Dear Parents, Guardians Students and Other Parishioners,

St Elizabeth’s is committed to giving our students the best contemporary learning opportunities that we can. That means that we use contemporary tools to make learning appropriate to the students and we use a contemporary approach to managing our time and our resources so that we can focus on our core business, teaching and learning.

Over the last 12 months, we have been trialling the use of contemporary tools to communicate with you too. We have used CareMonkey for information about our students and their health information and to give you an opportunity to use your own tools, particularly those on your phone, to give permission for excursions and other school activities.

We have used Tiqbiz to help you with timely reminders and important notices. We work on our website to give you access to information about school policy, programs and news.

St. Elizabeth’s Weekly Calendar …

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Monday, 13 April
- Tuesday, 14 April
- Wednesday, 15 April
- School Closure Day
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- First day of Term 2
We use Facebook to give you an opportunity to communicate with us about the events happening which involve our students and their learning.

After a 12 month trial of CareMonkey, we are now ready to say that Care monkey is going to be the way in which we communicate in the future with parents, and the way in which you will give us permission for excursions etc.

Most of you have willingly learned how to use CareMonkey and it is usually very effective. There are still some situations where we are learning new things about it. We did not realise there was an issue with multiple questions until we sent out the Chocolate Drive Permission form. We now know what we need to do differently to manage multiple questions. Thank you for helping us to learn this. Thank you for learning about it yourselves. Thank you for being patient! Thank you for asking for help.

For a small number of parents, the willingness to fill in an electronic form has been a problem. Trixie and Lisa have rung these parents every time, be it about photos, excursions or Parent Information sessions and they have helped them to fill it all in. However, Trixie and Lisa have spent hours doing this and that has meant they have not done other tasks that need to be done.

If you have a problem with some part of CareMonkey, we will continue to help you.

However, if you choose NOT to fill in a CareMonkey form after this notice goes out, you may find there will be some problems for you or your children.

From Term 2 on, we will NOT be ringing you to remind you to fill in a CareMonkey Form.

If you don’t fill in a CareMonkey form then there will be a natural consequence.

- **If it is a permission form to go on an excursion and it’s not filled in, your child will not go.**
- **If it is a Sports notice and you do not fill it in, your child will not be in the team.**
- **If it is photo related and you don’t fill it in, you will not get a photo.**
- **If you have not updated a new phone number, we will not be able to call you if your child needs you.**
- **If you do not update us about their asthma plan we will not have accurate information to work on.**

The staff at St Elizabeth’s have tried their very best to assist everyone but they can only do so much, from now on it is up to all parents to learn to use CareMonkey effectively! We are here to help, but you have to start using it!

We will also talk to the children so that they can continue to help you to become contemporary learners!

Christine Ash / The Principal
There are many legends and stories of St. Patrick so this is his story.

St. Patrick was born in Scotland, in the year 387 and died in Ireland 461. His parents were Romans living in Britain in charge of the colonies.

As a boy of fourteen or so, he was captured and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Ireland at this time was a land of Druids and pagans. He learned the language and practices of the people who held him.

During his captivity, he turned to God in prayer. He wrote "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same." "I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain, where he reunited with his family.

He had another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more." He began his studies for the priesthood and became a priest and later a bishop. Patrick began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting thousands, began building churches all over the country and worked many miracles.

Why a shamrock? Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity.

Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. He feared nothing, not even death, so complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission.

What does St Patrick’s story mean for me? Just like God had for St Patrick, God has incredible experiences lined up for you to enrich your life. You only need to follow Jesus’ advice to find it all. Perhaps to find the people who are forgotten, lonely or abused? Give up time you’d rather use for yourself. Don’t let fear stop you. It didn’t stop Jesus or St Patrick. Reach out in prayer for courage. Do the right thing in spite of pressure. You’ll find a new life you never expected – and it will be awesome.

Maria Popowycz
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HOSTING MASSES

The first Nagle-Blue Mass is this Saturday night at 6.30pm!

Team spirit is built through a variety of ways and gathering together to pray is one of them.

Teachers will be there to celebrate Mass with the students. We are looking forward to seeing each of the house teams from Foundation to Yr6 gather together and celebrate liturgy together.

ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE IN BLUE-NAGLE HOUSE COLOUR ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THIS SCHOOL/PARISH MASS.
CARITAS Project Compassion

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." - Mother Teresa

The focus for project compassion is ‘Food For Life.’ A reminder that the Project Compassion boxes can be collected from the church foyer, school office. Thank you to the many families who have been focusing on the needs of others during this Lenten Season.

ST PATRICK’S DAY MASS
This week, Mrs. Martin and I had the absolute pleasure of taking our 4 school Captains to the St Patrick’s Day Mass which was held at St Patrick’s Cathedral. We travelled to the Cathedral together with school leaders from Nazareth College. Students from Catholic schools from all around Melbourne came together to pray and celebrate the life of St Patrick. It was a powerful and moving experience for our captains to be there with so many students, just like themselves, joining together in prayer. The Mass was followed by a wonderful concert at the Treasury Gardens. I speak on behalf of all the captains that we had a terrific day celebrating St Patrick’s life of service. Thanks you captains for a wonderful day.

SCHOOL LITURGIES AND CELEBRATIONS
All families are invited and very welcome to come to all liturgies!

Friday 20th March:
Foundation, Yr5 & Yr6 Learning Community will prepare and lead the 9:15am Mass.

Saturday 21st March:
Nagle–Blue Hosting Mass. All students in Nagle House will be hosting Mass 6.30pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS REFLECTION
Friday 27 March
Whole school reflection in the Level 3 link 9am-1pm. Check timetable to be sent home for your child’s class time. As we prepare for Easter the students have created wonderful artwork to represent the various Stations of the Cross. All family members and guardians are welcome to participate with us in prayer and reflection.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS:

Reconciliation
First Reconciliations begin next week.
- Wednesday 25 March at 6.00pm
- Wednesday 25 March at 7.00pm
- Thursday 26 March at 3.30pm

A gentle reminder that the $25.00 levy for this Sacrament can be paid at the school office. The levy covers the cost of books and ALL resources needed to prepare your child for Reconciliation.

Eucharist
A gentle reminder that the $25.00 levy for this Sacrament can be paid at the school office. The levy covers the cost of books and ALL resources needed to prepare your child for Eucharist.

Confirmation
Thank you to the many candidates who have started attending Mass during this Lenten Season. Attending Mass is an important part of preparation for Confirmation. Please sign the Sign-In Sheet located near the kitchen at the back of the church. There is a $25.00 levy for this Sacrament which can be paid at the school office.
Over the next fortnight we will be focusing on the You Can Do It Foundation of Organization and our thanks go to the students in 3/4HPM Learning Community who reminded us at Assembly last Monday of what it means to be organized.

Organization means setting a goal to be successful in your schoolwork and other areas, planning your time so that you are not rushed, having all your supplies ready, and keeping track of what you have to do and when you have to do it.

**TYPES OF THINKING THAT BUILD ORGANIZATION**

**Setting Goals** means thinking that setting a goal to do your best in school helps you to be successful.

**Planning my time** means thinking about making sure you understand what your teacher wants you to do before you start working and writing down when your homework is due.

**TEACHING / TYPES OF THINKING THAT DEVELOP ORGANIZATION**

**Setting Goals**

- Have the young person discuss the importance of having the goal of ‘success’ (doing their personal best) in his / her schoolwork.

- Explain that ‘success’ as a goal means doing your best to learn and accomplish something. It does not mean being the very best or being in the top group.

**Planning My Time**

- Discuss with the young person what it means to be a good ‘time manager’ and how being good at managing time helps him/her to be an achieving young person.

- Help the young person to establish a set time each night when he/she will start homework.

- Discuss the meaning of the word ‘priority’ and give the young person practice in deciding on the priority of various schoolwork, family and fun activities.

**Additional Ways To Strengthen Organization In A Young Person**

- Provide the young person with a check list and instructions regarding how to organize his/her room, backpack and notebooks.

- Provide the young person with a check list to complete of things to do each day and time when things need to be done.

- Establish a homework routine and schedule, including a diary and homework folder.

- Establish a set routine at home for wake up, being dressed and ready for school, homework time, dinner, ready for bed time and sleep.

Nan Perazzo / Wellbeing Coordinator
Learning and Teaching ...

Studyladder

Our school has access to a free version of Studyladder, an online educational program which allows students to learn at their own pace. The free version provides limited access to activities at home however it is not necessary for parents to upgrade student accounts. Studyladder is one of many tools we are using with our students.

About Studyladder
Studyladder is a F-Yr6 web based educational program designed by teachers. The program is curriculum based and covers Mathematics, Literacy and 8 other subjects. Students in many classes have now received usernames and passwords which can be used to access Studyladder.

Using Studyladder
It is not compulsory for your child to use Studyladder at home, however regular access will help your child to reinforce what they have learnt in school. It will also help to build their confidence through practice.

Safe Internet Usage
Studyladder is designed to prevent bullying and does not allow student access to social networking. Your child will NOT be able to chat with anyone via Studyladder. However, we encourage you to supervise your child at all times when using the Internet.

Recovering Previous Rewards And Points
Students can recover their rewards and points from their previous accounts. To do this, students should log into their NEW school account, click on the HELP TAB and select RECOVER OLD POINTS. All of their past rewards will be recovered. This will also upgrade their new account if the previous account had premium access.

Accessing Studyladder From Home
Go to www.studyladder.com.au and login using your child's school username and password.

Parents have the option to sign up for a free home account which can be linked to their child's school account. Those who register will have access to their child's certificates and results. Studyladder does not charge for this service, although there is a completely optional charge of $88 per student per year to upgrade to premium access. We do NOT require families to pay this upgrade.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please email support@studyladder.com.au

Rebecca Gage
Learning and Teaching Leader
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Sport News ...

Congratulations to our swimmers last week at the Greater Dandenong Division Swimming Carnival. We had wins in the 4 x 50 m 10 year old Mixed relay with Trung, Nam, Paris and Taylor swimming their hearts out. We also had individual first places in the 10 year old Boys freestyle (Trung), 10 year old Boys breaststroke (Nam), and Jovana won both the 12 year old Girls freestyle and butterfly.

We did also win second place in a few individual events as well as the Open medley relay with Nam, Taylor, Jovana and Bailey. Much thanks to the parents who brought their kids down to the event and cheered on the whole team.

On another matter, many students bring their own sports equipment from home to play with at playtime. Every class does have school supplied sports equipment such as soccer balls and skipping ropes, however it is ok for students to bring their own as well. BYO sports gear does however often come with risks.

School sports gear goes missing quite regularly over fences, on roofs and even out onto Bakers Road. I implore parents and students to please write their child's name on their sport's equipment, in permanent marker, to maximise the chance of it's return to their despondent owner.

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

Please label all items of school uniform clothing

Could we please remind all our parents/carers to clearly name all pieces of their school uniform to avoid any lost items. If clothing is clearly marked, it can be returned to your child when placed in the ‘Lost Property’ basket.

Thank you for your assistance.

Students Enrolling at St. Elizabeth’s in 2016

Could any families who have children planning on coming to St. Elizabeth’s in 2016 for their first year of schooling please contact Lisa on 9795 5258 to register.
is now open.

Enrolment form will be sent out via CareMonkey. The Reading Challenge is a very easy way of encouraging your child to enjoy reading a variety of books.

Once your child is registered, they will be given a username and password so that they (or you) can go on the website and register what books they are reading.

In our libraries, books that are in the “Challenge” have coloured stickers on the spine making them very easy to find.

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If you are in Foundation, Yr1 or Yr2 you can read books by yourself or with someone else, e.g., a parent, teacher, brother or sister, classmate, buddy or friend. They can help you or read the book to you if you are just learning to read. If you are in Yr3 to Yr6 you can read by yourself or to another person. If you are reading to a younger child, then the book can be added to both reading lists.

All books need to be entered online before 7 September 2015 so that they can be verified by the school.

If you have any queries, please come and see Mrs Martin in The Nook.
Parents and Friends.

A big **THANK YOU** to those of you who have agreed to sell the contents of a Cadbury Chocolate Box. They were sent home this week. Although the money is not due in until April 15th, if you sell them earlier and wish to send the money in this term, please do so.

A huge thank you for the donation towards the Easter Raffle. Each child will have their name put into the draw (no cost). The raffle will be drawn during the last week of term.

Reminder to all, if you have time, come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee after assembly, it is a lovely way to chat and get to know other parents.
Parish Holy Week Timetable.

Parish Reconciliation:
Tuesday 31st March, Wednesday 1st April between 7:00pm—8:00pm

Holy Thursday 2nd April:
Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:30pm
Opportunity for Reconciliation after Mass

Good Friday 3rd April:
Stations of the Cross at St. Elizabeth’s 10:00am
(no service at St. Mary’s Seminary)
Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at St. Elizabeth’s 3:00pm

Easter Vigil Saturday 4th April:
Saturday Evening 8:00pm

Easter Sunday 5th April:
Masses at 8:30am and 10:30am.
(Note there is no 5:30pm Mass)
Community News ...

Family SUSTAINABILITY Festival

Do more with less. Be sustainable.

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2015 • 10AM-3PM

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FREE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY...
Children’s activities • Roving entertainment •
Cooking demonstrations • Pedal-powered smoothies • Native animals up close •
Spot prizes and more

KICK START YOUR SUSTAINABILITY JOURNEY...

FOR MORE INFORMATION: PHONE 8571 1000
WWW.GREATERRDANDENONG.COM
**St. Elizabeth’s Out of School Hours Care Program ...**

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111 Bakers Road, Dandenong North  
Ph: 0422 803 709 / 0426 282 721 | Beginning: Monday 23 March 2015 |
| **Before School Care** | | |
| Permanent: $12.00 / Casual: $13.00 | **Monday** | Beaded Bracelets / Necklace Making |
| 7.00am to 8.55am Monday to Friday during school term, excluding all Victorian public holidays. | **Tuesday** | Animal Masks |
| **After School Care:** | | |
| Permanent: $13.50 / Casual: $14.50 | **Wednesday** | Paper Fans |
| 3.15pm to 6.15pm Monday to Friday during school term, excluding all Victorian public holidays. | **Thursday** | Picture Frames |
| **Vacation Care / Pupil Free Days:** | **Friday** | PlayStation or Movies |
| Per Day: $45.00 | | |
| 7.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday. (No vacation care available in January.) | | |
| **Late Pick Up Fees:** Per minute: $1.00 | | |

For enquiries or further information, please contact Elarine on 0422 803 709 or 0426 282 721 during session times.

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We will be open on the two School Closure Days at the beginning of Term 2 - Monday 13 April and Tuesday 14 April. Please see Elarine if you wish to book in your child/ren or