Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and other Parishioners,

This week we enjoyed a wonderful Cross Arts Experience performed by the Yr1 & Yr2 students. Performing Arts is a specialist program at St Elizabeth’s, and while I am Principal it always will be! I have been part of the audience at school plays and concerts and all sorts of other dramatic performances and I am always amazed at the natural talent that comes shining through from students who do not necessarily excel at other subjects.

I remember a musical that the children at St Joseph’s put on when I was Principal there and the leading actor in the musical was a Yr6 who struggled to read, who was a nightmare in maths and whose writing looked as if it had been written by a spider with broken legs. The staff had run auditions for the part and were very reluctant to cast this student in a leading role. As it is with many children who struggle with their learning, the student was often in trouble for stopping teaching and learning during the school day. However, when they sat and listened to his audition, they were transformed. He had taken a lot of effort to learn the script off by heart and once he stepped into reading the character’s lines, he was no longer the student who struggled, but a mighty king on a mission.

Performing Arts takes a very special set of talents and

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

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**Upcoming Events:**

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Parish Priest: Rev. Tadeusz Ziolkowski SC  School Principal: Mrs Christine Ash
that particular student had them in abundance. He could use his voice to take you away from your day-to-day existence, his body language synched with his voice and he strode the stage with an incredible confidence that could not have come from his personal experience, but only from his ability and skill to act as another character.

Performing Arts, LOTE Chinese, PE, Design Creativity and Technology and Media are all part of our specialist program and they are not add-ons to the curriculum, they are an essential part of the curriculum because they allow for every child to learn new things that stretch their understanding of the world and themselves. Literacy and Numeracy are very important and they can be learned in a variety of contexts. You can learn to read and write and speak and listen in every subject we do including Performing Arts, but you can’t always learn about Chinese culture, you can’t always craft a script, you can’t always see how to make healthy choices in your lifestyle and you can’t always design a boat that floats in Literacy and Numeracy.

Each specialist area allows children to do something quite unique to that area and our children deserve the very best program and teaching across all the specialist areas if they are going to discover their talents and gifts and become well rounded individuals.

This is why we should all value the specialist areas, but particularly Performing Arts. Children who excel at Performing Arts are bringers of joy and insight in to our world. We learn through their skills what it is like to be someone else, to view life from another person’s perspective, to see the world through different eyes. In Performing Arts we delight our senses, we see visual displays, we hear explosions of sounds, we experience the richness of harmony and the interpretation of emotion through movement in dance.

We definitely do need to learn the basic tools of contemporary life in Literacy and Numeracy, but we also need access to the pleasures and understandings that are made possible in all the specialist areas. We need to be well rounded individuals if we are to become the best people that we are called to be.

For those of us whose skills are not in the Performing Arts area, we can celebrate the fact that through the specialist area of performing Arts we can all enjoy the thrill of being part of an audience.

I certainly enjoyed being part of the Yr1 & Yr2 Cross Arts audience and I do not think I was alone in my enjoyment!

WORKING BEE
Many thanks to the families who came to the Working Bee last week. We got that huge pile of mulch shifted from the fence where it had been dumped by the arborists. I was worried that as it rotted down it would heat up and set fire to the fence.

I would like to hear any feedback you have on Working Bees. Sometimes we have a lot of families attending and sometimes we have just a few people. It is very hard to know what jobs we can get done with such a difference in the number of people coming here on the day.

We ask you to register for the Working Bee so that we have a record of attendance to show the auditors when we give credits for fees and so we can plan the jobs to be done. However, the computer records are not always accurate because people say they are coming and don’t and some people turn up and we didn’t plan enough work for them to do. That is why we get you to sign in on the day as well. That is the record we use to give credits on fees.

I sometimes wonder about the fairness of Working Bees. If 2 people come and work the whole 90 minutes, should they get a double discount? If one person turns up and leaves after a short time, should they only get half a discount? If someone comes and helps in the Tuckshop each week or covers books for the library or takes children to the athletics events should that entitle them to a fee discount too? If someone pays their fees in full or on time, should they get a discount?

Love to hear your thoughts on this as I am going to take this matter to the School Education Board to get some clarification. In the meantime, many thanks to all of you who support the school. Our students get a great learning experience because you can and do support us in hundreds of different ways.

Christine Ash
The Principal
Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Mt 20:1-16

The Gospel reading this Sunday is the parable of the workers in the vineyard begins with a common experience and ends with a twist. The owner of the vineyard in the parable not only pays a full day’s wage for only a part day’s work, but he does it publicly so everyone knows about it. Some workers are upset because they think they should get more. They forget that the owner was generous for hiring them in the first place.

This parable shows how the generosity of God can be easily mistaken for injustice. On the one hand, it does not seem fair to pay all of the labourers the same wage regardless of the amount of time they worked. On the other hand, they all received exactly the amount for which they had been employed so there was no injustice.

The parable of the vineyard owner and the workers doesn’t always work out in the real world as well as we would like it to. It often bothers us. I know it bothers me.

- Would it bother you if you worked all day and another person who showed up an hour before closing time received the same pay as you did?
- Would it bother you if you worked for a week typing up a wonderful English essay, and received an A for your work, and then you found out that someone else who scribbled their essay on scrap paper during the lunch break and handed it in late also received an A?
- How often do we hear our own children say, “It’s not fair”, when one gets the same amount of a treat or gift when another else does well, especially if we think that they have not worked as hard as we have?
- Would it bother you if you worked all day and another person who showed up an hour before closing time received the same pay as you did?

If we work hard and do well, why are we jealous if someone else does well, especially if we think that they have not worked as hard as we have?

We do not always see the generosity of God’s love for us. The parable is really about the way God forgives. If we have a small sin, we are forgiven. If we have a really huge sin, we are forgiven just as much. Jesus’ parable teaches that God reaches out to all people, even to those who take a long time to come around to God’s message. God never gives up on us but returns again and again in our life to extend an invitation to us.

God challenges us to work to get rid of our pettiness and jealousy and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to live our lives with this kind of generosity, love and mercy.

Have a happy and safe holiday, see you next 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 the Mass here at St Elizabeth’s. Remember there is a sign-in sheet at the back of the church.

The holidays are also a great time to complete the Confirmation activity packs. They are due after the school holidays.

Maria Popowycz / Catholic Identity Coordinator
popoma@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
A Project of Samaritan's Purse
“The Power of a Simple Gift”

Dear Family,

Your child is invited to contribute to bringing a little joy to a child in desperate need by bringing along a small gift.

Gifts could include:

- Something to love - a small teddy bear, a soft toy;
- Something special - a carry bag, sunglasses, stickers;
- Something for school - exercise book, pens, pencils, rubbers;
- Something to play with - tennis ball, car, skipping rope, torch, puppet;
- Something to wear - t shirt, boxer shorts, thongs; or
- Something for personal hygiene - soap and face washer, toothbrush, brush and comb.

Each Learning Community will pack the items into shoe boxes and these will be sent off to a Samaritan’s Purse drop off point.

We ask that these small gifts be brought to school sometime during the first week of next term. The shoe boxes will be sent to the drop off point on Friday 10th October. Thanking you in anticipation for your support.

Staff of St Elizabeth’s
Holidays

The next two weeks of school holidays are a great opportunity for students to continue their learning! Some of the ways this can happen are:

- Maybe you are planning a family outing to the Royal Melbourne Show where students can learn about farm animals, plan a timetable for the day to see woodchop demonstrations, animal demonstrations, or even plan the best use of the budget available.

- Students could put together a list of activities they would like to participate in. The local newspaper and local library often have advertisements for these and many of them are free! Shopping centres also usually offer craft activities or performance shows, again many are free. Students could create a calendar of when different events are on and work out which activities fit in with other family commitments.

- Maybe you need to travel somewhere. Students could estimate the distance being travelled, how long it might take and whether you are travelling north, east, south or west.

Have fun and enjoy your holidays.

Rebecca Gage
Learning and Teaching Leader
gagere@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au
My name is Vishal,
I have been showing confidence by putting up my hand and having a go.

My name is Zachary,
I have been making good choices and using my learning time effectively.

My name is Ryan,
I have been persistent in my learning time and try hard even when things get tricky!

My name is Stephanie,
I am more confident when I read stories and talk about them in my group.
ATHLETICS

On Wednesday our school was represented by 8 young athletes at the Greater Dandenong Division Athletics Carnival. The event was held at Ross Reserve under threatening skies. The students all performed well on the day with most of them qualifying for the Southern Metro Carnival to be held in early Term 4.

Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered their time to take the children to this event and afforded them the opportunity to compete at such a level.

MILO IN2CRICCRICKET

Next term we will be running the Mio In2Cricket program every Wednesday afternoon straight after school. To register simply go to www.in2cricket.com.au and go to the big "register now" baton. Put in "st elizabeths" or our postcode 3175. All payments and registrations are online.

Yours in Sport
Dean Andrew

School News ...

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.
Student Leadership in Action at St. Elizabeth’s Primary School
Building Community and Making a Difference

On Wednesday the 17th of September staff, students and parents enjoyed watching St. Elizabeth’s Blue Hawks -v- St. Elizabeth’s Tigers. A great footy day was had by all and the funds raised from gold coin donations will go to support Children With Cancer.

Thanks to everyone who helped especially fellow students, Mrs. Hatley-Smith, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Nagy for umpiring the game, coaches, captains, players, extra umpires and the staff and students for their support.

Jonathan D’Assisi 5/6DL
School News ...cont

St. Elizabeth’s Primary School

Market Night
Friday 17th October
7pm to 9:30pm
Undercover in the Performing Arts Centre
Information at www.sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au
Stallholders welcome.

111 Bakers Road, Dandenong North.

Lick A Prize: One Pager for Reps and Retailers

There are two types of sticks in this year’s Lick-A-Prize promotion – only the first stick entitles consumers to claim a free Paddle Pop from participating retailers. If users enter this code on the website (www.paddlepop.com.au or www.paddlepop.co.nz) they will see a pop-up message that they’ve won a free Paddle Pop and can collect in-store.

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PADDLEPOP.COM.AU
PADDLEPOP.CO.NZ
CHUYQ42
YOU’VE WON
A PADDLE POP!

The second type of stick does not entitle consumers to a free Paddle Pop – instead, consumers can go to the website (www.paddlepop.com.au or www.paddlepop.co.nz) and input the code to win either a tangible prize (iPad, Magic Book etc) or a digital prize (unlock a game or episode, or win coins to unlock upgrades in the games).

2

PADDLEPOP.COM.AU
PADDLEPOP.CO.NZ
CHUYQ42
YOU ARE A WINNER!

*Please note these codes are the same for example purposes only and the blue lines do not appear on the actual sticks.
Don’t forget that **THURSDAY** is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

Each week we have approximately 70 students who participate in School Banking even though we have over 150 students registered.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Remember our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

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**Lost Property - Wrist Watch**

A wrist watch has been handed in during term 3. No-one, so far, has come to collect it. If this is your watch, please come and see Lisa and let me know what colour the watch is so I can prove that it is yours.

Again we have another basket full of lost property clothes. Could we ask all families to please check the lost property basket next to Mrs. Perazzo’s office and claim any of your lost clothing.

Any garments left after term break will be given to St Vincent de Pauls.

Thank You

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**Missing Clothes**

Can we ask the parents of children involved in Yr1 & Yr2 Cross Arts Rehearsal last Monday to please check that their child is wearing their own school track pants. A pair belonging to Isabel A. which were almost new and with her name clearly attached to the pants by an iron-on label are missing.

Thank You
Summer in Australia means cricket. And cricket is a fun way for girls and boys to develop fundamental movement skills, learn about teamwork and get involved in the local community.

Find out how you can create your own cricket moment at PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU
Community News ...

OPEN DAY
MAZENOD COLLEGE

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 14TH
9.30 AM–12.30 PM

Arrive anytime from 9:30 am, last tour commences at 11:15 am. Tours will run for approximately 1 hour.

For more information please contact the College on (03) 9560 0911 or visit www.mazened.vic.edu.au

Trivia Night
Nazareth College Parent’s Association

Friday 10th October 2014

6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

Café Naz
Nazareth College, Manning Drive
Noble Park North Vic 3174

Dress: Smart Casual

Bring along your friends, knowledge & a sense of fun

Tea / Coffee & Sweets provided
B.Y.O. Nibbles / Drinks /Glass

Cost: $15.00 pp
Book a table of 8 or Individual tickets
Cash Only

Bookings Essential @Email: nazarethparentsassociation@gmail.com
OR Contact Serena on 0407 802 810
Dandenong Little Athletics Centre

Interested in Little Athletics. We are offering a two week trial period for new athletes.

The season commences 4th October - Saturday mornings 8.45 am Robert Booth Reserve, Clow Street, Dandenong.

For further information contact Peter Craig 0417 744 992

Greater Dandenong Children’s Festival

Children’s Festival

A two week (Term 3 school holidays: 20 September-5 October) festival of workshops, performances, exhibitions, events, movies and activities.

Little Day Out

Sunday 28 September, 11am-4pm
Ross Reserve, Noble Park

A carnival of fun with active rides, live acts, roving performances, interactive family workshops, children’s activities, dance clinics, storytelling and puppetry, food and market stalls, and more. A day for big and little imaginations to run wild with fun and games, magic, discovery, music, learning, games, sports, and play!

Spring into Safety 2014 and Lego Movie

Thursday 25 September, 10am - 2pm
Dandenong Civic Square, 225 Lonsdale Street Dandenong

A children’s safety event aimed at promoting and creating awareness for children and family within the community.

If you have any questions, please contact Sabrina Bonne on 8571 5209 or email events@cgd.vic.gov.au
**St. Elizabeth’s Holiday Program**

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**St Elizabeth’s Holiday Program - September-October 2014**

Please provide your child with packed lunch and snacks for morning/afternoon tea and a refillable water bottle.

For more information & booking contact your coordinator Elaine 0422 802 709 or visit www.ylw.org.au/holidayprograms/
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111 Bakers Road, Dandenong North  
Ph: 0422 803 709 / 0426 282 721 | **Beginning:** |
| **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. | |
| **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. | **Monday** |
| **Vacation Care / Pupil Free Days:**  
Per Day: $45.00  
7.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday. (No vacation care available in January.) | **Tuesday** |
| **Late Pick Up Fees:** Per minute: $1.00 | **Wednesday** |
| *For enquiries or further information, please contact Elarine on 0422 803 709 or 0426 282 721 during session times.* | **Thursday** |
|  | **Friday** |