Dear Parents, Guardians Students and Other Parishioners,

We are at the end of Term 1 and next week we remember the end of a life.

Some things in life we can be sure of.

We will return in Term 2 and we know that, it is our sure expectation. We understand that in 2 weeks time, children will begin school again, same place, same people, same routines and high expectations.

We all know that our lives will end in death. We can be certain of that. Over Holy Week we look at the death of Jesus and ask what it means to us.

Jesus died trusting in God that he would live a new life. Not in the same way, not with the same realities and possibly with different expectations.

Put yourselves into Jesus’ shoes.

What a fear he must have had, what terror must he have suffered.

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

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How hopeless was his cause. What effect did the suffering he endured have on those he loved, his Mother, his friends and his family. What despair he was facing. A loving man carrying all that pain.

Many of us will also face really difficult times, periods of illness, difficulties in relationships or anxiety about managing our finances.

Will we have the same hope that Jesus came to understand through reflection and prayer?

In today’s world, it is easy to get stuck in the pain and depression and lose hope. If the Passion teaches us anything it is that without hope, there is no change, no transformation, no new life.

At the very bottom of suffering, at his lowest ebb, Jesus still turned to God. He did not understand how the situation could be changed from Death to Life because he was fully human, but he never gave up hope.

He did understand that this suffering was a result of his choice to live to be the best person he could be. He never turned away from his calling.

We too are all called to be the best person we can be.

No guarantees that this will make life easy or comfortable, but this is what our God asks of us.

Be the best person you can be all your life, and trust that this will transform your death into new life.

At Easter we celebrate that new reality.

From pain and suffering, with hope, new ways of living can be experienced.

What is essential is HOPE.

God Bless you with the promise of Easter.

See you all in Term 2!

Christine Ash
The Principal
It all happens between Palm Sunday and Holy Saturday. One man, determined to change the world, stands with honour and integrity as others humiliate and insult him.

He chooses non-violence while others beat and torture him. With his last breath, he forgives instead of curses.

Don’t miss this week. All you need to know about your life unfolds in the life of one man who decided two thousand years ago to change the world.

_How can I shape my schedule so that I can attend Church on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday?_

_Congratulations to the Yr3 children who celebrated Reconciliation for the first time._

It was a joy filled and prayerful celebration shared with family. Thank you to all who contributed to the celebration. In particular a very special thank you to Fr Tad, Mrs. Christine Ash and the Yr3 staff: Mrs. Kris Hall, Miss Sherika Olagama, Miss Delphine Lubin and Mrs Rose-Ann Melenhorst.

These children’s sacramental journey continues as next term they focus on preparing for the Sacrament of First Communion, Eucharist.

_Confirmation and Eucharist Candidates:_

Thank you to the Confirmation and Eucharist Candidates with their families for their continued support of the weekly Mass here at St Elizabeth’s.

As we look to move into the joy-filled Easter Season we remind families to attend Mass regularly as part of the St Elizabeth’s parish community. Mass attendance is an expectation in preparation for the sacraments.

I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful, but busy term. Please enjoy preparing for Easter with your families and loved ones. Take time to reflect and spend time together.

I hope your holidays will be full of family time. I look forward to another exciting term ahead.

**SACRAMENTAL NEWS:**

**Reconciliation**

A gentle reminder about 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.

**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.

**THANKYOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES WHO ATTENDED NAGLE BLUE HOSTING MASSES**

Maria Popowycz
Religious Education Leader (REL)
popoma@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au
A major challenge for parents is to find ways of safely moving children from being reliant on adults to a position of independence.

Training for independence starts from a young age and continues into adolescence and beyond. Developing independence is one of the best ways to promote self-confidence.

When you teach children to do jobs for themselves, you send a powerful message that you believe they are capable. Your actions speak larger than words.

One way of doing this is to create Junior Versions of creating independence just like the way many sporting bodies now run modified versions of adult sports so that children can learn the basic skills of the sport in fun, enjoyable ways.

Here are some examples:

- If we get toddlers to smooth the doonas and arrange their teddies on their beds – that’s a Junior Version of making a bed.

- If we encourage all primary age children to make snacks, prepare breakfasts and help prepare a meal – that’s a Junior Version of cooking an evening meal.

- If we drive primary school children half way to school and then let them walk the rest of the way – that’s a Junior Version of walking to school.

- If we let an early teenager go to a local cinema with friend. That’s a Junior Version of going out without adult supervision.

There are plenty of ways to create Junior Versions of independent living every day so that children can learn to become more self-sufficient.

If you are anxious about your child’s safety and tend to be more protective than you want, then start creating Junior Versions of independent living, so that your children can learn to stand on their own two feet rather than being dependent on you.

Remember REDUNDANCY is your aim as a parent!

Nan Perazzo

Wellbeing Coordinator
NEWSLETTER SURVEY

This week we are interested in finding out how often you are reading our newsletter and which articles you are reading. You can access the Survey at: http://goo.gl/ivNsiW or by scanning the QR code:

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School Newsletter Survey

How often do you read the newsletter?
- Every week
- Every 2-3 weeks
- Once a month
- Less often

When do you read the newsletter?
- More than one answer can be selected
- When I receive an email that it is available
- At night
- On the weekend
- Other:

Which articles do you read?
- More than one answer can be selected
- Principal’s Message
- St Elizabeth’s Weekly Calendar
- Religious Education News
- Student Wellbeing News
- Learning and Teaching
- Sport News
- School News
- Parents and Friends
- Parish News
- Community News
- Out of School Hours Care Program
- Other:

What would you like to see in our newsletter?

Submit
**Sport News ...**

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**5-7 years**

**net**

Learn netball related fundamental motor skills with fun music, dance and games.

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**8-10 years**

**set**

Be a part of modified netball games with a focus on fun and teamwork.

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**go**

Visit netsetgo.asn.au to find out more.

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Sport News cont ...

Last Thursday, five of our summer sports teams participated in the Noble Park District Finals Series. Our cricket and boy's basketball teams had narrow losses in the semis and missed out on playing in the grand finals. Our girl's basketball team lost their grand final by 1 solitary goal, whilst both softball teams won their grand finals.

Having 5 teams represent our school in the nine sports contested by 12 schools is a very successful outcome, particularly when you consider the size of many of the other schools. We punched way above our weight! Many thanks to our Yr 5/6 teachers and Sue H-S for their efforts in helping our teams develop strongly throughout the season.

On behalf of all of our Yr 5/6 students, I would like to thank the parents who came down this year to help and cheer on the teams. From Andrew and Deanna and the several others that came down, and even if you managed to catch only one game, the students loved having you there.

Yours in Sport
Dean Andrew

School News ...

**Donation Needed - Battery Operated Radio**

If any family has a battery operated radio which they no longer use and would like to donate to the school, the children would much appreciate it. The radio will assist with stage performances at ‘The Shed’ at lunchtime.

**No Canteen on Wednesday 15 April 2015**

There will be **NO CANTEEN** on Wednesday 15 April 2015.

Canteen will resume as normal on Wednesday 22 April.

**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.

Seven prizes have been won by seven lucky children thanks to your generosity in supporting the Easter Raffle.

The next Parents and Friends meeting will be held on **Monday 20th April** beginning **2:20pm** in The Nook, everyone is welcome to come along and be part of the chat.

Don’t forget that cuppa’s are available after assembly on Mondays. It is a lovely way to get to know the other parents.

We wish everyone a safe and wonderful time during the school holidays, an a Holy Easter.
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)
Parish News:

St. Elizabeth’s Parish Dinner Dance

20th June. ~ 7pm onwards
In the Performing Arts Centre.

Band: Next Generation.
Banquet Dinner by Royal Regale
BYO Drinks / Dress code ~ Smart casual.

Lucky Door Prizes. Raffle Drawn on the night, prizes to be won.

Tickets:~ Adults $40  Children under 12 $25

Tickets available from Trixie in The Nook.

Rights of Admission Reserved.
Community News ...

AUTUMN MUSIC FEST
SATURDAY 11 APRIL 2015 3-7 PM
WACHTER RESERVE
KINGSCLERE AVE, KEYSBOROUGH (NEXT TO PARKMORE)
FREE EVENT

 Featuring:
MASSIVE HIP HOP CHOIR
BOLLYDAZZLERS
ATOMIC HI-TONES
SOL NATION

Drug & alcohol free event
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YOUTH LEADERSHIP VICTORIA PRESENTS - ST ELIZABETH’S OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

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.

Weekly Activities ...

Beginning:

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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 call her on 0422 803 709 to discuss further.