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Music can also divide people. My Mum and Dad hated the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, they saw them as rebels! Teenagers all over the world use music to show they belong to a new age, a new generation, a new group. They are not interested in listening to the music of their parents. Music informs and identifies their differences.

We offer music as part of our AusVELS curriculum at St Elizabeth’s but to be honest, it is very difficult to do it justice. In Yr3 and Yr4 the children have 2 very intensive sessions over a term with Jelly Beans Music Program in which they learn how to play recorder and in a very simple way, read music and identify its elements such as rhythm and tone and volume etc. Sometimes we engage people to come in and demonstrate different ways of making music.

We listen to music, make music and move to music as part of the Performing Arts program and also through the additional music programs. Wakakirri, which is being offered once again, combines music and dance and we offer guitar lessons for those parents who can afford the lessons. We would have liked to continue to offer keyboard lessons but only 2 families said they were interested, and that is not enough to run a program.

Music is also learned and appreciated in our liturgy. Children learn the words and tunes of appropriate hymns and if they are interested they can join the Choir. Those of you who have come to experience any liturgies in our church will have heard the choirs such as the Exelsior Choir and the Couples for Christ Choirs, and no doubt their singing has inspired and enriched your participation in the Mass.

Ms Claxton teaches songs to our Foundation students and we believe this not only helps their musical appreciation but also their literacy and numeracy skills.

Over the next few weeks, think about the kind of musical experiences you are offering your family. Do you take advantage of Dandenong Council events which often showcase music from various ethnic groups. Do you always listen to popular music? Try turning to a different radio station now and then to have a new musical adventure. Do your children recognise Jazz music, Folk music, Brass band music, orchestral pieces. Can they identify a solo performance, a trio or a duet? Do they know what different sounds instruments produce?

Families can support the musical program at school with a little bit of planning and a willingness to go outside the usual stuff you do! Surprise the children, get them singing with you. Get them to bang out the rhythm of a shared piece of music on an old coffee tin or shake a bottle full of uncooked rice.

Maybe that is what Shakespeare was thinking when he said music was the food of love!

**DOGS ON THE YARD**

Can we please ask parents and visitors with dogs to meet children outside of the yard. Health regulations for schools advise us that dogs should not be allowed onto school grounds.

Christine Ash
The Principal
Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father’s house into a market.’

Jn 2:13-25

Jesus loved people so much, he sometimes just lost it.

This was the situation. Faithful Jews coming to the temple for worship first had to buy animals for sacrifice and exchange their coins for those that would be acceptable for their temple tax. But some Scripture scholars say the people selling the animals and changing the money were making a huge profit because people had to deal exclusively with them. They had a monopoly.

This infuriated Jesus. He saw a system set up to take advantage of good people coming to worship their God. The system especially hurt poor people. It was an example of how the religious and political leaders of Jesus’ time abused people.

Getting angry over injustices isn’t wrong - but it doesn’t have to lead to violence. Malaya Yousufzai is a perfect example. She is fighting injustice with righteous anger, but never uses violence or threats of it against her opponents.

The closer you grow to Jesus, the more you’ll become angry when you see people - especially the outcasts - ignored or abused. Use that anger as fuel to stand up non-violently for people. Speak for young people at school who are put down. Refuse to back away from our society’s outcasts, like poor people or people with a disability. Join with other Catholic activists when they mobilise for peace or pro-life issues. But always remember Jesus’ other words, “Love your enemies,” even while you oppose their actions.

Just think how much the world will change when more Christians lose it over injustices like Jesus did.

What injustices anger you? What are you doing about them? Just Lose It Sometimes!

HOSTING Masses

Nagle-Blue: Saturday 21 March, 6.30pm
We are very excited that our first school hosting Mass will be held on Saturday 21 March at 6.30pm. We have chosen a Saturday night Mass to make it more convenient for families to attend. This will be one of the ways that we will be building team spirit in each of the house colours. Team spirit is built through a variety of ways and gathering together to pray is one of them. There will be 4 hosting Masses, one for each of our sport team colours throughout the year. The first Nagle-Blue Mass is only two weeks away! ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE IN BLUE-NAGLE HOUSE COLOUR ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THIS SCHOOL/PARISH MASS. Teachers will be there to celebrate Mass with the students. We are looking forward to seeing each of the house teams from Foundation to Yr6 gather together and celebrate liturgy together.

CARITAS Project Compassion

The focus for project compassion is ‘Food For Life.’ A reminder that the Project Compassion boxes can be collected from the church foyer, school office. Thank you to the many families who have been focusing on the needs of others during this Lenten Season.

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

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.

FOUNDATION Prayer IN PJ’S Night

Next week 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, Religious Education Leader (REL) popoma@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au
CONFIDENCE

This week at Assembly the students from 5/6KL reminded us of some of the many ways we can demonstrate a Confident You Can Do It Attitude.

Confidence means believing you can do it. It means not being afraid to make mistakes, to try something new or to express an opinion.

TYPES OF THINKING THAT BUILD CONFIDENCE

Accepting myself – means not thinking badly about yourself when you make a mistake or you are not as successful as you want to be, or when someone is critical of you.

Taking Risks – means thinking that it is good to try something new, even though you might make mistakes or you might not be the best at doing it.

Being Independent – means thinking that’s it’s important for you to try new activities and to speak up even if other people think you are silly or stupid.

I can do it – means thinking that even when your work is hard, you are more likely to be successful than fail.

TEACHING / ENCOURAGING TYPES OF THINKING THAT DEVELOP CONFIDENCE

Accepting myself
• Have a discussion with your child and help him/her to come up with a list of many positive qualities he/she possesses in different areas of life (school, sports, music, art, personality traits)

Taking risks
• Encourage the young person to try new activities where he/she has a good chance of not being successful or the best. Discuss the phenomena of making mistakes and explain that mistakes are an important part of learning

Being Independent
• Concretely explain that while it is nice to be liked, no one needs to be liked all the time by everyone. Discuss the idea that while there are some things we really need for survival (food, clothing, and shelter) being liked is not a necessity. Discuss the difference between a ‘need’ and a ‘want’ and explain that being liked is a ‘want’.

I Can Do It
• Discuss with the young person the difference between an ‘I can do it’ optimistic type of thinking and an ‘I can’t do it’ pessimistic type of thinking.
• Explain that when ‘I can do it’ thinkers are not successful at a task, they remind themselves of other work where they have been successful.
• Encourage the young person to stretch, struggle and succeed. He/she needs to know that although, teachers and parents will help if they have to, completing schoolwork independently is the young person’s responsibility.

Additional ways to strengthen confidence in a young person
• Give the young person a special responsibility

Nan Perazzo
Wellbeing Coordinator
Help your child become a better READER

Questions to ask your child while reading fiction text.

- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in the story?
- Why do you think the author chose this title for the story?
- Do you like the title of the story? Why or why not?
- Can you think of a different title for the story?
- Which character from the story would you choose to be your friend? Why?
- Which part of the story was the most exciting? Why?
- Did you like the end of the story? Why or why not?
- Which parts in the story could really happen? Which parts could not really happen?

fun-in-first.blogspot.com

Rebecca Gage
Learning and Teaching Leader
gagere@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au
Sport News ...

The Noble Park District Inter-School Sports program is ticking along nicely. This week we play Round 4 of our five round season at Westall Primary School. I have heard only good reports on the way our players are conducting themselves in their matches and their enthusiasm for the program is very evident.

Zoe and Nilakshan have both unfortunately suffered injuries and are now our "sports reporters".

_last Thursday the Yr 5 & Yr 6's played basketball, softball, volleyball, kanga-cricket and bat tennis against Resurrection. The girls basketball won and the score was 28/6 and the boys basketball won and the score was 19/8. Everyone played a great game._

_by Zoe A (injured and frustrated basketballer)_

We look forward to seeing Nilakshan's video at the next assembly.

Yours in Sports
Dean Andrew

School News ...

**Canteen**

Don’t forget to send your lunch order to the office by Monday or Tuesday morning so we can have them ready for you for lunch on Wednesday.

We encourage everyone to use a lunch order bag which are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop for $6.00. They are great for the environment as they are re-usable and you do not have to waste money on a paper bag each week. Another huge positive is that money does not get lost as the section that you place your money has a secure zip and it won't fall out. We can also give you small amounts of change if you don’t have the exact money when placing your lunch order.

Please remember if you do not provide a bag for your lunch order and send in your order on an envelope, you need to include an **extra 10 cents** to pay for the cost of a bag.

Thank you to everyone who has placed a lunch order or purchased an icy-pole from us so far this year. It’s great to see so many happy faces.

**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 News:

The SecondHand Uniform Shop will be operating Monday 16th March in the Level 4 Learning Link after assembly. The cost per item is a gold coin donation.

Orders and payments for the Girls Winter Uniform Tunics need to be finalised by Friday March 13th. Please send along your order and money in an envelope marked GIRLS WINTER TUNIC ORDER.

Thank you for the donations towards the Easter Raffle, please keep them coming. Raffle tickets will be sent home next week.

A big thank you to everyone who has agreed to sell the entire contents of a Cadbury Chocolate Box. They will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. Money ($60.00) is due Wednesday 15th April (first week term two)

Congratulations and Thank you to the incoming committee; Pina Martino ~ President Kellie Andrikopoulos ~ Assistant President, Shelley Maragoulias ~ Secretary, Paula Manago ~ Treasurer, Sue Hatley-Smith ~ Assistant Treasurer, Collette Mara, Samantha Pirotta, Susan Saliba, Claudia D’Assisi, Tuana John ~ Uniform Shop and General Committee Members. A very big thank you to the parents who come along and help out with the Tuckshop be that on a regular or irregular basis.

News from The Nook.

The Nook will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at lunch times and after school till 3.45pm.
**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.

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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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**Please label all items of school uniform clothing**

Could we please remind all our parents/carers to clearly name all pieces of their school uniform to avoid any lost items. If clothing is clearly marked, it can be returned to your child when placed in the ‘Lost Property’ basket.

Thank you for your assistance.

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

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

Don’t’ forget - 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.
Community News ...

Waverley Park Hawks Junior Football Club.
Columbia Park and Lum Reserve, Wheelers Hill.

Are you a girl aged 10 to 18 who loves her football?
Why not get involved with a local junior club?
Come and join the 2015 Waverley Park Hawks Girls’ teams!

- The club will be fielding girls teams in the SMJFL at Under 12, Under 15 and Under 18 age groups in 2015.
- All matches played on Sundays.
- U12 teams play with modified rules designed to encourage participation and player development.
- U15 and U18 teams play under normal AFL junior rules.
- Players of all age groups receive Coaches Awards throughout the season.
- All our coaches are AFL Level 1 Accredited.
- Accredited First Aid officers attend all matches.
- Each Sunday night we conduct weekly presentations to players, including game day reflections and social activities.
- Affiliate club of the Hawthorn Football Club and member club of the South Metro Junior Football League (SMJFL).

Training is on Thursday nights commencing in March
First game - Sunday 19 April 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
www.wphawks.org.au
info@wphawks.org.au

SECRETARY:
Lindsay Moore 0417 358 342
REGISTRAR:
Danielle O’Neill 0438 407 525
FREE EVENTS

TWILIGHT FUN RUN

REGISTRATIONS from 5pm
STAGGERED STARTING TIMES from 5.30pm
Choose and register for a course
that suits your age and ability 3km / 5km / 8km

FIRST 100 PRE-REGISTRATIONS get a T-shirt
log onto greaterdandenong.com

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

Invites you to a FREE screening of Disney
FROZEN
From 6pm ACTIVITIES AND BBQ
FEATURE FILM STARTS AT 8.30pm
In case of rain the venue will be at Rosewood Downs Primary School, Murray Road, Dandenong North

SATURDAY 21 MARCH TIRHATUAN PARK
Enter via Kriegel Way off Outlook Drive
(Melway reference 81 F9)
For more information visit www.greaterdandenong.com or call 8571 1000
Community News cont ...

SPORTS FEST

Sunday 15 March
11am–3pm
Ross Reserve
Memorial Drive, Noble Park

Live music & performances
FREE entry to NPAC 2pm-5pm
Competitions & Prizes
3on3 Basketball Tournament & Clinics
Pre register or register on the day

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Parish Priest : Rev. Tadeusz Ziolkowski SC
School Principal : Mrs Christine Ash
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This is going to be a fantastic science day!  
Activities include:  
- Making play dough  
- Finger paint creation  
- Water rockets  
- Corn flour slime  
Make a messy-fizzy volcano erupption and more. | **Wheels Day**  
Join us for a Fun-Filled day at our school!  
Please bring your favourite wheels & helmets.  
Other activities include:  
Autumn craft / fruit salad game  
New release DVDs and popcorn!  
NO HELMET NO PLAY! | **Big ‘E’ Day**  
Join us for some great Easter activities!  
- Easter Rabbit Door hangers  
- Easter rabbit puppet kits  
- Easter paper chain  
- Take part in our Easter egg hunt, how many can you find? | **Explore Your Senses**  
Incursion: Candle Making  
Discover your senses by:  
- Exploring with shaving cream  
- Making slimy goop  
- Making bath bombs and potpourri!  
Cooking: chocolate balls  
Incursion: make coloured, scented candles with lots a scents.  
Cost: $11 | **Good Friday**  
Public Holiday |
| Monday 6th April | Tuesday 7th April | Wednesday 8th April | Thursday 9th April | Friday 10th April |
| **Easter Monday**  
Public Holiday | **Creativity Day**  
Kids will enjoy making a cool designer pillow case to take home using tie-dye technique. | **Monster Mash**  
Come dressed up in your scariest outfit!  
Activities include making:  
- Monster pencil toppers  
- Silly monster book marks  
- Paper bag monsters  
- Monster feet  
Decorate your own Monster cookies for afternoon snack! | **Excursion Day**  
Swimming at Dandenong Oasis.  
Join us for a swimtastic day! | **Goodbye To The Holidays**  
PARTY TIME!  
Don’t be surprised if you feel a little topsy turvy today!  
Activities Include:  
- Varity of bingo games  
- Freeze frame fun  
- Crazy experiment  
BYO: favourite CD’s and a plate of food to share.  
Cost $3 |
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| **Beginning:** Monday 9 March 2015 | Elizabeth’s Out of School Hours Care Program  
111 Bakers Road, Dandenong North  
Ph: 0422 803 709 / 0426 282 721 |
| **Monday** | **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. |
| **Tuesday** | **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. |
| **Wednesday** | **Vacation Care / Pupil Free Days:**  
Per Day: $45.00  
7.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday. (No vacation care available in January.) |
| **Thursday** | **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. |
| **Friday** | **Monday**  
Eye masks |
| | **Tuesday**  
Painted postcards |
| | **Wednesday**  
Autumn leaves |
| | **Thursday**  
Fancy flowers with paper |
| | **Friday**  
Writing games, Spoon games |