Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Other Parishioners,

Hope the school holiday time was an enjoyable one for all. It was great to see so many happy faces when the students returned to school last Monday. It is hard to believe that we have already arrived at the last term for this school year. Term 4 is always a busy one - Confirmation for our Yr 6 students, Tennis Lessons for the 3/4’s, Swimming Lessons for the junior school, Sovereign Hill Camp for the senior students, the final Orientation Sessions for our 2016 Foundation students, Transition Lunch for all students when we get to meet the people we will learn together with in 2016. Transition celebrations for our Yr 6 students as they continue their journey into Secondary School and of course a very important time for all of us as we continue our learning journey.

Christine Ash will return from her time overseas next Monday and I am sure she will be looking forward to seeing everyone again and sharing her stories.

Take care.

Nan Perazzo
Deputy Principal

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

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**Upcoming Events**

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Pope Benedict XVI in an address at the Basilica of St. Mary Major where he prayed the rosary with the faithful said:

The Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most clearly expressed signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as Mary did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said. With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. Christ is put at the centre of our life, of our time, of our city, through the contemplation and meditation of his holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow and glory. May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace emanating from these mysteries. The Rosary brings peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of Jesus, calling on faith and love at the centre of each “Hail Mary”.

Welcome back to another busy and exciting term!

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Confirmation

There are many dates to remember in preparation for Confirmation. A reminder that the following forms and items are due. Keep checking for any new dates I will be adding as we get closer to Confirmation day. It is important to attend Mass regularly as part of Confirmation preparation. Thank you to the many families who have been regularly participating at Mass here at St Elizabeth’s. Remember there is a Sign-In Sheet at the back of the church.

SCHOOL & CLASS LITURGIES AND KEY EVENTS

We welcome all families and parishioners to attend school Masses with us.

Friday 30th October:
F, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Learning Community Mass at 9.15am

Sunday 8th November:
Confirmation Mass at 1.00pm

Friday 13th November:
Yr 3 & Yr 4 Learning Community Mass at 9.15am

Friday 27th November:
Whole School ‘ADVENT GIFT GIVING’ Mass at 9.15am

Friday 4th December:
Yr 5 & Yr 6 Learning Community Mass at 9.15am

Wed 9th December:
Carols Night at 6.30pm

Thursday 10th December:
Whole School ‘End of 2015’ Mass at 9.15am

Tuesday 15th December:
Yr 6 Transition Mass at 7.00pm

God Bless,

Maria Popowycz
Religious Education Leader
popoma@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au

Confirmation timeline 2015

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BELONGING AT SCHOOL MAKES A DIFFERENCE. BELONGING IMPROVES MENTAL HEALTH, WELLBEING AND LEARNING.

All children need to feel that school is a safe place where people will care about them, where their needs for support, respect and friendship will be met, and where they will be able to get help to work out problems.

When these needs are met children develop a sense of belonging at school. Belonging is very important for children’s mental health and wellbeing.

Children who feel that they belong at school are happier, more relaxed and have fewer behavioural problems than other students. They are also more motivated to learn and be more successful with their school work.

Research into children’s mental health has found that a sense of belonging and connectedness at school helps to protect children against mental health difficulties and improves their learning. Making friends and having positive relationships with their teachers helps children develop a sense of belonging at school. Having older ‘buddies’ to turn to helps younger children feel that school is a place where they can get help if they need it.

Looking after younger children encourages caring and helping in older children and helps to reduce conflicts and bullying.

HOW PARENTS AND CARERS CAN HELP.

Parents and carers can work with school staff to help create a bridge between home and school. When the adults responsible for children take a positive interest in what happens at school it helps children feel at home.

It also makes it easier to pick up any problems early when they are easiest to resolve.

- Find out about the school and what your child is learning; participate in information sessions.
- Make time to listen to your child tell you about what he or she is doing at school.
- Let your child’s teacher know if he/she is having difficulties and discuss what kinds of things you can do at home and school to help.

Nan Perazzo
Wellbeing Coordinator
WHAT CAN I DO TO TEACH MY CHILD ABOUT MONEY?

From the time your child is able to understand you “can work money concepts into your child’s imaginary games, like playing pretend store or restaurant”. Even turn trips to the bank or shopping centres as a way to introduce them to what coins and notes are and what they look like.

Anna Atkinson in her article, ‘Teaching Kids About Money: An Age-by-Age Guide’, suggests we begin teaching children about money from the age of 2 or 3. A 2 or 3 year-old faced with a choice between a 5 cent coin, 50 cent coin and a 2 dollar coin will almost always choose the 50 cent coin because of its size. While very young children won’t fully understand the value of money, they can begin to learn the names of coins. One way to do this is to play the **Coin Identification** game. You and your child can trace around the outside of various coins and color in the shapes. Then invite your child to match the coin to the image while discussing each one's name.

Young kids love to **play store**, but an imaginary shop in the living room is more than just a fun way for your child to exercise his imagination. By exchanging play money for goods, your child begins to understand the basics of commerce, says Dr. Singer. Use cereal boxes, fruit, sponges or paper towels as store items. Together, make pretend money and shop till you drop.

**Ages 4 and 5**
Before heading to the supermarket, ask your pre-schooler to help you **clip coupons**. (Don't forget to use safety scissors.) When you're at the store, hand him/her the coupons and ask him/her to keep an eye out for the products. This will make him/her feel like she’s helping, and it's an easy and fun way to talk about saving money, says Neale S. Godfrey, chairwoman and founder of the Children's Financial Network in Chester, NJ.

Lyn Dennett
Numeracy Leader / F-4 Number Intervention Leader
ldennett@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au
Hi All

Next week we will have 13 athletes represent our school at the Southern Metro Athletics Carnival. This is the most athletes we have had in my time at the school and a credit to the kids. They have trained well and have earned the right to compete at this level. Good luck to all involved. Thank you to the parents who will be helping take the team to Cranbourne for this event.

Yours in Sport
Dean Andrew
Sports Coordinator

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Exciting News:

The Nook (library) renovations will be underway shortly.

Mini libraries are being created for the junior students within their communities.

The students in Yr's 3-6 will still have access to their sub-libraries.

If you have spare time to be able to come along and give me a hand in sorting and packing the main library, I'd appreciate the help anytime Monday to Thursday.

Trixie Martin

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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: 0431 616 364, After Hours: 03 9758 0731
  or email: choonblim@yahoo.com.au
Parents and Friends News:

End of Year Get Together

We invite all the St. Elizabeth’s Parents, Grandparents and Carers to celebrate the year by joining us for a get together. We will be asking for preferences of either Lunch or Dinner on Thursday 26th November - and will go with the majority. Meals and drinks are at own cost. The venue will be announced at a later date. Please go to CareMonkey and complete your preferences by Friday 23rd October. Looking forward to seeing as many families as possible for an end of year catch up.
Parents and Friends News:

A very big **Thank You** to everyone who came along and helped make the Footy Day and the Fathers’ Day Stall such a success.

On Friday November 20 we are having a gold coin donation Casual Day. The money will go towards the current fundraising which is to improve the Stage Lighting in the Performing Arts Centre.

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Late November we will begin organising our Christmas Raffle, if you would like to donate goods earlier, please send them along to the school. The raffle will be drawn on Carols Night 9th December.

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**Nazareth College Open School Tours**

Come and see Nazareth College in ACTION!

Our open school tours are a great way to see teachers and students in our diverse learning environments. We have several open school tours this term:

**Thursday 15 October, Thursday 22 October and Friday 6 November.** Tours commence at 9am.

Please contact our College Registrar on 9795-8100 to register your attendance.
St Gerard’s Primary School

“Feast N Fun Day”

This Saturday 10th October, 2015

This is your invitation to come along to the school on Saturday, 10th October, 2015 to celebrate with us St Gerard’s Feast Day. This event is an annual event where the school as a whole gets together to celebrate our wonderful and diverse community with food and lots of fun for the whole family. There will be a jumping castle, face painting, Dodgem Cars, Animal Nursery and a Giant Slide. There will be food, food and more food!!! A Gelati van will delight the children. The children also perform in the annual St Gerard’s Talent Quest and there are raffles galore!

So come along with your children as there is something for everyone! You will certainly leave happy and with full tummies! Unlimited ride wristband tickets will be $30.00 and individual ride tickets for $5.00 will be available.

See you there!!
YOUTH LEADERSHIP VICTORIA PRESENTS - ST ELIZABETH’S OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

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111 Bakers Road, Dandenong North  
Ph: 0422 803 709 | Beginning: Monday 12 October 2015 |
| **Before School Care**  
*Permanent: $12.00 / Casual: $13.00*  
7.00am to 8.55am Monday to Friday during school term, excluding all Victorian public holidays. | **Monday**  
Craft - Little Bunnies |
| **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**  
Craft - Sausage Dogs |
| **Vacation Care / Pupil Free Days:**  
*Per Day: $45.00*  
7.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday  
(No vacation care available in January.) | **Wednesday**  
Craft - Windmills |
| **Late Pick Up Fees:**  
*Per minute: $1.00* | **Thursday**  
Create your own decoupage |
| For enquiries or further information, please contact Elarine on 0422 803 709 during session times. | **Friday**  
Create and design your own covering books |

**Breakfast** is provided on Monday through to Friday for all the children who attend the before school care sessions at St. Elizabeth’s Out of School Hours Care.