Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and other Parishioners,

We talked in Assembly this week about every person having a story to share with the world. Each person’s story is unique and each person’s story has the power to teach others. When we take time to think about another person’s story, we can honour that person in our hearts, reflect on their story and change ourselves. I was sharing with the students the story of Mr Peter Perazzo, Nan’s husband. Mr Perazzo died last weekend but his story will be shared by many as he was a very well known and respected person in his local community. Of course, he also leaves his story to his family, and they will be enriched by that, as they will be enriched by the prayers, thoughts and blessings that this community wishes for them.

Our story is the work of our life. It is a life story. Each of us is the author of this story. Our story is shaped by the choices we make as we travel from birth to death. Mr Perazzo ‘s story is about getting involved in the community. He was very active in the local cricket club and the football team. He was a ‘getting along’ type of...
person. He guided the young people and helped them whenever he could. He was a great family man, helping his children enjoy life in the bush as well as the beach. His story was shared with many at his funeral on Thursday.

At Assembly, I reminded the children that Lent is a time for thinking about their story. What are we writing in our lives for our friends and family to keep in their hearts?

- Are we peace makers?
- Are we making sure that everyone in our community is treated with respect?
- Are we writing a story full of generosity? Generosity of thought and action?
- Are we stewards of our environment? Do we take care of the land, respect its limited resources, recycle, reuse and reduce?
- Are we careful to respect others, valuing their rights to be different, respecting their gifts and talents. Are we careful to avoid gossip and thoughtless talk!
- Are we involved in community, offering time and interest to people around us - family, friends, neighbours and fellow workers?

You know the list could go on and on. Writing our story takes every minute of every day. We never know when the end of our story will be written. The last word is God’s.

This Lent, think about how you are writing your life story, what will we learn from your legacy?

YOUR CHILD’S LEARNING COSTS MONEY!

Unfortunately, this is true. Please note that this week your first fee statement comes to you. You are asked to pay for the first instalment as soon as you can, preferably before the end of this term.

It is always embarrassing to ring people to collect unpaid or overdue fees and I would much prefer not to have to do it. If you are experiencing trouble, come in and talk to us, we can arrange for a regular payment over time so that you get by until things improve. Everyone is asked at enrolment if they are willing and able to pay the fees. Thank you to the honourable people in our school community who do just that!

Please also remember to pay your Parish Levy to Cheryl at the Parish Office. The school uses church facilities and we have to share in their costs. If you already give each week in the envelope at Mass you do not have to pay the Parish Levy. Talk to Cheryl to make sure she knows this!

Occasionally, we have the odd family who thinks they do not need to honour their commitment. We pursue those who do not pay once their children leave the school. It is a matter of justice that we collect everyone’s share of school fees, I am sure no-one else wants to pay these few families’ missing fees!

Christine Ash
The Principal
A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourning, and a time to dance;
A time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to throw away;
A time to tear, and a time to sew;
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate;
A time for war, and a time for peace.

All God of the seasons, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to choose life. For all this we are grateful. There is a Time for Everything.

Amen.

MINI VINNIE’S
One of our Catholic Social Justice Principles looks at “The Common Good”. The common good is reached when we work together to improve the wellbeing of people in our society and the wider world.

This week Mini Vinnie’s leaders from St Elizabeth’s went to the Nazareth Cluster to meet with other Mini Vinnie’s leaders from five other cluster schools to begin their work together. This year their joint project is the continued support of the ‘Dandenong Homework Club’ which is located at St Mary’s Primary School. The Dandenong Homework Club is part of a St. Vincent de Paul program. They work and support students in the Dandenong area every Saturday with their homework. Any student who needs help or just wants to improve with their learning is welcome to attend.

SUSTAINABILITY
One of our Catholic Social Justice Principles asks us to think about ‘Stewardship of Creation’. We must all respect, care for and share the resources of the earth, which are vital for the common good of people. Care for animals and the environment is a common and universal duty, and ecological problems call for a change of mentality and the adoption of new lifestyles.

Here at St Elizabeth’s we do this in a number of ways. We have a recycling and composting program. This year we are beginning a ‘Waste Less Lunches’ program. Reducing waste is one way we can all contribute to ‘Stewardship of Creation’. What does it mean? It means we are trying to reduce waste and rubbish that goes into landfill. How do we do it? We do it by using fewer wrappers in our lunches. Many of our students already have little containers for their lunch and snacks. Look at your child’s lunch box. Will it have a wrapper to be thrown away? Discuss as a family how you can reduce the rubbish to be thrown away.

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

Friday 13 March:
Yr3 & Yr4 Learning Community will prepare and lead the 9:15am Mass.

Tuesday 17 March:
St Patrick’s Day Mass (School Captains to attend) at 10.30am.

Friday 20 March:
Foundation, Yr3 & Yr4 Learning Community will prepare and lead the 9:15am Mass.

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

SACRAMENTAL NEWS:

RECONCILIATION
Thank you to all the families who attended the Reconciliation Parent Meeting and Interactive evening this week. A reminder to please choose Reconciling dates on ‘CareMonkey’ as soon as possible. This allows me to complete the calendar for your child’s celebration. Places are filling quickly! 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.

FOUNDATION PRAYER IN PJ’S NIGHT
On Wednesday 11 March Foundation students are invited to a ‘FOUNDATION Prayer in PJ’s’ night. We will share some special time together. We ask that all brothers and sisters, as far as possible, stay at home. It is a fun night that starts at 6:30pm and goes for an hour. Foundation students are reminded to wear pyjamas, so that they can go straight home afterwards and pop in to bed! Parents are invited to wear pyjamas as well, should they wish too! The night will start in the Church and then we will move around the school doing lots of fun activities. A reminder to please indicate if you will be able to attend on ‘CareMonkey’ as soon as possible. This will help me organize groups for the activities. We hope to see you there!

Maria Popowycz
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For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

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GETTING ALONG

Getting along means working cooperatively with others, solving problems with others without getting too angry, following important rules of the classroom and home, making friends, accepting others who are different, helping correct injustices in society and making our community a safer and healthier place to live and learn.

Types of thinking that build getting along:

**BEING TOLERANT OF OTHERS**

Being tolerant of others means that when someone is mean to you or is different from you, accepting that he/she is not a totally bad person. It means thinking that you need to find out more about that person and to respect differences.

**PLAYING BY THE RULES**

Playing by the rules means thinking that by following important, home and community rules, your community will be a better place to live and learn and you will stay out of trouble and be more successful.

**THINKING FIRST**

Thinking first means that when someone acts badly or unfairly or you want something, before you take action, you:

(a) think of alternative courses of action; or
(b) think of the consequences of different actions you take; or
(c) predict the impact your actions may have on the feelings of the other person.

**SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Social responsibility means thinking that it is important to be a good citizen and to build a world with fairness and justice for all where everyone feels safe and secure. It means being sensitive to the feelings of others, acting honestly and treating others (especially those who come from different backgrounds) with respect, caring and reaching out to people in need, and working towards protecting the environment.

Teaching / Encouraging types of thinking that develop getting along:

**BEING TOLERANT OF OTHERS**

Provide the young person with many learning opportunities for understanding the idea that all people are complex and made up of many characteristics - some good, some not so good, some that you share, some that you do not share.

**PLAYING BY THE RULES**

Discuss with the young person how following important school and home rules benefits him/her by making school and home a better and safer place to live and learn. Indicate that this is why people should play by the rules.

**THINKING FIRST**

Make a list with the young person of situations, people, and times when he/she acts without thinking e.g. taking something without asking, hitting, yelling.

**SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Discuss with the young person how it is important to not only think about one’s own happiness and doing things for oneself, it is also important to be interested in the wellbeing of others and of the community he/she lives in. Explain that this way of thinking is called ‘social responsibility.’

Nan Perazzo
Wellbeing Coordinator
Learning and Teaching...

**CYBERSAFETY**

Top cybersafety tip: Ensure your child knows how to use reporting tools, and what to do if someone says something that upsets them online.  
#SID2015 #eSmart

Top cybersafety tip: Have frequent conversations with your child about what they’re doing online. Speak about less, more often, to make the conversations not so overwhelming.  
#SID2015 #eSmart

Rebecca Gage
Deputy Principal: Learning and Teaching
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AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS FOR 2015

This year we will be running a number of after school sports on Wednesday afternoons. The sessions will run from 3.30pm till 4.30pm for the entire duration of the term. Registration will be on the first Wednesday of the term. Participants will have to register within the first two weeks of the term. This is due to the difficulty we have in ordering individual packs when there is a late registration.

The sessions are definitely not a form of after school care. Parents must be at the sessions. In fact we love it when our parents are involved in the program. It is also a great way to meet other parents.

**Term 2** is NETSETGO! NetSetGO is Netball Australia’s only junior entry netball program. It has been developed to provide children from 5 to 10 years with the best possible learning and playing experience to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation. NetSetGO incorporates skill activities, minor games, music, dance and modified matches in a fun and safe environment.

**Term 3** is AUSKICK! AFL Auskick is a great way for boys and girls to learn the skills of Australian Football. Through weekly coaching sessions with our passionate coaches and coordinators your child will learn the skills of the game, be part of a great team and play non-contact AFL games with their friends.

**Term 4** is In2CRICKET! In2Cricket is a fun skills program and a great way for girls and boys aged 5 to 8 to get a taste of cricket. No experience necessary! You get to hang out with your friends, be active, play games and learn some great cricket skills!

More details will be available in the weeks leading up to the program start

Yours in Sport
Dean Andrew

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**St. Elizabeth’s Netball Club**

- Season runs from 21st February 2015 to 1st August 2015.
- Any boys or girls turning 8 in 2015 can join.
- Cost. $95 + $50 uniform.
- Game times at Dandenong Netball Club:
  - 9.30am - 11 & under
  - 10.30am - 13 & under
  - 11.30am - 15 & under

Any parents interested in coaching or joining the committee please contact Melinda on 0459 444 463 or Collette on 0439 703 955.
Parents and Friends

The Parents and Friends Association held their Annual General Meeting last Monday morning. The elected officials are:~

Pina Martino President, Paula Manago Treasurer, Sue Hatley-Smith Assistant Treasurer, being ably assisted by Samantha Pirotta, Claudia D’Assisi, Susan Saliba, Collette Mara and Tuona John as General Committee members who may also help in the uniform shop and tuckshop.

All other parents and friends of the school community are welcome and encouraged to come along to the P & F meetings. The more the merrier.

Chocolate Drive

We will be hosting a Chocolate Drive shortly. Forms will be coming home with your eldest child so that you can indicate whether you are able to take a box of chocolates to sell. These forms are due back to the school on Friday next week. As we are unable to accept the return of any unsold chocolates, we will organise to have only the amount of boxes needed.

Easter Raffle

We are still asking for donations towards our Easter Raffle eg Easter Eggs, Easter Bunny’s, box of chocolates etc., for the raffle, these can be sent along to the school office via your child’s classroom teacher or given directly into the basket at the school office. Thank you for your help.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th 9am after morning assembly. All very welcome to join us for a cuppa.

News from The Nook.

Thank you for your patience. The Nook will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
School News cont ...

**Subway Lunches - No longer Tuesdays**

There **WILL NOT** be any Subway lunches on a Tuesday from now on. The Subway shop says there is not enough demand to pay for their petrol.

Could you please hand in your Subway order on a Thursday to receive your Subway lunch on a Friday.

**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

**Keyboard Lessons**

Sadly, Pik has decided not to continue taking keyboard lessons at St Elizabeth's during or after school. If anyone would like our school to continue to offer keyboard lessons and is prepared to commit to their children having keyboard lessons, please email me at cash@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au I have only had 2 responses. Unless we get a few more, we will not be able to offer keyboard lessons at our school.

**School Banking Day ~ Change of banking day**

Please remember that School Banking is now on **TUESDAYS**.

Next week, all students that do school banking will go into a raffle draw to win a rewards sample prize pack, so don’t forget your deposit books. You can also bring the deposit book for any older or younger siblings who do not attend the school.

Thank you for supporting school banking.
Endeavour Hills Rugby Union Football Club

- U6-U18 Junior registrations
- come down and register for 2015!
- Saturday 7th March
- 11am - 1pm
- Frog Hollow Reserve, David Collins Drive, Endeavour Hills

We welcome all new players.

For more information please contact Lisa on 041 086 8334.
### 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 enquiries or further information, please contact Elarine on 0422 803 709 or 0426 282 721 during session times.

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