Dear Parents, Students, Guardians and Other Parishioners.

It is my great delight to announce to you that St. Elizabeth's have entered into a Music Partnership with Nazareth College. With generous support from Nazareth College, in 2016/2017, we will be offering all our Yr5 students an intense experience of music learning.

Every Yr5 student will be offered the opportunity in school time to either learn to play an instrument, choosing from flute, trumpet, clarinet, trombone or a percussion instrument, or to enjoy vocal lessons using their voice as an instrument.

Nazareth College music teachers will provide weekly lessons in groups of no more than 5 students as part of our school learning experience. Students will then get the opportunity to play in a school band during school time and will also get the opportunity on occasions to perform in a joint Concert band with Nazareth students. The students taking singing lessons will enjoy opportunities to sing together as a choir but will also perform on occasions with the Nazareth Choir.

To begin this project, the singing teacher from Nazareth will come here to work with our choir in 2015, assisting Ms Lim to develop their repertoire and teaching them how to use their voice effectively. In 2016, music will be part of our teaching and learning experience for all Yr5 students and there will be no charge to hire an instrument. The choice of instrument will be guided by the teachers from Nazareth who will spend a day with us before the end of the year assessing our student's potential for the various choices.

In 2017, students who wish to continue with their instruments and lessons will be offered hire of the instruments and lessons at a very reduced rate. At Yr6 it will not be compulsory, but will be part of our curriculum.
for those who choose to keep up this learning and involvement in the vocal group or the band.

All the Yr5 students will get an opportunity to perform in Term 2 and 3 at concerts at the Wheeler Auditorium at Nazareth and will be able to perform here at school too.

Music is a very neglected part of the curriculum in the primary years. Unless you are able to attend a private college, playing an instrument is just a dream for most children. To have this opportunity at St Elizabeth’s is awesome and we are very grateful to Nazareth College for providing us with this opportunity.

More information will be available as we work through the details together with the Nazareth College Music department.

HOMEWORK
During this term we have had an activity for our community on homework. Its purpose was designed to get all our community thinking about homework. All the children in Yrs 3-6 completed the activity, most of the staff did and 10% of our families either completed it or gave us their response in written form. Many thanks to those who took the time to give us their feedback.

Here are some responses that might surprise you:

- Children were more positive about homework than either parents or teachers.
- Reading was seen by many students as just a homework activity.
- Most parents don’t enjoy doing homework with their children.
- Lots of children thought that if their parents had to do homework, then they should too.
- None of the teachers thought that marking homework in school time was a good use of learning time.
- Most teachers, parents and children think homework is a stressful experience for all involved.
- Most parents do not see homework as a great way to keep children busy, but children do.
- Many teachers and children believe that homework helps build good learning habits, but ALL parents believe that to be true.
- All teachers believe that homework needs to match the student’s learning development.
- Parents are the only group in the community who overwhelmingly believe that homework helps children to love learning, but everyone believes homework needs to be fun to do.

Following the community’s feedback we have made some changes to our Homework Policy which we will take to the School Board for ratification.

The responses affirm our commitment to providing homework.

- The school has an expectation that unless there are circumstances in the family’s life that makes it timely not to set homework for the children, all children are expected to complete homework. (Given those circumstances, the family can choose not to sign the Homework Contract.)
- Homework has to be designed to meet the needs of the student.
- Students need homework that gives them timely feedback. (Learning is improved when children know quickly that they have successfully completed the task.)
- Students are expected to complete all homework and teachers need to communicate that homework expectation to the student and their family. As of Term 3 ALL students from Yrs 3-6 will get a written account of their homework for the fortnight using Mathletics for Maths and Studyladder for Spelling. Parents can monitor Maths on the Mathletics Parents’ Portal.
- Children who do not complete homework will have their parents notified by email. A second email will be sent if this happens again. After 3 periods where homework has not been completed, an email will be sent asking the parent to complete an exemption from homework form.

Everyone is responsible for Homework.

⇒ Teachers set it and monitor it for planning for student learning.
⇒ Students complete it.
⇒ Parents encourage and monitor that it is being done at home.

Christine Ash
The Principal
As we come to the end of this Second term let us stop and reflect back over this term and all that we have celebrated and shared together.

We began the term in the Liturgical season of Easter and quickly moved into the preparation program for the Sacrament of First Communion. As part of this program all families participated in Family Activity Nights and Liturgy Preparation Evenings. The children shared a Special Activities Bread - Making day here at St Elizabeth’s, even Mr Andrew became apprentice baker! Congratulations to all the First communion children.

We gathered together as a whole school to celebrate St. Elizabeth where we heard of the welcome and hospitality shown by Elizabeth to her young cousin Mary. We remembered and gave thanks and praise for all those who came and worked together to build this community, to make St Elizabeth’s a joy-filled community where all are welcomed.

Each community planned and prepared Liturgies that they celebrated together with our parishioners. They also planned and prepared prayer celebrations in their classrooms.

Prayerful Meditation is an important time we sat still each day as a whole school, we listened to a Gospel passage or prayer to help us become focused. We then meditated repeating the mantra ‘MATANATHA’. It was time we took to be still and listen to God’s message to us.

As whole school gathered for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and during the Mass the children were invited to show their continuing support for the Parish St Vincent De Paul Society through a donation of food, clothing or a gold coin. On behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society and the families in our community who look to them for help, I thank you for all the donations so generously given. We showed that through our actions that living by the Catholic Social Principles is valued at St. Elizabeth’s.

Many families from Polding – Green House participated in their Saturday night hosting Mass.

Foundation, Level 4 and Level 3 communities raised money to send to the earthquake victims in Nepal showing Social Justice in action.

The sacramental focus continued throughout the term as we marked the end of the Easter season with the Feast of Pentecost and the Confirmation candidates renewing their commitment to their preparation and leading us in prayerful reflection on the Holy Spirit. The candidates were given an ‘Activities Pack’ to be completed at home and given to their teacher by the Wednesday 16th October (Week 2 Term 4). The focus of the activities is to raise the children’s awareness of the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit and where we see evidence of these in action within our own parish community. For the candidates to be able to do this and have a sense of this parish community they will, of course, need to be attending Mass here regularly.

As we come to the end of another term, I would like to thank all families for their continued support and encouragement and look forward to the new term during which we will focus on the preparation of the Level 4 students celebrating Confirmation in Term 4 on Sunday 8th November at 1.00pm. I remind Yr6 parents of the Confirmation Parent Information Night on Wednesday 19th August at 7.00pm in the Church.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday. May you rest and spend time as a family, where possible, sharing in many adventures. I will certainly be enjoying a very long holiday with my family in America! For many, it will be a time of gathering and catching up on things that in the business of term get left behind. Whatever it may be, remember to stop and think about God’s presence in all we do and say.

God Bless!

Maria Popowycz
Religious Education Leader
popoma@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au
ON PSYCH - SCHOOL BASED PSYCHOLOGIST

What is On Psych?
On Psych is Australia’s largest provider of bulk-billed Medicare funded school-based psychology services using Psychologists and Mental Health Social Workers. We specialise in child and adolescent mental health interventions and family intervention dealing with a range of disorders such as anxiety, depression, ASD, ADHD, grief, and self-harm.

Working in schools enables us to use a collaborative approach with students, teachers and families; essential for optimal outcomes. Services are performed at NO COST to the school, student or parent through Medicare bulk billing. We are very fortunate to have an On Psych psychologist at St Elizabeth’s Primary School, Ai Tran.

Ai has completed Masters Degrees in both Clinical Psychology and Counselling Psychology, as well as a recent placement with the Developmental Neuropsychiatric Program at the Royal Children's Hospital. Ai employs a gestalt approach which combines such psychological techniques as Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Client-centred and Solution-focused Therapy, Play Therapy and Psycho-education. Ai firmly believes that a collaborative approach will produce the most successful outcomes for a child, and considers maintaining regular contact with parents and family an essential part of any treatment program.

If you believe that this might benefit your child, please contact Nan Perazzo Wellbeing / Student Services Coordinator for further instructions.

There is always a moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in.’

Graham Greene

Nan Perazzo
Wellbeing Coordinator
WOULD YOU LIKE WEEKLY REPORTS TO SEE HOW YOUR CHILD IS PERFORMING ON THEIR MATHLETICS HOMEWORK?

Mathletics have a free Parent Console. By signing up for free access, you will receive a weekly email report on the results of your child’s results and the amount of time they have spent completing the activities.

To activate your free access to the Parent Console visit www.3plearning.com/parents:

Enter your details, along with those of your child’s Mathletics account. You will receive your own username & password by email.

To access the Parent Console, simply visit www.mathletics.com.au and use your: parent username/password to sign in.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Participation Summary</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>This week, Matthew signed into Mathletics 3 times for a total time of 34 minutes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Matthew earned 970 points from curriculum activities and 247 points from Live Mathletics.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total Points</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Matthew has earned a total of 1217 points.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Congratulations! Matthew has won a Bronze Certificate!</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Curriculum Activities</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Activity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Position and Movement - Symmetry or Not?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Position and Movement - Symmetry or Not?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Position and Movement - Symmetry or Not?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Position and Movement - Rotational Symmetry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Position and Movement - Transformations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Position and Movement - Map Coordinates</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Position and Movement - Coordinate Meeting Places</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Position and Movement - Test</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Average: 96%</th>
<th>970* Points</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

*Students receive a maximum of 300 points per Activity and 600 points per Are You Ready or Test.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Live Mathletics</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Level</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Students receive 1 point per Correct Answer or 2 points per Correct Answer in Bonus Level.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Gold Bar Progress</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Matthew achieved 6 gold bars* this week.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>*Students receive a gold bar for an activity when they attain a result of 65% or better.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Rebecca Gage
Learning and Teaching Leader
gagere@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au
Everyone loves a bargain, so why not turn it into an activity that helps develop your child's Mathematical skills and knowledge.

Over the holidays grab the junk mail and have a go at the following ...

- How would you spend $40 from a catalogue? (The amount can be altered to cater for younger children e.g. $2 or $5.)
- How many products can you buy for $40?
- Select five products from the catalogue then calculate what the cost would be if there was a 50% sale. Does it make a difference if you add up the items, and then deduct 50%, or if each item is reduced by 50% then totalled?
- What is the best value sale item in the catalogue? Can you explain your reasoning?
- What are the cheapest and most expensive items in your catalogue?
- Compare the cost of a product across different catalogues. What did you find?

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

This week we held the last of our NetSetGo! sessions. The kids that were involved in the program had a great time playing different games each week with their friends. The program was great in developing their skills and fitness in a fun way and we hope to see the program return next year. Some of the participants may go on to play for our St. Elizabeth's Netball Club. The netball club trains here after school every Thursday, and then plays competition netball on a Saturday morning in Dandenong.

In Term 3 we will be playing footy after school on Wednesdays. Last year’s footy program was a huge success with some of our kids going on to local junior footy clubs and others playing with our school team. As with all of the after school sports programs, whatever sport we focus on allows our students to develop in all sports. Finding "offensive space" is important in all invasion games such as soccer, hockey or even water polo (yes, we have a student who plays water polo at the Oasis centre!). Catching a ball, whether it be a netball, basketball or cricket, is a skill for all. Life long skills will help foster a love for a particular sport that, hopefully, will encourage our students to be long time players in a healthy pursuit.

Yours in Sport
Dean Andrew
Sports Coordinator

INTER SCHOOL SPORT NEWS - NETBALL

On Thursday the netball A team and the netball B team played against Silverton Primary School. The B team played first, they won and the score was 10 to 8. They were very good at working as a team. The A team played next. They won and the score was 24 to 2. They had a great time. Well done girls!

:) Zoe Adamopoulos
Parish Dinner Dance.

The parish has held a dinner dance for the last couple of years and it is a wonderful time for our school families and parishioners to come together and enjoy a lovely meal and dance the night away.

As you know last Saturday was the dinner dance for this year, and I thought you may like to see how our Performing Arts Centre and Learning Link 4 are transformed for the night.

As you can see, not only are the tables dressed, but so are the chairs, giving a wondrous feel to the space.
School News cont ...

Yes we are Registered!

Begins term 3.
Wednesday 15th July and ends Tuesday 8th September.

Remember a couple of years ago we collected stickers from Woolworths and put them on the sticker sheet and when completed sent them into the school office?

We used the stickers to furbish the Foundation classrooms with their wooden furniture as well as some other supplies for the school community.

There will be a collection bin in the school office as well as in the church.

We would appreciate all the help you can give us in trying to get as many completed sticker sheets as possible.

Are you good at making things with wood?

I am looking for a handy mum, dad or grandad who could turn this ...

into this.

If you have some spare time and would be able to make these bead frames for the children please contact myself, Lyn Dennett at school.

I will supply the beads, steel rods and wood.
At St. Elizabeths we are doing our best to reduce the paper used relating to parent information, notices and permission forms. One way in which we can all help with this is by using new technology.

**TIQBIZ**

Have you registered with Tiqbiz yet? TiqBiz is an app for Apple, Android and Microsoft devices that will allow our school to have the ability to send information to parents about what is happening around the school. If you haven’t registered yet, we encourage you to do so. This is how easy it is:

On your smart phone device search in your app store for TiqBiz, this is a free app, and download.

If you don’t have a smart phone, you can use a PC or Mac computer to download TiqBiz by going to www.tiqbiz.com.

Once Tiqbiz has been downloaded onto your device, please click on TiqBiz icon.

You will be asked to register - *(first name, last name, Australia, email, confirm email, password and confirm password)*. Once completed, click Register.

Once registered, click on find&tick and search for St Elizabeths Parish School, Dandenong North VIC.

Click on the grey tick next to the boxes that apply to your child’s year level and also tick Whole School. Once boxes have been ticked, the tick will turn green.

Click < *(top left of screen)* until you reach menu.

Click INBOX icon.

This is where you will receive our instant messages, newsletters, notices and calendar events. If you have a message waiting to be read, you will see a small red circle with a number inside located on the top right hand corner of the year level box. This indicates that you have new messages to read. Click on the grey year level and message will appear.

This app can be used by all teachers in the school to send updates about what is happening in each class and to send reminders for events that are coming up. From now on, parents registered with TiqBiz will receive a notification when any of this information has been posted.
CAREMONKEY

On your smart phone device search in your app store for CareMonkey, this is a free app, and download.

If you don’t have a smart phone, you can use a PC or Mac computer to download CareMonkey by going to www.caremonkey.com.

Once CareMonkey has been downloaded onto your smart phone device, please click on CareMonkey icon.

Enter your log in (which is your email address).

Enter your password (which is secure only to you). (If you have forgotten your password, click “Reset Password” and CareMonkey will send you a new password to your email address.

Once you are at Care Central click "Respond" in the box where permission is requested.

Read text of email which will explain the upcoming event.

Scroll down the page.

Click on "Accept" (if you will be attending and that your child’s CareMonkey care profile is up to date).

Click on "Decline" (if you will not be attending and that your child’s CareMonkey care profile is up to date).

Scroll down to the bottom of the page.

Click on "Respond".

Now you have installed the CareMonkey app onto your phone, any time you receive a CareMonkey email asking for permission of an upcoming event, go to the CareMonkey app on your phone, click CareMonkey icon and continue with instructions above.
**GOSPEL CONNECTIONS**

**Don’t Have Faith, Act with Faith**

I know a woman just like the woman in this week’s Gospel.

Teresa moved from the Middle East to Australia without her family. That was hard, but it allowed her to work three jobs and save money to move her family here. Through all the hard and lonely times, she had faith that Jesus would help her realise her dream. The entire family now has been living here for many years, and things are going well – all because of Teresa’s faith.

Real faith means taking the initiative and showing courage. Real faith means risking rejection and failure. The bleeding woman was unclean under Jewish law, which means she risked a humiliating rejection by wading through the crowd to touch Jesus. Teresa faced loneliness, poverty and racism. But both women showed real faith by pushing on anyway.

Do you need healing or help? Do you want to see changes in your school, your family, your workplace, or your world? Do you see others that need help? Then don’t **have** faith, **act with** faith. Take the risky steps to reach out and make a difference. Call for Jesus to strengthen your courage. Don’t give up when it gets tough. Eventually you will feel God’s power flow through your life.

**Who inspires you by how they take initiative and show courage for their faith? When have you shown initiative or courage in acting on your faith?**

**The Action Response**

Be not afraid! Be generous! As the missionaries often say, prayerfully consider what you can give from your surplus – and then resolve to give double that amount. Trust that God will supply you with everything you need

**IN FOCUS**

**Don’t Be Afraid, Only Have Faith**

In August 2005, Pope Benedict XVI made a special visit to Germany on the occasion of World Youth Day, held in Cologne. In a scene reminiscent of Jesus on the Sea of Galilee, Pope Benedict spoke to the throng of young people from a boat, moored beside the banks of the Rhine. On the following day he spoke to them again at the Sunday Mass at Marienfield. On that occasion he spoke about the power of Jesus to change the world.

A crowd of around one million young people had gathered for that Mass, and they listened willingly as the Pope addressed their concerns for a renewed and better world. While nations fight against nations and while terror threatens to engulf us all, Pope Benedict pointed to the love of Jesus and to a different way of being in the world. When Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee and came to its western shore, he found a great crowd of people there to welcome him. They, too, were a willing crowd, eager to listen to the young preacher of Nazareth. But very quickly the demands of life make themselves felt. A desperate father, eager for the welfare of his daughter, comes and begs for help. An equally desperate woman, weary of medical interventions and failures, seeks out the healer of Galilee. They are looking for someone to change their worlds, from sickness to health, from death to life. They recognise in Jesus someone who has the power to change the world.

Jesus responds to these requests, no questions asked. It is God’s will that everyone should be saved, that all should be well. The years of weariness that the woman has endured are brought to an end. Her suffering is over. Her story is an inspiration for all who struggle over time with personal sorrow. Seek out the Lord of life, and pray to be well. “If I can touch even his clothes…”

Let us then approach the Lord of life. In the midst of the crowd, like that woman of long ago, let us humbly ask to be free of our afflictions. When the death of a loved one comes close to us, let us not be afraid. Look at the Lord of life, and have faith. And like the crowd that welcomed Jesus to the shore, let us set ourselves to listen to the Lord and to follow him.

When darkness threatens to engulf us, hear the voice of the Lord, saying, “The world is not dead, but asleep.” Let us set ourselves to wake the world to the love of God.
In His Spirit

Come along to the ‘In His Spirit’ fun-filled day event celebrating and learning about the Catholic faith through talks, skits, powerful testimonials, games, group workshops, action songs and ‘race for grace’ challenges. The event is for children aged 9-12 with their parents on Saturday July 4th and for children 13 years and above on Sunday July 5th. The event will be held at St. Gerard’s hall Dandenong, from 9-5pm including Holy Mass with the parish and confessions.

Entry is free of charge with meals included.
RUN
with me

Say YES to refugees ...
join Team CatholicCare at
Run Melbourne 2015
Sunday 26 July
Federation Square

All proceeds raised will go to our Refugee and Settlement programs
to assist newly-arrived refugees to settle well in Australia.
To find out more, register or donate
visit www.ccam.org.au/runmelbourne or call 9287 5517
WALK with me

Say YES to refugees ...
join Team CatholicCare at
Run Melbourne 2015
Sunday 26 July
Federation Square

All proceeds raised will go to our Refugee and Settlement programs
to assist newly-arrived refugees to settle well in Australia.
To find out more, register or donate
visit www.ccam.org.au/runmelbourne or call 9287 5517

111 Bakers Road, Dandenong Nth, Vic. 3175     Tel: (03) 9795 5258   Fax: (03) 9790 0933
www.sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au  admin@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au
Parish Priest: Rev. Tadeusz Ziolkowski SC     School Principal: Mrs Christine Ash
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Activities</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June | Decorative Hangings: Create the following items:  
- PVA Rainbow hangers  
- Personalised door signs  
- Colourful garlands  
- Scented hangings  
Join in on a challenging hanging cookie game |
| Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June   | Excursion Day: Movies at the Reading Cinema, Dandenong Plaza  
**The minions**  
Includes: Transport, McDonalds Happy Meal for lunch & Popcorn at the movies  
Cost $20:00 |
| Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July   | Wellbeing Day: It is going to be a fantastic day!  
Activities include:  
- Still life drawing  
- Relaxation music quiz  
- Making lavender bags  
- Silent word game  
- Blind scented oil activity  
- Calming beads sensory activity |
| Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July    | Under the Sea:  
- Sock sea creatures  
- Humpback Whale paper plate craft  
- Spotted drinking straw octopus  
- Paper cup fish puppets  
- Stick fish  
**Games**  
- Dead fish  
- Ship shark shore  
- tug of war |
| Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July     | No Bake Master chef day!  
* Children are supervised by staff to make and serve raisin toast and orange juice for breakfast  
* Design a menu and setup a restaurant  
* Have hot dogs for lunch  
* Make honey joys  
* Decorate cookies to take home and decorate your own cookie box |
| Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July      | The letter "T" Day: Join us as we celebrate all things T!  
- Have fun:  
- Building giant tracks with cylinders  
- Team games such as tunnel ball & table tennis  
- Balloon tennis games  
Decorate your own tea cake for afternoon tea |
| Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July     | Creative Snow: Let's get creative with snow!  
- Snow button tree  
- Wrapped flowers craft  
- Snow globes craft  
- Raining cloud craft  
- Fridge magnet craft  
- Clay pot snow pot |
| Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July   | Excursion Day: To inflatable world!  
**Inflatable World**  
**Go on an indoor adventure with us today and**  
**Have lots of fun at Ringwood inflatable world**  
**Cost $26**  
**BYO LUNCH + SNACK** |
| Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July    | Recycle Art Day:  
- Rainbow wind spinner  
- Robot craft  
- Egg carton flowers  
- Milk carton car  
- Build a city with boxes  
**Bring in plastic bottles, boxes, egg carton anything that you can make new again work with your friends and make your own space ship.** |
| Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July     | FAREWELL HOLIDAYS FUNDRAISING PARTY!  
Dress up in your pyjamas, with singing and dancing.  
Bring in your favourite CD/DVD and we shall Rap, Disco, Hip Hop and Rock & Roll.  
**Cost $3**  
100% of money raised goes to support our project YLV Argentina- keeping kids in great need off the street and giving them access to a meal, help with school work and educational activities & games.  
To read more please visit:  
Party food supplied |