Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Other Parishioners,

This will be my last newsletter for this term as I am on leave from Friday and will return on October 12th, the second week of Term 4. Many of you will be aware that I am starting my leave in Spain walking the last 100 miles of the ancient pilgrimage trail from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela. This pilgrimage trail is known as the Camino which is Spanish for ‘The Way’. The Camino path that I am joining, begins on the border of France and Spain and has been a place of spiritual journey for 1200 years. The full trail covers over 800 miles and along it there are many hostels where pilgrims can find rest and food for a very reasonable price. The scallop shell is the sign that shows the pilgrim where to go and also where to stop and take shelter.

The pilgrims carry a special pilgrims passport and all the resting places along the way stamp your card so that when you get to Santiago, the resting place of St James, you can earn your Pilgrim’s certificate. Most pilgrims finish the walk here with Mass in the Cathedral. However a few journey on for a couple more days walking until they get to Finisterre where the land meets the sea. Traditionally, the pilgrim throws away his old clothes, bathes in the sea and starts life again, renewed by this special spiritual journey which has allowed the pilgrim to reflect, pray and listen to the God who dwells in all of us.

St. Elizabeth’s Weekly Calendar ...

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Upcoming Events

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It is not just the Christian faith that values pilgrimage. Jewish people have been making pilgrimage to the holy city of Jerusalem long before Jesus was born. He was a Jew all of his life and went to Jerusalem as a pilgrim. Jewish people today travel as pilgrims to the Western Wall, in the old city of Jerusalem, the only part of the Temple left standing.

Those who follow the Moslem faith make pilgrimage to Mecca. The annual Hajj pilgrimage is one of the world’s greatest gatherings in a holy place. Hundreds and thousands of people flock to Saudi Arabia to participate in what is one of Islam’s five pillars of faith.

Pilgrimages play an important part in the Hindu faith too. There are 29 pilgrimages recognised as holy journeys in India. The most significant one of these is held every 12 years and is called the Kumbha Mela. Ten million pilgrims bathe during this pilgrim festival to wash away their sins.

Why do people of all faiths gather to walk these ancient yet modern trails?

A physical removal from daily life is a great step into dealing with change and renewal in your spiritual life. Letting go of responsibilities and belongings is a way to focus on your inner spiritual life. All pilgrimages end in a holy place. A place full of meaning for those who follow a faith, who see life as a journey, searching for meaning within a sacred tradition.

I am a Catholic, my sacred tradition is Christianity. I live a contemporary life full of responsibilities to family, friends and work. Yet I know that I sometimes need to get away from all that makes me who I am in this busy world, to look at who I really am and who I am called to be. Ancient questions still haunt modern people. Why am I here? What is my purpose? Am I being the best person that I can be? What mistakes have I made? What mistakes am I making? Who do I need to forgive and who should I ask forgiveness from?

What am I going to do with the rest of my life? Am I being true to what I believe? What do I believe?

I am going on a very long and holy walk to think and reflect and renew my commitment to the God who loves me. Loves me beyond question. Loves me with all my faults. I will walk simply, no modern equipment, just good shoes and a stick and a coat. Open to the weather, open to God.

If you have a special thing that you would like me to pray for whilst I am walking the Camino please send me an email. Just tell me your name and ask me to keep your special intention in my prayers as I walk. I would be most happy to do that for all of you. You do not need to tell me what that special intention is. My email address is principal@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au

After the pilgrimage is finished, I will visit Madrid and then Barcelona. I am looking forward to seeing Gaudi’s Cathedral ‘The Sagrada Familia’. Then I visit Ireland to see the home of my Irish ancestors and finally I go back to see my English family. They have a great celebration planned with all my cousins attending. I am really excited about catching up with everyone.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Thank you to everyone for coming to our Pancake Breakfast with your “Special Bloke” on Friday and sharing pancakes with our school community.

Happy Father’s Day to all our Special Blokes. I hope you have a lovely day with your family and friends filled with love and laughter.

Whilst I am away, Ms Nan Perazzo and Ms Rebecca Gage will look after the children and staff at St Elizabeth’s. I know the school is in good hands. Please keep me in your prayers. Enjoy the holidays.

Christine Ash
The Principal
Sometimes I stop rushing around and realize that I rarely hear birds singing.

I stay pretty busy. My mind stays pretty focused on the new task or appointment. And I miss the birds. And I fear I miss other cries as well - the cries of people who need me.

"Be opened!" Jesus commands in this week’s Gospel. He restores a man’s hearing and gives him the power to speak. I wonder what that man heard after that. I bet he heard the sighs of lonely people who needed his time. I bet he stopped and sat with them. I bet he heard pleas of hunger from poor people. I bet he stopped and fed them. I bet he heard the cries of people who were rejected or suffering. I bet he stopped and embraced them.

Many people in our families, our schools, our jobs and our world need our ears opened. Many don’t want our advice. They just want us to listen without judgement while they talk about what hurts. Others need us to stand up with and for them at school or in our community. They need us to listen closely to understand their problems. Others, like parents and mentors, are crying to offer us advice for life. They need us to listen to their wisdom without getting defensive.

Do we hear the cries or advice as we go through life? Or do we rush so quickly that we miss them? This week, each day, ask Jesus to open your ears so you can listen closely. People will come across your path who need you to listen, or to whom you need to listen.

**What can keep me from really listening to people who need my help or who are offering me advice?**

**GPBS**

**SCHOOL & CLASS LITURGIES:**
We welcome all families and parishioners to attend school Masses with us.

**Saturday 5 September:**
Chisholm (Gold House) Hosting Mass at 6.30pm.

**Friday 11 September:**
Foundation, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Learning Community Mass at 9.15am.

**‘CHISHOLM’ – (GOLD SPORTS HOUSE) HOSTING MASS**
For students from Foundation to Yr 6 in Chisholm (Gold Sports House) - Saturday 5th of September 2015 at 6.30pm.

**The first ‘Chisholm’ – (Gold Sports House) Mass.**
All students from St Elizabeth’s School who are in Chisholm (Gold Sports House) will be involved in the hosting of the Saturday Parish Mass. The children will be invited to lead the Entrance Procession with Fr. Joe. They will be responsible for bringing up of the Gifts and leading us in the Prayers of Intercession. Students are encouraged to wear something YELLOW/GOLD to show they all belong to Chisholm Gold House.

It will give the children another opportunity to gather and celebrate with their friends in the parish community. The children will need to be at the back of the church by 6.20pm to meet with the teachers and get ready for the Entrance Procession.

We expect that all Chisholm Gold House families, will be able to be part of this special Hosting Mass. We look forward to seeing you there.
COIN TRAIL FUNRAISER

For our Sister School Matutinao Elementary.

Started this Tuesday morning at the school gates! The sun was shining and we were off to a good start. The coins kept coming and we had long line of coins. A total of 14 metres on the first day. It was an awesome effort. We will keep adding to our coin trail line on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Our goal is to start at the school gate and head right up to the school PAC doors. I will let you know how much we raised next week.

Thank you to all who donated their change so generously.

Remember that our small change will make a huge change to the students of our friendship school in the Philippines.

YR 5 SOCIAL JUSTICE FAMILY EVENING

On Tuesday we had a “Social Justice Evening” for all our Yr 5 students, their parents and teachers. We had a small but passionate group who worked together to think more deeply about their faith and the two extremes of ‘haves’ and ‘have nots’ in our world. It was an opportunity for all of us to spend some special time together by participating in an evening that challenged our thinking about Social Justice.

A huge thank you to the families that attended.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Confirmation:

A gentle reminder to pay the $25 sacramental levy at the school office.

It is an expectation that the candidates attend Mass regularly and write their name on the ‘Sign-In Sheets’ at the back of the church. God Bless,

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

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Towards the end of the Wizard of Oz, the heroine Dorothy clicks her heels together three times and says those famous lines, ‘There’s no place like home. There’s no place like home. There’s no place like home.’

A place to call home is important to all of us. Sadly a place to call home eludes many people for various reasons. People often find themselves homeless, without even a roof over their heads, after family breakdowns, or because they are fleeing from abuse, or because of financial devastation.

However, home is more than just a roof over your head. It is somewhere familiar. Ideally home is somewhere you feel safe and accepted. It is also a place that you are free to shape as you desire: to plant your own garden, put up your own pictures and arrange the furniture just as you please.

Looking at the bigger picture, a homeland can also elude groups of people. People become displaced because of war, famine, persecution and natural disasters.

In the Old Testament, the Lord’s chosen people were homeless for a long period of time. They were captive slaves in the land of Egypt for 400 years and when they finally escaped they wandered through the desert for another 40 years. But God never abandoned them.

In the New Testament, Jesus speaks of our ultimate home - heaven. In fixing our eyes on our ultimate destiny, however, we should not lose sight of what we are called to do here in this life - to love God and each other, and to be like the Good Samaritan, caring for the most vulnerable, such as the homeless and the destitute.

In his encyclical ‘Laudato Si’, Pope Francis refers to the earth as ‘our common home’, emphasising that we are responsible for caring for creation and for one another.

Furthermore, Christ instituted his Church here on earth, which is also our home. As members of the Church we are the living stones making a spiritual house. We are responsible for making the Church feel like a true home - a beautiful place where people feel loved.

He had promised their father Abraham a homeland and descendants as numerous as the stars. God was faithful to his promises, eventually leading the Israelites back to the area of land known today as Israel, the Holy Land.

Nan Perazzo
Wellbeing Coordinator
Being positively involved in your child’s learning can help them to do better at school, be more engaged with their school work, go to school more regularly and have better behaviour and social skills.

There are simple things you can do to support your child’s education. It doesn’t take much to make a big difference! Research has identified five ways that you can make a big difference to your child’s learning:

- Set positive expectations.
- Have regular conversations.
- Support good study habits.
- Encourage reading.
- Build a partnership with your child’s teachers.

*Learning Potential* is full of tips and ideas on how to put these ideas into practice, with specific suggestions depending on whether your child is under five, in primary school, or in high school.

Packed with tips and ideas for you to get involved in your child’s learning, the Learning Potential app helps you to make the most of the time you spend with your child.

This free Australian Government app provides inspiring ways you can be more involved from the highchair to high school.

See how learning activities can fit into your routine, like when you’re getting dinner ready or driving to school.

Personalise the app for your family’s needs. Type in your child’s or children’s name and age and receive articles and videos that are relevant to their age group.

With Learning Potential you can:

- Set the app for regular hints, tips and reminders.
- Save articles to your favourites so you can read them later.
- Personalise the app to suit you. Your personal data will not be collected.

Rebecca Gage
Learning and Teaching Leader
gagere@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au
Hi All

This term our Yr 3, Yr 4, Yr 5 and Yr 6 students have been learning all about the game of AFL9s. The game is a modified version of Aussie Rules that uses only 9 players per team, has forward, mid and back zones and is non-contact. We have been practising our kicking, handball and marking skills whilst learning the rules and strategies of the game. Our Yr 5 and Yr 6 students have been organised into teams and will be having a Gala day on Wednesday the 17th of September. This coincides with our footy day and the AFL finals.

Also, this date is the last afternoon of our after school footy program. We have been getting over 40 kids regularly and the parental help on these days has been fantastic. Next week the AFL finals series starts and Melbourne, and St. Elizabeth’s, will be alive with footy fever.

Yours in Sport
Dean Andrew
Sports Coordinator

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**Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to the 54 children who have already completed the Challenge.

This is the last week to enter the books your child / children are reading into the Victorian Premier Reading Challenge.

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

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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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Parish Priest : Rev. Tadeusz Ziolkowski SC    School Principal : Mrs Christine Ash
CSEF (CAMPS, SPORT AND EXCURSION FUND) MONEY - APPLY NOW!

Did you know that if you have a Health Care Card, you can get $125 to help you pay for the Excursion Levy and Sports Programs and Camp costs for every child in the family at Primary School?

The Victorian Government has extended the deadline so you can get the form in for this support. The money goes to the school to pay up to $125 towards each of your children’s expenses in sports, camps and excursions.

If you have a Health Care card, you can pay all the Excursion Levy and have money left to pay for either the Swimming program or Tennis or Camp.

Please ask Lisa for the form or print it off our Website at www.sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au under the heading “Community” - “(CSEF) Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund” - “CSEF Application Form”

The form must be in by the 18th of September 2015

Do you, your family or your friends shop at Woolworths?
Are you asking for the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers?

If so, please put them into the St Elizabeth’s Primary School box at Woolworth’s Waverley Gardens or send them along to school with your child and we will put them on sticker sheets.

The last time Woolworths did this campaign we managed to get a lot of the wooden furniture that is in the Foundation classrooms.

Of course the more we collect the greater our selection of free resources for our school becomes.

Thank you for your support.
Community News …

NAZARETH COLLEGE
Celebrating 30 years of Catholic Co-Education!

OPEN SCHOOL AND ARTS & TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION
Sunday 13 September
TIME 11.00am - 1.00pm
WHERE Wheeler Auditorium
RSVP Friday 11 September

WHEELER AUDITORIUM BLESSING
Sunday 13 September
TIME 2.00 pm - 2.30pm
WHERE Wheeler Auditorium
RSVP All Welcome

30TH ANNIVERSARY ALUMNI REUNION
Sunday 13 September
TIME 2.30 pm - 4.30pm
WHERE Wheeler Auditorium
RSVP Tuesday 1 September

To book or if you have any enquiries regarding the above events, please call 9795 8100 or email reception@nazareth.vic.edu.au
We look forward to celebrating Nazareth College’s 30th Anniversary with you in 2015.

NAZARETH COLLEGE
Celebrating 30 years of Catholic Co-Education!

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2015
11.00am - 1.00pm: Open School and Arts & Technology Exhibition

2.00pm - 2.30pm: Opening and Blessing of the Wheeler Auditorium and Gymnasium by Bishop Peter Elliott DD MA STD VG EV

2.30pm - 4.30pm: Alumni Reunion - Past Students & Staff
The afternoon will provide an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and take a tour of the College facilities. Please register your attendance for catering purposes with Ms Sue Formanek via email: forms@nazareth.vic.edu.au by Monday 7 September 2015
Community News cont ...
Interested in Cricket!!!

NOBLE PARK CRICKET CLUB
JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY
Saturday 5th September 10am to 11am
Moodemere St, Noble Park

The Noble Park Cricket Club is the leading club in the area being affiliated with the Victorian Sub-District Cricket Association and the Dandenong District Cricket Association and is committed to the promotion and development of junior cricketers.

The club fields teams in the Under 11, Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 age groups.

All equipment (bats, pads, helmets etc) are supplied.

Fees $50-00 or $100-00 a family (2 or more children)

All new registered players will received a Noble Park CC cap.

Proof of Age required.

(Birth Certificate, passport, Health centre Book)

For further information contact: Craig Ortland 0416 101 396
**St Elizabeth’s Holiday Program – September-October 2015.**

To be held at 111 Bakers Rd, Dandenong North 3175
For information & booking contact your coordinator ELARINE on 0422803709
Please provide your child with a packed lunch and snack for morning/afternoon tea and a refillable water bottle

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| Make yourself an amazing kite today and we will help you fly it out in the sunshine! | - Enjoy a hilarious magic show  
- Balloon twisting  
- Magic animals  
- Animal petting after the show | * Partake in “Where’s Wally Book activity  
* Bring your favourite book from home  
* Write and illustrate a short story  
* Create & decorate a book bag  
* Design colourful bookmarks  
* Swap books and read  
* Sparkly book worms with friends | - Make your own colorful origami flower  
- Making origami animals  
- Tissue paper flower | Dress up in your favourite team colours!  
Activities include:  
Face Painting/Football  
Parade/Making flags/Banners/Pom Poms/Decorating Football Biscuits |
| Splatter Paint Technique  
Dot Painting | Other activities include;  
- Magic coin trick  
- Guess a magic number  
Cost: $20.00 | | | |

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| Spring has sprung and the sun has come out to play!  
Come along to plant your own garden and take it home in this beautiful garden box and watch them grow.  
**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE**  
Making  
Green Jelly  
God’s eyes  
Gwords  
Glass Painting | Put your thinking cap on and enjoy a day filled with fun puzzles.  
Expand your mind working on a great selection of words, pictures, Jigsaw and 3D puzzles.  
You may want to make your own puzzles for your friends to try. | **Join in on the most fun activity of the day!  
ART ON CERAMIC TILES**  
Create wonderful and beautifully designed crafted tiles!  
Try drawing a picture whilst blindfolded  
**Games**  
- Two square  
- Magnet  
- Scarecrow Ttiggy  
- Hunt the thimble | **At St Mary’s OSHC, Dandenong!**  
- Be entertained by Andy’s Antics  
- Test your skills on The Slot Car Race Track  
- Awesome Jumping Castles & Carnival Games  
- AFL Footy Clinic  
- Birthday Cake and more....  
Please be at program by 8:30am  
Cost: $27 | |
St. Elizabeth’s Out of School Hours Care Program...

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**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 during session times.

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**Monday**
- Make a crafty creature

**Tuesday**
- Make a tissue honeycomb and art pegs

**Wednesday**
- Drawing a countryside with colour and shade

**Thursday**
- Desert landscape with splitter-splatter

**Friday**
- Straw painting

**Breakfast** is provided on Monday through to Friday for all the children who attend the before school care sessions at St. Elizabeth’s Out of School Hours Care.