Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Other Parishioners,

This weekend in Australia and New Zealand we commemorate the Anzac Day event which marks the anniversary of the first campaign for the soldiers of Australia and New Zealand in Gallipoli during World War 1.

‘Lest We Forget’ is very much part of this tradition.

‘Lest We Forget’ means so many different things to so many people. There are negative and positive ideas captured in this phrase. Let’s stay with the negative thoughts that flow first. There are so many and they are overwhelmingly sad.

‘Lest We Forget’ the thousands of men and women on both sides who lost their lives in a battle for the city of Constantinople that failed miserably for the allied forces. What started out as a bold attempt to knock the Ottoman Empire out of the war turned into a desperate stalemate with thousands of soldiers trapped on the beaches in desperate circumstances.

‘Lest We Forget’ the heartbreak of those who waited in vain, hope and great distress and pain for the return of their loved ones, mainly brothers, fathers, husbands and friends.

‘Lest We Forget’ the heartbreaking attempts to return to ‘normal life’ for those who suffered physical and mental anguish on surviving this military initiative.

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
‘Lest We Forget’ the tragedy of those trying to deal with loved ones who returned badly injured and shellshocked who struggled to make sense of the events that they had survived.

‘Lest We Forget’ the impact this had on those in leadership who had to keep their minds on the big picture whilst knowing the daily misery their decisions caused to so many individuals.

‘Lest We Forget’ also has positive associations. Not as many, but each of them makes a difference in someone’s life. Sometimes, we can only make a difference in the lives of those we are close to, sometimes that is enough.

Here are some of the positives:

‘Lest We Forget’ the comrades who encouraged, served, listened to, cheered up, wept with, laughed with and stayed with their fellow comrades. Many people were saintly in their service to others in appalling situations. God bless each of them.

Lest We Forget the mateship, the continual support for each other and the spirit of grim determination that kept the soldiers going.

‘Lest We Forget’ the strong bond of friendship that developed between Australia and New Zealand during this period in our history. This bond serves us well.

‘Lest We Forget’ that since that time, many of us have become more aware that war is rarely an answer to the world’s problems. Many of us the world over have grown wary of seeing violence as a solution. Certainly we seek more information and look for other solutions before supporting decisions to send thousands to foreign soils. We do send our troops after discussion, reflection and with hopes for creating a better society. They are still fighting to make this world a better place but we also ask questions and are more critical in how we approach these decisions. We are very conscious of the cost of war in human terms.

‘Lest We Forget’ that, along with those long gone, today, men and women of Australia and New Zealand are continuing to serve overseas and they themselves need our recognition of their bravery and skill and a deep gratitude for what they risk in our name.

Over the 100 years since that first landing at Gallipoli, this special day has grown to become a day when we commemorate the service of all men and women involved in active service for our 2 countries.

Let us pray that in another 100 years we may have no need for anyone to be on active service. Raising our children as thinkers, questioners, people of peace and faith is an important step in this journey.

SMOKING BANNED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS FROM MONDAY 13 APRIL

From Monday 13 April 2015, smoking is banned on the grounds of, and within 4 metres of, a school, kinder or childcare centre by the Victorian Government.

WHY?

To protect everyone, especially children, from second-hand tobacco smoke. There is no safe level of passive smoking.

To protect children from seeing smoking in action. Children notice when someone lights a cigarette and they think it is OK. But smoking is not OK, it is harmful.

Please respect our State laws to make sure we have a safe and healthy environment at St Elizabeth’s School.

There is a fine of $147.00 for anyone caught smoking on or near (within 4 metres) our grounds.

Call 13 78 48 if you want to quit smoking!

Christine Ash
The Principal
Welcome back to this second term as we joyfully celebrate this Easter Season. We began this new term with a focus on the Easter story and the centrality of the Easter event for all who name themselves as Christian. We are an Easter people who live in the joy and hope of the promise of a new resurrected life with the Lord.

Our culture has changed since the days of our parents and grandparents when just about anyone dropped in at any time. We now call ahead and make arrangements for our children to visit friends. In comparing our own day to 50 years ago, we begin to really appreciate the invitation of Jesus to follow him, just as we are, anytime of the day or night. Where would we be if we had to call ahead to see if Jesus was available?

During the next week, reach out to a family in your neighborhood by inviting them over for some ‘informal’ fun and food. Dig out board games and snacks as you welcome them spontaneously. Keep in mind that this is how Jesus reaches out to us and let your neighbors experience God’s love through your hospitality.

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

SACRAMENTAL NEWS:

First Communion
Our sacramental focus throughout this Easter season will be on the Sacrament of First Communion. *There will be lots of information regarding your child’s sacrament, so please keep an eye on CareMonkey and Tiqbiz.*

First Eucharist Family Nights
Our last family activity evening will be on Wednesday 29th April at 7.00pm.

First Eucharist Activity Day
Thursday 30 April
I encourage any parents who are available to help to please make the effort in supporting the day. Without your support the day is not the same!

Confirmation Commitment Mass on Pentecost
Sunday 24th May
Confirmation candidates need to attend Confirmation commitment Mass to formally commit to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Thank you to the many families who have taken up the challenge to be regular participants at the Mass here at St Elizabeth’s.

A friendly reminder for all families involved in sacramental programs to pay their $25 per sacrament to the school office.
This fortnight our school ‘You Can Do It” focus is on Persistence. Thanks to the students from 3/4LO who reminded us at Assembly on Monday about what being persistent looks like, feels like and sounds like. Some examples of persistent behaviour are continuing to try even when something is hard to do and not allowing oneself to be distracted by others.

Persistence means trying hard to do your best and not giving up when something feels like it’s too difficult or boring.

Habits of mind to help persistence:

- I can do it means thinking that I’m more likely to be successful than I am to fail.
- Giving effort means thinking that the harder I try, the better my success will be and knowing that success is not caused by external factors (luck) but by internal factors (effort).
- Working tough means thinking that in order to be successful in the future, I sometimes have to do things that are not easy or fun in the present.

The following phases can be used to deliver the message of being persistent:

- You put a lot of energy into that.
- Great effort.
- You stuck to that like glue.
- I like it when you try hard.
- I knew I could count on you to go that extra mile.
- Your results have improved due to your sustained effort.
- I ‘m so glad you kept trying.
- You didn’t give up.
- Making that effort will help you learn.
- You’re not going to let mistakes stop you.
- Your effort is so important, it will help you succeed.
- You continued even when the going got tough.

Nan Perazzo / Wellbeing Coordinator
Why Can’t I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student “A” reads 20 minutes each day
3600 minutes in a school year
1,800,000 words

Student “B” reads 5 minutes each day
900 minutes in a school year
282,000 words

Student “C” reads 1 minute each day
180 minutes in a school year
8,000 words

By the end of 6th grade Student “A” will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student “B” will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school…and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

Rebecca Gage
Learning and Teaching Leader
gagere@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au
Sport News …

Congratulations to Nam and Trung for their School Sports Victoria swimming achievements. Both boys won events at the local Division level and then went on to the South Metro Regional Carnival. Trung placed an impressive 3rd in the 50m butterfly whilst Nam won the 50m breaststroke! Nam's win qualified him for the State Swimming Carnival to race against the very best swimmers across Victoria. On a very cold day at the Melbourne State Aquatic Centre, Nam swam an incredible 3rd and earned himself a spot on the winner's podium and a bronze medal.

The boy's family are a very supportive family of the boy's swimming pursuits. We at St. Elizabeth's are very proud to have the boys represent our school at such a high level.

Yours in Sport
Dean Andrew
Sports Coordinator
Friday 1 May 2015

The 2015 St. Elizabeth’s Parish School Cross Country Carnival is to be held at Barry Powell Reserve this Friday 1 May. The event is run during learning blocks 1 and 2 (8.55am till 10.55am) for all of our Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 and Yr6 students. The top 9 students from each age group will go on to compete at the Noble Park District Cross Country Carnival later in the term.

Students are to bring a water bottle on the day. They will be competing in their house colours and are encouraged to wear a top in their house colours. They need to wear runners and their school shorts.

Parents are most welcome to come along and support the children.

Points are awarded to everyone that finishes the race, the teams with the best chant, anyone in their house colours and bonus points are awarded to the top 9 place getters.

Thank you
Dean Andrew
Sports Coordinator
**Victorian Reading Challenge ... How to enter a book**

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/students.aspx

Click **LOGIN HERE**, enter your child's username and password.

Find the correct book and click

Then click on **Add to reading list**

Should the book not be listed in the Challenge Lists, click on **Add books to my list** and fill in the Title, Author (First name and Last name). Then click **Add My Choice Book**.
Parents and Friends ...

A big **THANK YOU** to all who have already returned their chocolate money.

A gentle reminder to the rest to return their money to school as soon as possible as we would like to finalise this fundraiser.

The Mothers Day Stall will be held on Thursday 7th May. If you are available to come along and help with the stall, please come to the next meeting. Classes will be rostered to come to visit the stall. There is a display of the items in the school office foyer. The list of items and prices is included in this newsletter.

The next Parents and Friends meeting is being held on Monday 4 May in The Nook 2:20pm. Looking forward to seeing you.

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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

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**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.
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## Contact Details ...

St. Elizabeth’s Out of School Hours Care Program  
111 Bakers Road, Dandenong North  
Ph: 0422 803 709 / 0426 282 721

**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.

**Vacation Care / Pupil Free Days:**  
**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 enquires or further information, please contact Elarine on 0422 803 709 or 0426 282 721 during session times.

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