Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and other Parishioners,

This will be the last newsletter for this term as most of the people who write the newsletter will be away at camp at Mt Evelyn next week. The Yr5 and Yr6 students are looking forward to this event, but some of them are also anxious. It’s a good time for parents of children in Yr3 and Yr4 to think about the best way to prepare their own children for going to camp in the years ahead. Spending a night at a Grandparent’s house, or a cousin’s place or sleeping over with a friend is a useful way to help children feel confident in their own ability to manage themselves without having their own parents with them. It is stressful for children the first time they leave home to stay anywhere overnight, but once they achieve this, they are then a little more confident about other activities, like camp, that require a separation from mum or dad, or both.

There are activities at camp that will challenge students but they also learn to encourage each other, to work as a team and to dig deep within themselves to find courage and positive thinking habits. If a child is not confident to participate in an activity, they are supported to make a decision about that after advice, encouragement and support, but they are never pushed to do something they do not want to do or are physically unable to do. Preparing children for the sorts of activities we are working on involves you as a family stepping into the area of physical activity. Taking the children into the bush or to the beach for picnics and walks are all helpful. Just going to the park and taking time to teach children to manage the swings

**St. Elizabeth’s Weekly Calendar ...**

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and slides and other climbing activities helps develop the skills the children need to use on camp.

One area that is hard to plan for is learning trust in others and working as a team. Perhaps the best way to help children be ready for this at camp is to have regular routines and chores that each member of the family team is responsible for. Children can and should take responsibility for looking after family pets like cats, dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs etc. I am not sure that I would trust a small child with a snake! They can also manage to pack and unpack the dishwasher, take the rubbish out, make their beds or set and wipe down the table after meals. Everyone in a family team should have a responsibility that changes as they get more skilled and more able to contribute!

We are often surprised on camp to see children who do not know how to manage to sit at a table for a meal and to make conversation! I know that many of you do not have the opportunity to all sit down for every meal, but it is important preparation for life, never mind camp, to sit down and share a meal. Children need to be given opportunities to learn how to speak to other people over a meal and to learn to listen to other people over a meal!

The best preparation for camp is to start this preparation from the time that a child is born, but if camp is an experience coming up in the next few years for your children, better to start late than never!

ATTENDANCE AND CHANGES TO THE LAW IN VICTORIA
Every child deserves a good education! Every day at school counts! That is the message that the Victorian Government wants schools and parents to understand. Children over the age of 6 and under the age of 17 in Victoria are required by law to be at school regularly. There are days when children can't be at school because they are sick, they have to travel for a family funeral or they are holidaying overseas with family etc. These are all sensible reasons why a child has to miss school, and they are easily understood by all of us who see the connection between a good education and a full capacity to engage in life’s opportunities.

The Victorian Government has addressed the issue of regular attendance because unfortunately, some parents do not understand how important regular schooling is for their children. There are new laws and procedures that require schools and parents to take school attendance seriously. Principals have always been responsible for making sure children attend school, but there is now a legal requirement on parents to make sure that the reason a child does not attend school is given to the school.

Under the new laws, where a parent fails to notify a school of the reason why a child is away, or where the reason is not one that would meet the normal guidelines for a child being away for more than 5 days in any year, the school must work with that parent to change their understanding, and if that fails, the school must support the family by bringing in outside agencies to work with them such as Child Protection or the Child First Agency. If all attempts to support the family fail, the school must notify the relevant Department and School Attendance Officers are contacted. They may make efforts to engage the child with school and/or fine the parents when children are not at school or fail to give a valid reason for an absence!

Schools must also be notified before parents take a child or children away from school for an extended period, and the school must record a Student Absence Learning Plan for that child. That has to be signed by parents as a sign of partnership that they will continue to help the child learn while they are missing school.

These new measures should present no problems to families at St Elizabeth’s as we rarely find families who do not understand how important regular attendance at school is for their children. However, the advice to Principals is that parents who frequently drop their children off late to school or who send children without a written excuse for absences, are the families most likely to be at risk.

WINTER UNIFORM
The School Education Board is concerned about the way in which the community is managing uniform, particularly the girl’s winter uniform.

Please be aware that girls do not wear the summer dress in Term 2 and 3. Some girls are wearing the dress over a skivvy with tights. This is not our uniform, girls wear tracksuit pants in winter. If you would like to be part of a sub-committee to look at introducing a winter skirt/tunic, please see Pina Martino or Sue Hatley-Smith. Thank you

Christine Ash
Principal
I am the living bread which has come down from heaven

This week we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi - the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. This Feast invites us to reflect on the place of Eucharist, in our own lives. Are we so used to this gift that we take it for granted? Do we forget the mystery we are sharing in?

In Sunday’s first reading, Moses asks the Israelites to remember the many blessings God gave them during their journey through the desert. God made a Covenant with the people and their relationship with God grew during their desert journey. When they were hungry, God gave them a special food called manna. When they were thirsty, God gave them water flowing from a rock. Yet, Moses reminds the people that satisfying just their physical hunger and thirst is not enough. To survive we must live by every word that comes to us from God.

In the reading from the Gospel of John, Jesus promises living bread that will be life for the world and eternal life for each of us. He is talking about the gift of himself, the bread of life.

We as Catholics, believe that sharing the cup of wine is sharing in the Blood of Christ and sharing the bread is sharing in the Body of Christ. Every time we receive the Eucharist, we renew our covenant with God through Jesus. We, as a community, share in this feast when we celebrate Eucharist together as the Body of Christ. Our simple gifts of bread and wine are accepted and taken by our priest, who blesses, breaks and then gives back to us through the Eucharist as the body and blood of our Lord.

This weekend we are invited to really think about Jesus and remind ourselves of our commitment towards gathering and sharing in the Eucharist. Perhaps before meal time, you could gather as a family and pray the Lord’s Prayer before sharing a meal.

We realise we have been asking for your support in many different ways to help others yet as our days grow colder and the nights grow longer we think about those families in our own community who are in need of a warm meal or warm clothes to keep out the cold. This is one way we can help them and be for them the “Body of Christ.” We will join with the parish community to celebrate this Feast with a whole school Mass at 9.15am.

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Next Monday, 23rd June, we will celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. We think about God’s great love for us in gifting us with His Son Jesus, the Christ. We also think about how we can respond to God’s gift to us by giving to others who are in need. We are asked to bring, where possible, a gift of non-perishable food, warm winter clothing or a gold coin donation to be placed before the altar. These gifts will then be given to the St Vincent De Paul Society to help them in their work of reaching out to those in need in our own parish community and local neighbourhood.

We invite you to join with us for this Mass.

Hosting Mass - Yr3 and Yr4

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To mark the end of the First Communion program the Yr3 and Yr4 children hosted the Sunday’s Mass. This gave all those who had celebrated First Communion an opportunity to come together with all their friends and families. The student’s participated by being part of the entrance procession, reading some of the Prayers of Intercession and carrying the gifts in the Offertory Procession. It was great to see so many families.

School Choir

Our St Elizabeth’s School Choir, lead by Ianthe Lim, performed for the first time at last Monday’s school assembly. They performed a Capella performance. It was wonderful to see the many weeks of practices during their lunchtimes paying off. Their confident performance was both entertaining and a pleasure to listen to. Congratulations to all the choristers for their dedication and providing great performance. We will be looking forward to when you will be ready to sing during our school Masses.

Maria Popowycz
Catholic Identity Coordinator
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Religious Education News...
NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Our school has been selected to participate in the 2014 Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This national Data Collection is taking place in schools across Australia and will provide information about the number of students with disability in schools, where they are located and the adjustments they receive.

The information provided by this new data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources. This will assist students with disability in government and non-government schools across Australia to complete school and go on to further education or find employment.

Inclusion in the Data Collection is voluntary. If you wish your child to be excluded from this, you can choose to opt-out of the data collection by informing us in writing.

The Disability Act 1992 defines disability broadly as –

- Total or partial loss of the person’s bodily mental functions.
- Total or partial loss of a body part.
- The presence in the body of organisms causing disease and illness.
- The malfunction, malformation or disfigurement of a part of a person’s body.
- A disorder or illness that affects a person’s thought processes, perception of reality, emotions or judgment that results in disturbed behavior.

For further information about the Data Collection, please contact Christine Ash, Nan Perazzo or visit Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood (SCSEEC) website http://www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au/.

Nan Perazzo
Wellbeing Coordinator
Chromebooks

Earlier this term I explained how St Elizabeth’s has introduced Google Apps for Education. We have also purchased and begun using 10 Chromebooks in the senior area.

What Is A Chromebook?

The Chromebook is a new computer from Google for getting stuff done in and out of the classroom. It’s simple and secure, and has access to the web and apps built-in so students and teachers can work and learn right out of the box. They run Chrome OS, an operating system that has multiple layers of security, built-in cloud storage, and the most popular Google products for education built-in.

What Is So Good About A Chromebook?

- It takes less than 10 seconds to turn on and log in.
- Updates happen automatically. There is no need to manually install updates to software or security. They are also designed so that any updates will not make the machine slower as they become older.
- Each user has their own account and can sign in to any machine which will automatically access their own bookmarks, apps and Google Drive account.
- All work is automatically saved in the ‘cloud’ so there is no risk of losing anything as saving happens automatically while you are working.
- They are lightweight, have a full keyboard and a longer battery life than a laptop.

Rebecca Gage
Learning and Teaching Leader

gagere@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au
Sport News …

This week we play our last home and away game of the Winter Inter-School Sports season.

A number of our teams have been successful in winning most of their games and are a big chance to make it through to the grand finals held in early term 3. Whether the team makes it through to the finals or not, it has been a great success.

The coaches, our Yr5 and Yr6 teachers, Sue H-S and myself have been very impressed with the application of the students towards the improvement in their teams.

Like most things in life, the more you put in, the more likely you are to achieve.

Next week, Auskick will be played after school on Tuesday 24 June, not Wednesday 25 June due to Yr5 and Yr6 camp.

Yours in Sport
Dean Andrew

School News …

Parents and Friends News

The next Parents and Friends meeting will be Monday 21 July 2:15pm in The Nook, all very welcome.

Do you read the Herald Sun? Do you have any masthead’s from 1 June to 14 June. Please send them along to the school before Wednesday 25 June. The school that collects the highest amount of masthead per student enrolment wins $10,000. It would be great for us to try. Please send them along to school before Wednesday 25 June.

Victoria Premier Reading Challenge

Reminder, the books that the children have read need to be entered into the Victorian Premier Reading Challenge. Your child would have been given their username and password so that the books can be entered into the Challenge. If you need to be reminded of your child’s username and password, please email me on info@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au and I will send you the details.

If you would like a list of the books you or your child has borrowed this year, please come and see me. Children in Foundation, Yr1 and Yr2 are asked to read 30 books, 20 of which need to be “Challenge Books”, Children in Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 and Yr6 are asked to read 15 books, 10 of which need to be “Challenge Books”. In The Nook, “Challenge Books” have a coloured dot on the spine so it is very easy for parents and children to find them. Thank you.

Trixie Martin

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**CareMonkey**

Can I ask everyone to provide their child’s details via the CareMonkey program. It is safe. No-one, except you and the school, can access it and it puts you in instant control over the information that you share with us. Change a phone number or move house, you can change it immediately, you do not have to come in to tell Lisa!

Can I stress this for parents/guardians of children going on camp in a few weeks. If we do not have everyone on CareMonkey, we are going to have to take paper as well as electronic information with us on camp, which can be confusing. It would be so much easier if we can use the electronic version for information on all students and have those details at all staff’s fingertips.

**School Banking**

Don’t forget that **THURSDAY** is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For next week only - Banking Day will be **MONDAY 23 JUNE** not Thursday 26 June.

**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

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

Keyboard/Piano and music theory lessons 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.

**Market Night - Friday 17th October**

Do you have things to sell? Are you crafty? Do you wish to have a stall? Application forms are available from Lisa at the school office, Trixie in The Nook, or on the school’s website.

The market is held in the Yr5/Yr6 Link flowing into the Performing Arts Centre.
**Buddy Play Mates Shed**

We would appreciate any donations of dolls in good condition, tea sets, dolls clothes and blankets etc.

We also need small matchbox cars in good condition and a totem tennis set if anyone has one not being used.

We can't accept any broken toys as they are not safe for children to use.

Any good quality toys that your children have grown out of will be appreciated.

Thank you for your help and assistance with this cause.

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**Lost Property**

The lost property basket in the office foyer is full! At the end of the term, all lost goods, hats, jumpers, water bottles etc. will be moved! Some will be given to St. Vincent de Paul’s. Some will go to our second hand uniform shop.

**If you have lost it - claim it now!**

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**Community News ...**

**Dandenong Mobile Unit**

Dandenong Mobile Unit, St. Mary’s Community Centre, 20-24 New Street, Dandenong are asking for blood donations on Wednesday 16 July 1.30-7.30pm, Thursday 17 July 2-7.30pm and Friday 18 July 9.30-3.30pm.

Appointments are essential and new donors welcome. To book an appointment please call 131495.
### Monday 30th June

**Letter M Day**

- Bring a blanket and your favourite DVD
- Share stories and create a family tree
- Snuggle up with a hot chocolate and your favourite movie

Come along and enjoy a marvelous day.

- Crafts
- Making mobiles
- Monster puppet
- Maths biscuit
- Mosaic pictures
- Games
- Musical mayhem
- Marbles
- M bingo

### Tuesday 1st July

**Pyjama Day**

- Come dressed up in your PJs

### Wednesday 2nd July

**Fun and Games Day**

- Come and enjoy a day of fun
- We will be playing lots of games & activities
  - Scarecrow Tizzy
  - Lots of ball games
  - Cricket & football
  - Challenge yourself with tennis competition, skipping, hula hoops.

### Thursday 3rd July

**Excursion Day**

- Rush Laser Tag Arena
- Live action play in fountain gate
- Laser tag, dogem ride time freak laser maze challenge mini golf.
- BYO: lunch/snack/drink
- Please be at the service by 8:00
- Bus leaves at 8:30 am
- Cost: $23

### Friday 4th July

**Frosty Friday**

- Winter mural
- Frosty snowman
- Winter word puzzle
- Games
- Pick as many cotton ball you can find
- Gift unwrap relay
- Peg game
- Freeze
- Cooking
- Chocolate snow balls.

### Monday 7th July

**Newspaper Craft**

- Use your imagination to make
- & create the following with newspaper
- 3D pop up cards
- Book mark
- Scenery
- Palm tree
- Paper boats

### Tuesday 8th July

**Bubble Bounce**

- Bubbles, bubbles everywhere on your toes and on your nose
- Activities included
  - Bubble burst painting
  - Bubble prints
  - Make your own bubbles.
  - Then have fun playing with balloons volleyball & the chocolate game

### Wednesday 9th July

**Stufflers Bear Building**

- Excursion day at Mary Mackillop
- Each child take home a special friend
- Child safe entertainment
- Great for all ages
- Cost: $23

### Thursday 10th July

**Scooby & loom bands day**

- Let your imagination run wild
- There are many different styles and techniques in Scooby/loom bands
- Triple hexa fish tail
- Games
- Four square
- Knockout
- Ten pin bowling

### Friday 11th July

**Goodbye to the holiday**

- Make your own
- Rhythm stick
- Musical instruments
- Musical chairs
- Balloon fun
- Bring prepackaged food to share for afternoon tea (remember no nuts policy)
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Permanet: $12.00 / Casual: $13.00  
7.00am to 8.55am Monday to Friday during school term, excluding all Victorian public holidays. | **Monday**  
Tornado in a Bottle, Colouring Exhibition |
| **After School Care:**  
permanent: $13.50 / Casual: $14.50  
3.15pm to 6.15pm Monday to Friday during school term, excluding all Victorian public holidays. | **Tuesday**  
Oil and Water, Chess, Lego Building |
| **Vacation Care / Pupil Free Days:**  
Per Day: $45.00  
7.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday. (No vacation care available in January.) | **Wednesday**  
Vinegar Volcano, Guess Who? |
| **Late Pick Up Fees:** Per minute: $1.00 | **Thursday**  
Making Salt Dough, Making Animals |
| For enquiries or further information, please contact Elarine on 0422 803 709 or 0426 282 721 during session times. | **Friday**  
How to make Goo |