

Year 3 & 4 Term One News

Welcome to all our families to what we are sure will be a fabulous year of exploration, personal growth and development, and a highly valuable year of learning. Our year 3s have a particularly exciting time ahead of them as they prepare and celebrate in the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Our wonderful year 4s will be there to help and support them on their faith journey and offer them words of advice and encouragement.

Before we go any further outlining the 'housekeeping' for the year and special dates to jot on your family calendar, I'd like to introduce the wonderful team of teachers who will be working with your child this year.

Mrs Diosi



Wow, I'm very excited to be teaching in year 3 & 4 this year. I have been at St Elizabeth's for a large proportion of my teaching career and have taught every level in the school. When your child first started school, I was their Performing Arts teacher as I returned to work part time after having my son. I also, have a beautiful daughter and live with my husband with two very loyal dogs, Sami and

Bella.

This year I will be working 4 days of the school week, Monday through to Thursday and on Friday Mrs Pisciotta will be in the classroom.

My interests and passions are running and gym workouts, having a cuppa with family and friends, visual arts, baking and massive cook ups of heart-warming comfort food and reading. I just wish I had more time for reading!

I look forward to developing relationships with you and your child as we work together to encourage them to do their best and have an amazing year.

Mrs Pisciotta



Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a lovely break over the holidays and enjoyed some much needed rest and quality time with family and friends. For those of you who don't know me, I'm Katie. This will be my third year at St Elizabeth's and I am excited to be joining the year 3/4 team. I know and have taught many of the children in the 3/4 community during my time in 1/2 in

2015. As many of you will know, I went on maternity leave last year to

have my first child, a little girl, Poppy. My husband Trevor and I have been very busy over the last year with Poppy, but we have absolutely loved having this time together as a family. The three of us love spending time together with our dog, Kuma, and we all love and support Hawthorn – even Poppy (not that she had much choice). I am looking forward to catching up with you and to working with all of the wonderful children in our community. I am sharing a class with Mrs Diosi this year and will be in the 3/4 community with Miss Olagama on a Friday.

Miss Olagama



Hello there! Another year at St. E's in 3/4 and I cannot wait! I've been teaching for three years now and am excited to start 2017. I am a huge fan of Marvel superheros. I enjoy spending time with my family playing board games and going on road trips to different parts of Australia. My AFL team are the mighty Richmond tigers and I to, like Mrs. Mel, are hoping for a much better end result than 2016.

I look forward to getting to know you all throughout the year!

Mrs Melenhorst



Hi everyone, I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing holiday. I'm looking forward to a great year in 3/4 with lots of learning & lots of fun. I enjoy spending time with my family, friends and my dog Molly. As most of you know I barrack for Carlton and I'm hoping for a better result this season. I also love reading aloud to the class and can't wait to start! I'm looking forward to getting to know you all.

Mrs Mel.

Mrs Popowycz



Hello everybody, I am looking forward to another exciting year. Like Mrs Diosi I also have worked at St Elizabeth's for more years than I am prepared to admit but I have loved every minute of it! I will be sharing 3/4 HP with Mrs Hall. I will be in the classroom on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Mrs Hall will be in our classroom on a Thursday.

I won't be in the classroom on a Thursday but I certainly will be in the school in my role as Religious Education Leader. If you need to chat to me, then Thursday would be the best time to call me.

Mrs Hall



Hi everyone, I am looking forward to another great year of learning and fun in 3 / 4 this year. I have been teaching here at St. Elizabeth's for a very long time during which I have held many different positions in the school. This year I am working two days a week. On Wednesdays I will be teaching in Mrs Melenhorst's class and on Thursdays I will be teaching in Mrs Popowycz's class. Both these classes

come together to form the 3 / 4 HPM community.

I am married and my husband's name is Chris and we share our home with our much loved and very spoilt Cocker Spaniel, 'Harvey'. Our two adult children are married and we have three gorgeous grandchildren all under school age. I look after two of these little people every Friday. Along with my family I barrack for Melbourne in the A.F.L and attend their matches regularly.

I look forward to getting to know you as time progresses.

Mrs Hall

Specialist Program

For the first 5 weeks of the term all students will need to wear their runners on Monday as they will be participating in the dance program FOOTSTEPS.

	<u>LOTE</u>	<u>Physical Ed</u> <i>Wear runners</i>	<u>Performing Arts</u>	<u>Media</u>
<u>3/4 DP</u>	Tuesday	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
<u>3/4 SO</u>	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Tuesday
<u>3/4 HP</u>	Tuesday	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
<u>3/4 HM</u>	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Tuesday

Special Dates

Date/Time	Event	Venue
FEBRUARY		
Monday 6th	Footsteps Begins for 5 weeks	PAC
Wednesday 8th	SWEL Week activities morning (wear runners)	
Monday 13th	BookFair (2 weeks)	Nook
Wednesday 15th	After school Gymnastic begins (every Wednesday)	Level 4 Link
Wednesday 15th	Reconciliation Interactive evening 7pm - 8pm	Church
Friday 17th	Opening School Mass 9:15 - 10:30	Church
Monday 20th	Goal setting/Information Night 3:30 - 8pm	Classroom
Thursday 23rd	Goal setting/Information Night 3:30 - 6pm	Classroom
Sunday 26th	Welcoming Mass & Picnic 10:30 - 12:30	Church
Tuesday 28th	Shrove Tuesday - Burning of the Palms 10:30	PAC
MARCH		
Wednesday 1st	Ash Wednesday Mass 9:15 -10:15	Church
Wednesday 8th	School Photos	
Monday 13th	Labour Day Public Holiday - No School	
Friday 17th	Saint Patrick's Day	
Tuesday 21st	Harmony Day	
Thursday 29th	Stations of the Cross	Level 3 Link

Literacy

The start of the school year marks the beginning of setting up organisational skills and routines. We will be continuing our CAFE Reading program and will be working with the students to develop their independence and reading stamina, picking 'just right' books (good fit books), and turn and talk strategies to discuss their thoughts and feelings about a book.

In Writing, we will be writing to persuade an audience and linking it to our Inquiry Unit 'Living in Harmony'. We will write about why we have laws and why we should keep the rules, dismiss rules or recommend new rules in our home, school, community, country and world. For example, take your shoes off before you walk into the house, drive on the left side of the road.

Numeracy

In maths, our units of work will be place value and number patterns, mapping and location, reading data and graphs, addition, 2D shapes and symmetry.

Here are some fun ways you could immerse your child in maths at home and while you are out and about:

- Add two house numbers in your street together.
- Add the three numbers from the number plates on the car in front of you at traffic lights.
- Create a family rap to Recite and learn the times tables.
- Have your child draw a map from home to school.
- Create a treasure hunt in your home and have your child follow a map or vice versa.
- Go for a walk and talk about the different shapes you see. For example, shapes of windows.

Inquiry/Religion - Living in Harmony

The students will be investigating how we live together in harmony. One element of living harmoniously is by following rules. We will be discussing rules and laws in our homes, school, church, community, country and world and how we work, pray and live with each other in the world. Also, we will be talking about the rules God gave us to live by - The 10 commandments and his greatest law shared through Jesus, 'Love one another as I have loved you'.

The other aspect we will investigate in our inquiry is how we are a multicultural society made up of many nationalities/cultures and religions. We will be discussing the differences and similarities between cultures and how each family/culture lives, prays, celebrates and plays.

Friendly Reminder

Thank-you to those families who have already bought in all their supplies to start the school year. Below is the list of items that your child needs to bring to be organised for school.

- 3 boxes of tissues
- 1 packet of chux
- 1 bouncy ball or tennis ball
- Art smock
- Blue communication folder & Chromebook case (year 3s)
- Library bag
- Headphones
- Activity/colouring in book

Finally, we love to hear from you if you have any questions or concerns about your child. We understand that not all parents can come to see us so below is a list of our email addresses to contact us.

We look forward to working together to make 2017 a fun and successful year.

Mrs Diosi - mdiosi@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au

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Miss Olagama - solagama@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au

Mrs Melenhorst - rmelenhorst@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au

Mrs Popowycz - popoma@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au

Mrs Hall - hallkr@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au