on Wednesday 23rd April. Details on how to register will be in next week’s newsletter. Other details, or questions you may have, for the programs can be found on www.aflauskick.com.au or www.netsetgo.asn.au

Yours in Sport
Dean Andrew

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### Out Of School Hours Care Program ...

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We will be open on Friday 28 March. If you need care please contact Elarine on 0422 803 709.