Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Other Parishioners,

As I look back over the term, it’s hard to believe just how many learning and extra-curricular opportunities have been provided to the students at St Elizabeth’s over the past 10 weeks!

- All levels have celebrated a Friday Parish Mass.
- Yr 2 Baptismal Renewal Night.
- Yr 3/4 students have celebrated Reconciliation.
- Yr 6 Confirmation Information Night.
- MacKillop & Chisholm Hosting Masses.
- Mini Vinnies visit to Dandenong Tutoring Club.
- Regis Nursing Home visits.

### St. Elizabeth’s Weekly Calendar ...

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Parish Priest : Rev. Tadeusz Ziołkowski SC  
School Principal : Mrs Christine Ash
• Pyjama Day to fundraise for the Nepal Earthquake victims.
• Footy Day with fundraising for Dandenong Tutoring Club.
• Operation Christmas Child.
• Coin Trail for Matutinao.
• Written letters to our friendship school, Matutinao.
• Wakakirri.
• Foundation 100 Days of School celebration.
• Yrs 3/4 and 1/2 Cross Arts performances.
• 5 weeks of Life Skills Incursion for the whole school.
• Nazareth Mathematics Competition for selected Yr 6 students.
• Book Week Activities Day planned and run by our Yr 5 and Yr 6 students.
• Yrs 3-6 School Athletics Day, District Athletics & Division Athletics.
• Winter Interschool Sport, District & Division Finals.
• After school AusKick.
• St Elizabeth’s Netball Club.
• Yr 1 and Yr 2 Discovery Time.
• Yrs 3-6 CAFE Reading Approach.
• Yrs 3-6 Green Tea Chinese Cultural Experience
• Yrs 5 & 6 Australian History (Convicts) Incursion.
• Yrs 1 & 2 REPLAS Recycling Excursion.
• Yrs 1 & 2 CERES Excursion.
• Yr 5 & 6 students presenting at the Kids Teaching Kids Conference.
• Special Men in our Lives Pancake Breakfast.
• Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Without the hard work and dedication by our staff and the support of many parent helpers, these opportunities would not be possible.

Whether you have helped by reading TiqBiz, giving permission on CareMonkey, attending an excursion, volunteering in the classroom or just by asking your child about their learning, we thank you.

We now look forward to the holidays and a well deserved break.

Remember that as we start Term 4, we need to wear our hats to and from school each day, as well as at recess and lunch to protect our skin from the sun.

Rebecca Gage
Deputy Principal
Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus

Taking time for prayer is what we do as Catholics in our homes, schools and Liturgies. It is how we talk, ask, thank, praise, listen to and build our relationship with God. This week I have a prayer litany inviting our Lord Jesus to come to us. The children have been using ‘Maranatha’, ‘Come Lord Jesus’ as part of their meditation mantra in their classrooms. As a school we participate in ‘Prayerful Meditation’ regularly. I invite you to pray together as a family.

Let the day come, Lord, when our hearts will find your mercy.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

Let the day come, Lord, when our emptiness will find your riches.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

Let the day come, Lord, when our path will find the way to you.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

Let the day come, Lord, when our tears will find your smile.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

Let the day come, Lord, when our joy will find your heaven.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

Let the day come, Lord, when our Church will find your Kingdom.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

May you be praised, O God, for that day when our eyes will find your face!
Throughout our lives you have not ceased to go before us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our brother.

Amen. Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

Take time in these holidays for some quiet and peaceful time with each other and find some quiet time to spend with your God.

God Bless,

Maria Popowycz
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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 the Mass here at St Elizabeth’s. Remember there is a Sign-In Sheet at the back of the church.

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Children need opportunities to belong to their families through their contribution.

Until recently, children’s help around the house was essential, families were bigger and there was little technology to lighten the load.

Even though we live in a more automated age than our grandparents, our lives are just as busy. The need for children to pitch in and help is just as pertinent today.

The expectation that children should help at home sends a powerful message that their contribution is valued. Children learn to be contributors rather than mere takers within their social groups.

Helping at home is an opportunity for children to make a contribution to the family, rather than their moneybox, so the following ideas may help you develop the helping habit in children.

1. **Help is habit forming.**
   When you consistently expect children to help from a young age their contribution not only becomes a habit, but it soon becomes a family value.

2. **Make the help real, not phoney.**
   Give them real tasks such as emptying dishwashers, collecting mail and cooking meals rather than time-fillers. (Visit our website: [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au) for a list of jobs suitable for each age group.)

3. **Don’t do the jobs (‘help’) for them.**
   Sometimes it is easier for parents to do the jobs themselves, but this encourages children to leave it up to their parents.

4. **Use Grandma’s principle to keep kids on task.**
   My grandma used to put things in the right order so I wasn’t allowed to watch television until the table was cleared after a meal.

5. **Use the term ‘Help’ not ‘Chores’.**
   Image is everything. The terms ‘job’ and ‘chore’ sound like hard work and can be extremely off-putting.

6. **Place important help on a roster.**
   Allocate help with children’s assistance then place their names on a roster next to the tasks. You can use symbols rather than words for pre-readers. When children complete a task they can place a sticker on the matching symbol on the roster. This serves as a record of their contribution. It is a good idea to change the roster around frequently to share the less appealing tasks.

7. **Show your appreciation for their help.**
   Let them know that their contribution to the family is valued. If you do it often enough they may even show their appreciation to you in return.

8. **Keep help and pocket money separate.**
   It’s reasonable to expect that children should help around the house without expecting a reward. The notion of helping fits in with the philosophy that a central task of parenting is to promote a sense of generosity and community-mindedness in children. As most research indicates these core values are primarily learned at home.

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Nan Perazzo
Wellbeing Coordinator
HOLIDAY LEARNING

The first thing to remember is that it is the holidays, in itself a chance for children to explore and learn for themselves. No greater learning happens than when children experience things first hand. Some children will leave their usual surroundings and be able to visit new areas of the country or world. These opportunities can enable children to discover new cultures and ways of life or just discover new parts of Australia.

But even if children remain at home, there is so much to discover in the back garden. Looking closely at flowers and drawing or painting them develops the skills of accurately recording and transferring information. Making tents and camps in the garden from old sheets gets the children to work out strategies to the enable successful construction of their fortress! Children being imaginative and creating joy through interaction with others, or in their own play, is a pleasure to watch and can often entertain for hours. This creative thinking is such a valuable asset in school when children have to write creative, inspired stories.

A holiday diary not only promotes writing skills, but calls to mind a whole host of curriculum subjects. Maps can be drawn of the area they are visiting, plans of towns, beaches and parks can all be added to the diary. Drawings and paintings can also be added to the diary to bring it to life. Sending postcards also supports and helps literacy skills and letter writing. Summarising the day's activities is a skill in itself developing a child's ability to write concisely!

Working out what pocket money you have to spend also is an important feature of the holidays. Students needing to plan out how to make best use of a given amount of money and make choices about what they are able to do and what they cannot do as there is no money left in the budget.

When shopping, why not get the children to estimate the shopping bill? In the car, instead of constantly being asked 'Are we nearly there yet?' ask the children to guess the km travelled from beginning to end.

As we know ourselves, holidays are a good time to catch up on reading. If you are not members of a library, go and join one. Good libraries often have many other things apart from books, magazines and CDs: perhaps author visits or story reading take place and provide a different environment for learning.

Rebecca Gage
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Today I was looking on the internet for activities that you may like to do with your child over the holidays so they can have fun but still practice their mathematical skills. There are numerous sites but one I found was easy to navigate and had a mixture of worksheets, games and fun things to make. The site is called Jumpstart and can be found by typing in www.jumpstart.com

Here are a few examples of what you might like to do with your child/children over the holidays. Enjoy!

**MAKING LEMONADE WITH MUM OR DAD**

**Ingredients:**
- 1 cup fresh raspberries, rinsed thoroughly
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 cup fresh squeezed lemon juice
- 2 cups water

**Directions:**
- Have your child measure and mash 1 cup of raspberries with 2/3 cups of sugar with his hands.
- Next, help her press the mixture with her hands through the strainer into a pitcher.
- Have her squeeze out lemon juice and measure 1 cup from the entire quantity and mix it with the mashed raspberries in the pitcher.
- Measure with your child and add 2 cups of water to the pitcher. Mix well and serve chilled!

**FACT FAMILY FLOWERS - (Yr 2 Activity)**

Make a pretty garden to practice creating fact families.

**You will need:**
- Construction paper in different colours, Scissors, Glue and Markers

**Directions:**
- Cut out five circles from yellow construction paper.
- Cut out four ovals from each of the remaining colours. These will become the petals of the flowers.
- Glue the ovals to the back of each circle.
- In the centre of one flower, write down three numbers that can be used to make an addition and subtraction fact family.
- Ask your child to come up with the addition and subtraction facts for the set.
- Have your child write down the addition and subtraction facts in the petals, one in each petal.
- Make four more fact families in the same manner.
- Cut out some grass from green construction paper and glue the flowers on top.
Hang the pretty garden where your child can easily see it.

Lyn Dennett
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Hi All,

On Wednesday, 16 St. Elizabeth’s students travelled to Ross Reserve to represent our school at the Greater Dandenong Division Athletics Carnival. The excited athletes were shuttled to and from the event by parents and teaching staff. It was the biggest contingent of athletes we had sent to this level in the last years!

The results during the day were quite stunning - 13 of our students finished either first or second and will go on to the next level, the South Metro Regionals. This event will be held in early Term 4. Thank you everyone for the support given to our athletes and good luck at Regionals.

Yours in Sport
Dean Andrew / Sports Coordinator
**St. Elizabeth’s Choir**

A big congratulations to our St. Elizabeth’s Choir (Katty L, Jemimah C, Jenny W, Heather F and Shanel D) who performed at the Nazareth College ‘30 Year Celebration Concert’ on Wednesday the 9th of September.

*What a beautiful job you all did.*

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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
Community News ...

The Jewish Christian Muslim Association of Australia Women’s Committee are delighted to host a forum on

**Sunday 4 October 2015**

12:15pm to 3:30pm

**Venue: Wellsprings for Women Inc.**
Address: 79 Langhorne Street, Dandenong 3175 [Mel Ref 90 D7]
(street parking available, walking distance from Dandenong train station)

Presentations from the Scriptures of the three Abrahamic faiths on the concept of Compassion

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**
- Sue Morgan, Jewish Pastoral Carer and Hospital Chaplain
- Dr Merrill Kitchen, Christian Biblical Scholar
- Reem Hakem, JCMA Muslim School Presenter
- Di Hirsh, Moderator

**PROGRAM:**
- Registration 12:15pm
- Light Refreshments 12:30pm
- Forum 1-3:30pm
  - Video on Charter of Compassion
  - Speaker Presentations
  - Q&A
  - Group discussions

**WOMEN ONLY**

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<td><strong>BOOKS ARE GREAT</strong>&lt;br&gt;- Partake in &quot;Where’s Wally Book activity&lt;br&gt;- Bring your favourite book from home&lt;br&gt;- Write and illustrate a short story&lt;br&gt;- Create &amp; decorate a book bag&lt;br&gt;- Design colourful bookmarks&lt;br&gt;- Swap books and read&lt;br&gt;- Sparkly book worms with friends</td>
<td><strong>Origami Activities</strong>&lt;br&gt;- Make your own colorful origami flower&lt;br&gt;- Making origami animals&lt;br&gt;- Tissue paper flower&lt;br&gt;- PUPPET MANIA&lt;br&gt;With “Active Artists”&lt;br&gt;- Make your own puppet and work together to put on a puppet play!&lt;br&gt;- Fun theatre games!&lt;br&gt;Facilitated by theatre teachers.</td>
<td><strong>FOOTY FEVER</strong>&lt;br&gt;Dress up in your favourite team colours!&lt;br&gt;Activities include:&lt;br&gt;- Face Painting/Football Parade/Making flags/Banners/Pom Poms/Decorating Football Biscuits</td>
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<td><strong>G DAY</strong>&lt;br&gt;Spring has sprung and the sun has come out to play!&lt;br&gt;Come along to plant your own garden and take it home in this beautiful garden box and watch them grow.&lt;br&gt;ACTIVITIES INCLUDE&lt;br&gt;- Making&lt;br&gt;- Green Jelly&lt;br&gt;- God’s eyes&lt;br&gt;- Gwords&lt;br&gt;- Glass Painting</td>
<td><strong>JIGSAW/PUZZLE DAY</strong>&lt;br&gt;Put your thinking cap on and enjoy a day filled with fun puzzles.&lt;br&gt;Expand your mind working on a great selection of words, pictures, Jigsaw and 3D puzzles. You may want to make your own puzzles for your friends to try.</td>
<td><strong>ART ON TILES</strong>&lt;br&gt;Join in on the most fun activity of the day!&lt;br&gt;ART ON CERAMIC TILES&lt;br&gt;Create wonderful and beautifully designed crafted tiles! Try drawing a picture whilst blindfolded.</td>
<td><strong>YLV’S 15TH BIRTHDAY BASH</strong>&lt;br&gt;At St Mary’s OSHC, Dandenong!&lt;br&gt;- Be entertained by Andy’s Antics&lt;br&gt;- Test your skills on The Slot Car Race Track&lt;br&gt;- Awesome Jumping Castles &amp; Carnival Games&lt;br&gt;- AFL Footy Clinic&lt;br&gt;- Birthday Cake and more.....&lt;br&gt;Please be at program by 8:30am&lt;br&gt;Cost: $27</td>
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