Dear Parents, Students, Guardians and Other Parishioners,

This week the children learned who their Community and Home-Group teachers were for 2016. Whilst many of them will have worked out the whole list, here it is for you to see for yourself how the school is organised for next year.

Nan Perazzo and Rebecca Gage continue their work as Deputies with Nan responsible for Student Wellbeing and Rebecca responsible for Learning and Teaching. Marija Diosi will also work in the area of Student Wellbeing one day a week.

Cecile Claxton will support that by sharing a partnership with Marija one day a week in their Learning Community.

We welcome 4 new staff members:~

Ms Grace Accetta to Foundation,
Ms Gabrielle Catania to Yr 5 / 6,
Ms Seona Cosgriff to Performing Arts and
Ms Ting Wu to LOTE Mandarin.

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**St. Elizabeth’s Weekly Calendar**

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**Upcoming Events**

- Yr 6 Last day of school and Transition Mass - 6.30pm
- Whole School - Last day of school, finish 3.15pm
- See everyone back to school in 2016 - Yr 1-Yr 6 - 28/1/16
  Foundation - 29/1/16
This sets it out for you and may be useful to keep on the fridge!

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| Learning Support Officers | Sarah Mara, Jenny Fenton, Giulia Caia, Anne Bunter, Sue Hatley-Smith, Danny Camp |
| Library Manager/ Community Liaison | Trixie Martin |
| Office Admin | Lisa Gray |
| Bursar | Vivienne D’Cruze |
| Maintenance and Cleaning | Stan Webster |

Christine Ash / Principal
Lord, 

We are so often overwhelmed by the busyness of this time of year.
O come Emmanuel, come into our hearts and show us by your light the beauty of your way of love.
We are your people, Lord, and we are waiting for your return.
Come Lord Jesus.

Amen.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS

On Thursday the 10th of December, we will gather for the End of Year School Mass. This Mass will begin at 9:15am and will give us the opportunity to celebrate, pray and give thanks for all that we have shared throughout the year. The new 2016 school captains will be announced at the end of Mass.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION MASS and PRESENTATIONS FOR ALL 2015 YEAR 6 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

On Tuesday the 15th of December the Yr 6 children will gather at the 6:30pm Mass. This is a time for the students to gather to pray and celebrate the time spent together as part of the St Elizabeth’s School community and all that lies before them as they move into Secondary schooling. We, the staff, look forward to sharing this Mass with ALL students in Year 6 who they have taught during their time at St Elizabeth’s.

After Mass the Yr 6 students will process to the PAC where we will continue with speeches and presentations.

YEAR 6 STUDENT’S DISCO and PARENT SUPPER

After all the formalities it will be time to have fun together, with a disco for the Year 6 students in the PAC and supper for the parents in the Level 3 link.

God Bless,

Maria Popowycz
Religious Education Leader
popoma@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au
What is bullying?

Bullying involves deliberately and repeatedly attempting to hurt, scare or exclude someone. It can include hitting, pushing, name calling, or taking someone’s belongings.

Bullying can also be more indirect, for example, deliberately leaving someone out of games, spreading rumours about them, or sending them nasty messages.

Cyber-bullying involves using mobile phones and the internet to bully others. The main purpose of the bullying is to have power over someone else.

Bullying is a mental health concern because it causes distress and can lead to loneliness, anxiety and depression. Bullying can also affect children’s concentration and lower their achievement at school.

When children have been bullied they may:

- not want to go to school;
- be unusually quiet or secretive;
- not have friends;
- seem over-sensitive or weepy;
- have angry outbursts.

Responding to bullying

It is very important to let children know that bullying is not okay and that they should report it when it does occur. Schools set standards for appropriate behaviour and safety. They also have guidelines for reporting and responding to bullying when it occurs.

The consequences for bullying should address what has happened and help to ensure it will not happen again. It is very important for the bully to understand how his or her behaviour has affected the other person and to be clear not to repeat that behaviour.

To help prevent bullying, children can be taught how to be respectful and caring towards others. Children who bully may appear confident but often lack skills for building positive friendships. Learning to be more assertive can help those who are bullied to stand up for themselves. Learning the skills of assertiveness can also help those who bully find ways to communicate their wants, needs and opinions without becoming aggressive.

Both those who are bullied, and those who do the bullying, will benefit from learning effective social and emotional skills.

Nan Perazzo
Wellbeing Coordinator
**REPORTS**

Teachers have been spending a great deal of time looking at student achievement and preparing the end of year report for parents. For 2 years, teachers have been using learning intentions with their students. These have been designed to be easily understood by the students and highlight what it is that students will be learning. In reviewing our reporting process, teachers observed that using the learning intentions in the report to parents made sense.

Working with the company that provides our reporting software, we have developed a new structure to our reports. We will provide parents with a more comprehensive outline of where their child’s strengths are and where progress has been made. Each of the curriculum areas being reported on will have a list of learning intention statements which have been assessed on a 5 point scale:

- Not Yet Evident
- With Teacher Support
- Working Towards
- Standard Established
- Above Expected Level.

This will help to show parents how well their child is performing with each of the learning intentions. It shows where there is room for further growth or where a particular part has been well understood. Here is a small sample of what it will look like on the report:

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Reports will come home with your child on Monday 14th December.

*Rebecca Gage*
*Learning and Teaching Leader*
*gagere@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au*
Why not focus your Maths activities around the song

“The Twelve Days of Christmas”.

Once you have read the book or listened to the song “The Twelve Days of Christmas” try the following activities.

- Discuss how the gift giver has to increase the number of gifts to his true love each day.
- What is the total number of gifts given?
- Is there an easy way to work this out?
- What is the total cost of the gifts?
- If the department store was holding a pre-Christmas sale and offered a 15% discount for all purchases, what would the new cost be? (This does not include performers, maids, lords etc).
- What if the discount offered only applied to live animals?
- The musicians charge a 10% Goods and Service tax and this must be added to the total cost.
- How many people arrive at the true love’s house on the twelfth day?
- What would it cost to feed all the people and the animals? (Internet would come in handy here!)
- Use some Christmas shopping catalogues to replace the gifts with something more appropriate for a modern true love and calculate the cost.

Ideas courtesy of Dr Catherine Attard Engaging Maths

Lyn Dennett
Numeracy Leader / F-4 Number Intervention Leader
ldennett@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au
Sport News …

Last Monday we were finally able to hold our Picnic Sports Day, albeit in a much shortened version. Our Foundation kids ran the buddy race, Yr 1’s and 2’s played ball games, Yr 3’s and 4’s ran the 400m and our oldest cohort ran the Championship race - the 800m. Then all of the teams yelled themselves hoarse in the Chant-Off.

Congratulations to Blue House for being this year’s Picnic Sports Day Champions and to Isabella and Ethan for winning the Championship races.

Yours in Sport
Dean Andrew
Sports Coordinator
ST. ELIZABETH’S
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT NIGHT

An invitation is extended to all our families and our parish community:

Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday, 9th December, 2015

If the weather is fine, we hope lots of families will bring a picnic tea to enjoy on the oval (between 6pm and 7pm).
Please bring your own chairs, blankets, plates and glasses etc.

The Nativity Scene in the Church Foyer will be open for families to enjoy.

Carols will be held in the Performing Art Centre regardless of the weather conditions.

No food or drink is allowed inside.

As we have had poor weather in recent years, we have decided to present both the Christmas Story and the novelty songs from the stage.

There will be chairs available for the elderly at the back.

Parents and guardians are asked to bring blankets, cushions or pillows to sit on the floor. Unfortunately we cannot get everyone in and seated on chairs.

At 7pm the Foundation children will sing the Christmas Story followed by the drawing of the Christmas Raffle.
Raffle tickets will be on sale up until 7pm.

Following this each community in turn will sing a novelty song.

Please join in with the final song - ‘We Wish You A Merry Christmas’.

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Glow Stix Order Form

This year we will be offering all our families the opportunity to purchase Glow Stix to bring to our Carols Night. The cost of a Glow Stix is $2.50 each. Glow Stix can be ordered prior to the event and will be given to the children to take home or for sale on the night up until 7pm. If you would like to purchase a Glow Stix prior to Carols, please complete and return the order form below in an envelope marked “Glow Stix” with your child’s name, class and correct money to Lisa at the front desk by Monday 7 December. Eftpos is not available as a payment option.

Child’s Name: ____________________________

Class: ________________________________

Number of glow stix required ($2.50 each): __________________

Total Amount: $___________
Second-hand Uniforms

We have a large number of second-hand uniforms and unclaimed un-named uniforms currently on a trolley in The Nook.

We would like to find new homes for these!
Please come and see if we have what you need.

Trixie
The Nook.

Library Books:

All library books are due to be returned Monday 7th December.

Should you find a book at home or in the car that belongs back at school, please send it along as soon as you can.

Thank you
Trixie Martin
marttr@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au
Parents and Friends

Do you still have raffle tickets at home? Please send them along to the school office Monday.

The Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday evening during the Carols night.

End of year Dinner.

Thursday last week a group of parents and friends from across the school enjoyed each others company over dinner. It was great being able to chat with families and get to know each other a bit better.

We will organise another dinner during term 1 next year and once again open it to all families.

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

School Canteen

Our school canteen will open for the last time this year on Wednesday the 2nd of December for lunch orders and icypoles.

Icy poles only will be for sale on Wednesday the 9th of December and 16th of December.
KEYSBOROUGH SOCCER CLUB
Celebrating 45 years supporting the community since 1970

Enjoy the World game in a positive atmosphere with a family friendly environment.
We, Keysborough Soccer Club, encourage all of our community to get involved and enjoy being part of the Keysy Family.
All are welcome – Girls, Boys, Men and Women

**Registration Day**

*Wednesday 9th December 2015 from 7pm to 8.30pm*

Venue: Coomoora Reserve, Coomoora Road, Keysborough

If you are unable to attend, please feel email us and we will send out an Expression of interest form or link for you to complete. Information regarding fees and training will be confirmed via email in the early 2016.

**Email:** keysboroughsc@yahoo.com.au

**Contacts:** Cristian Abarca 0412 600 657, Jorge Concha 0433 466 586
Lynda Del Din: 0414 603 053,

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WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE BOUTIQUE ESTATE AGENCY.

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As the only Real Estate Agency located in Dandenong North. We are committed in supporting our local schools and businesses to ensure we maintain great relationships and provide exceptional services throughout the area.

As part of this commitment we are happy to contribute $500 to St Elizabeth’s Parish School for every time a property is SOLD or PURCHASED by a family member of a student of the school.

It’s our way of saying thank you for supporting your local businesses.

YOUR LOCAL AGENTS

SHOP 12/46 OUTLOOK DRIVE DANDENONG NORTH
ABN: 36 600 561 019 | PHONE: 03 9795 8889 | FAX: 03 9795 8869

www.boutiqueestate.com.au
# St Elizabeth’s Holiday Program – Pre-Christmas 2015

For more information & booking contact your coordinator Elarina 0422803709

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<td><strong>Sparkling Christmas Activities</strong></td>
<td><strong>Excursion Day</strong></td>
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<td>A prepacked lunch including snacks for morning and afternoon tea</td>
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<td>Come along and see Hotel Transylvania 2</td>
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<td>Felt mobiles</td>
<td>Includes: Transport, McDonald’s happy meal for lunch and popcorn at the movies</td>
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<td>Play some balloon games</td>
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<td>Christmas pipe-cleaner creations</td>
<td>Water Bombs – Expect to get wet!</td>
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<td>Enjoy making Christmas Cookies</td>
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St. Elizabeth’s Out of School Hours Care Program

| Contact Details ... | Weekly Activities ...
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| St. Elizabeth’s Out of School Hours Care Program 111 Bakers Road, Dandenong North Ph: 0422 803 709 | **Beginning:** Monday 7th December 2015 |
| **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. | Monday  
Make shapes of forest animals |
| **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. | Tuesday  
Make wool pom poms |
| **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 | Wednesday  
Make a fabric collage |
| **For enquiries or further information, please contact Elarine on 0422 803 709 during session times.** | Thursday  
Coloured bead hangings |
|  | Friday  
Salt play dough |

Dear Parents.

As you would be aware, the last day of school is the 16th of December. There will be a program offered by Youth Leadership Victoria as a part of our after school program on the following days: 17th, 18th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd of December. Please choose your day/s carefully as the centre will only be open if we have a minimum of 10 children.

Please contact Elarine on 0422 803 709 if you wish to book in your child/ren or to discuss further.

NOTE: St. Mary’s Primary School in Dandenong will be running the 5 days as well. If we cannot make 10 children, the option is St. Mary’s vacation care.