Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Other Parishioners,

You would be aware that following the Royal Commission into Child Abuse that there has been a focus on how we can make sure that in the future children are protected from abuse whilst in the care of any organisation. Schools are very much central to the focus on child safety. Everyone wants to be sure that “All children have the right to feel safe and to be safe all of the time”.

The Child Safe initiative is focused on how the adults in an organisation ensure that children are kept safe. The Minister for Education in Victoria has created a Code of Conduct that must be adopted by every school after consultation with staff and the community along with the School’s Education Board or School Council. You can read the Ministerial Order for yourself at www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/childsafe

St. Elizabeth’s Parish School

Newsletter: 20th June 2016

Sunday 19th June
St. Elizabeth’s Parish Mass
- 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.30pm
World Environment Day

Monday 20th June
Morning Assembly Followed by Tea and Coffee in The Nook for Parents, Grandparents, Carers, Friends.

Tuesday 21st June
Years 5/6 Camp

Wednesday 22nd June

Thursday 23rd June
Nazareth VCAL students
Years 5/6 Camp

Friday 24th June
Years 5/6 Camp
Buddy Lunch Years 1/2 and 3/4

Saturday 25th June
St. Elizabeth’s Parish Mass - 6:30pm

Sunday 26th June
St. Elizabeth’s Parish Mass
- 8.30am, 10.30am, 5:30pm

Monday 27th June

Tuesday 28th June

Wednesday 29th June

Thursday 30th June

Friday 1st July

Saturday 2nd July
Parish Dinner Dance
Parish Mass 6PM

School Holidays.
Stay safe and enjoy time with your families.
School resumes Monday 11th July

Students Enrolling at St. Elizabeth’s in 2017

Families who have children planning on coming to St. Elizabeth’s in 2017 for their first year of schooling please contact Lisa on 9795 5258 to register.
The Code of Conduct is based on 7 standards and the seven standards must include the following principles as part of each Standard.

1. Must promote the cultural safety of Aboriginal children
2. Must promote cultural safety of children from all culturally diverse backgrounds
3. Must promote the safety of children with a disability

All organisations which work with children must have all the seven Child Safety Standards embedded in their culture through:

1. Effective leadership arrangements
2. A Child Safe Policy or Statement of Commitment to Child Safety
3. A Code of Conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children.
4. Screening, supervision, training and other practices which reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing staff
5. Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse
6. Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse
7. Embedding strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children

From Jan 2016, the standards will apply to all organisations with Government funding (schools included) and from January 2017, all other organisations for children that don’t meet above criteria must have a Child Safe Code of Conduct in place. e.g., sports clubs etc.

Schools have to sign that we have a Statement of commitment and Code of Conduct by August 1st this year.

This is the Child Safe Code of Conduct for you to read. If you would like to make any suggestions about how it can be tailored to fit our school, please let me know by email at this address.
principal@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au

Our Code of Conduct applies to all adults in our environment which goes further than the suggested Draft. The Code of Conduct for St Elizabeth’s School will apply to ALL who enter our school including parents, visitors, volunteers, clergy and staff as well as anyone there to work on the building or repair appliances etc.

**Draft St Elizabeth’s Code of Conduct**

This code of conduct has a specific focus on safeguarding children and young people at St Elizabeth’s School against sexual, physical, psychological and emotional abuse or neglect. It is intended to complement child protection legislation, school policies / procedures and professional standards, codes or ethics as these apply to staff and personnel.

All staff, volunteers, contractors, clergy, visitors and School Education Board members at St Elizabeth’s School are expected to actively contribute to a school culture that respects the dignity of its members and affirms the Gospel values of love, care for others, compassion and justice. They are required to observe child-safe principles and expectations for appropriate behaviour towards and in the company of children as noted below.

**ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOURS**

All staff, volunteers, contractors, clergy and School Education Board Members are responsible for supporting children by:

- Adhering to the school’s child-safe policy and upholding the school’s statement of commitment to child safety at all times
- Taking all reasonable steps to protect children from abuse
Treating everyone in the school community with respect (modelling positive and respectful relationships and acting in a manner that sustains a safe, educational and pastoral environment)

Listening and responding to the views and concerns of children, particularly if they are telling you that they or another child have been abused or that they are worried about their safety / the safety of another child

Promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (for example, by never questioning an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child’s self-identification)

Promoting the cultural safety participation and empowerment of children with culturally and / or linguistically diverse backgrounds (for example, by having a zero tolerance policy towards discrimination)

Promoting the safety, participation and empowerment of children with a disability (for example, during personal care activities)

Ensuring that as far as practicable no adult is ever alone with a child

Reporting any allegations of child abuse to the school’s leadership or child safety officer (if the school has appointed someone to this role)

Understanding and complying with all reporting obligations as they relate to mandatory reporting and reporting under the Crimes Act 1958 (Vic)

Reporting any child safety concerns to the school’s leadership (and or Child Safety Officer if the school has appointed one)

If the allegation of child abuse is made, ensuring as quickly as possible that the child / ren are safe

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOURS

Ignore or disregard any suspected or disclosed child abuse

Develop any ‘special’ relationship with children that could be seen as favouritism (for example, the offering of gifts or special treatment for specific children

Exhibit behaviours with children which may be construed as unnecessarily physical

(for example, inappropriate sitting on laps)

Put children at risk of abuse (for example, by locking doors)

Initiate unnecessary physical contact with children or do things of a personal nature that a child can do for themselves, such as toileting or changing clothes

Engage in open discussions of a mature or adult nature in the presence of children, (for example, personal social activities)

Use inappropriate language in the presence of children

Express personal views on cultures, race or sexuality in the presence of children

Discriminate against any child, including because of age, gender, culture, vulnerability, sexuality, ethnicity or disability.

Have contact with a child or their family outside of school hours without the school leadership or Child Safety Officer’s (if the school has appointed one) knowledge and / or consent or the school’s governing authority’s approval (for example, unauthorised after hours tutoring, private instrumental / other lessons or sport coaching), accidental contact such as seeing people in the street, is appropriate.

Have any online contact with a child (including by social media, email, instant messaging etc) or their family, (unless necessary e.g., by providing families with newsletters or assisting students with their school work.

Use any personal communication channels / devices such as a personal email account

Exchange personal contact details such as phone number, social networking sites or email addresses

Photograph or video a child without consent of the parent or guardians

Work with children while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs

Consume alcohol or drugs at school or at school events in the presence of children

Farewell

Ms Bianca Lentini will be leaving us at the end of this term to focus on finishing her Master’s Degree and establishing her own business. We thank her for the work she has done with our children and suggest that you take a walk around the school to look at the art work done as part of the Technology and Media Program. We also wish her all the best with her study and future work in the Arts area.
We welcome Ms Dana Kroenert to take on this role for the second semester. Many of the children will already know her as she has been working in our school as a CRT.

**REMINDER!**
Please do not leave children at the school before 8:30am. One of the children had an accident the other morning and it was well before the time a teacher was on duty to help.

We are all looking forward to the Year 5 / 6 Camp at the end of next week. I will be in Rome on a Catholic Education Melbourne sponsored study program during the holidays and will return on Monday July 18th. I leave the school in the capable hands of Ms Rebecca Gage and Ms Nan Perazzo.

Enjoy the break, see you in Term 3.

_Yours Sincerely,_
_Chris Ash_
_principal@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au_

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**Religious Education News**

What is ‘true community’? The common good is reached when we work together to improve the wellbeing of people in our society and the wider world. The rights and needs of others must be always respected.

We learn to be good people by being around other people. We learn to be kind, how to share, how to share, how to take turns and how to make things fair.

But we need to be fair to everyone – not just the same people! Remember, we are all made like God, and God loves us all.

**We all need to work together so that everyone can have a fair share and a good life.**

I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday. May you rest and spend time as a family, with friends and community sharing in many adventures. For many, it will be a time of gathering and catching up on things that in the business of term get left behind. Whatever it may be, remember to stop and think about God’s presence in all we do and say.
Matutinao

The staff and students of our Sister School in Matutinao say a Big Thank you for all the items they have arrived.

Maria Popowycz
Religious Education Leader
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Student Wellbeing News
Teaching Children to be Honest

Some parents might believe it's in a child's nature to lie and it's the parent's job to punish dishonesty to prevent it from taking over. Actually parents often set their kids up to lie.

Here's the mistake they make. They confront their kids accusingly with anger or threats. But if you're harsh and punitive, they're afraid to tell you the truth.

If you make it safe for them, they will be honest. So be firm on honesty and gentle on your kids.

It takes a lot of courage to tell the truth for anyone at any age. It doesn't always come naturally, so it's a parent's responsibility to teach a child to be brave enough to fess up. Like so many other characteristics you'd like your kids to have, this one depends a lot on you.

Three tips to help your kids learn honesty:

1. Talk with your children—beginning very early—about how much you value honesty in your family. Tell them how important it is to all of you that you can always count on each other to tell the truth— even when it’s difficult. If there’s not honesty between parents and children, there won’t be trust or closeness in your family either.

2. Model honesty for your children—not only in your words but also in your lifestyle. You can’t expect them to tell you the truth if you’re not honest with them—even when they ask you an awkward question. Be brief and be age appropriate in your response, but if you lie to them when it’s embarrassing to tell the truth, you can’t expect them to blurt out the truth when it’s tough for them. Your goal should be to create an open environment where there are no secrets and everyone feels comfortable being truthful.

3. Let them know that you put more emphasis on their honesty than on the punishment for their dishonest behaviour. Yes, you can impose consequences for their lie, but they need to know there’s a benefit for them in being honest. If you glide right over their courage in pouring out the truth and jump to a punishment, they won’t be quick to fess up the next time. If it’s still necessary to discipline after they’ve
bravely spilled the beans, do it with respect, be tender with them and let them know how much you appreciate their honesty.

Everyone has the ability to be honest, but if you don't practice it, both you and your kids may develop the habit of cutting corners, fudging and telling white lies—because it's easier. As a parent you have the opportunity to help your kids develop the characteristic of being honest, but it has to be nurtured. Don't lower your standards, but do understand that they might not be perfect every time.

Nan Perazzo
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Learning and Teaching News

WORD MANIA

Our school is participating in LiteracyPlanet Word Mania 2016, Australia's biggest and most fun literacy competition.

Word Mania is a fun and effective way for students to improve their literacy skills.

To participate children simply log in to their LiteracyPlanet account and click on the Word Mania icon, or download the free LiteracyPlanet Word Mania app. (iOS and Android).

Word Mania 2016 Dates
Practise from Monday, June 13.
Competition Round 1 - Monday, August 1 to Friday, August 5.
Competition Round 2 - Monday, August 8 to Friday, August 12.
Final Round - Monday, August 22 to Wednesday, August 24.

How to Play
Word Mania is an interactive online word building game. Players are given a board made up of 15 randomly generated letter tiles, and have three minutes to form as many words as they can. Every valid word formed earns points. Longer and more complex words score higher, and scores can be boosted by building valid words consecutively, and using special Gold and Diamond letter tiles.
Word building uses various literacy skills: phonemes, morphemes including affixes and plurals, spelling, word recognition, vocabulary and word knowledge.

Students can play as many times as they like, and the sum of the highest 50 game scores by at least five students from the same grade will be their school’s score for that year level.
$100,000 in Prizes!

There is more than $100,000 in prizes including Teach Starter subscriptions, popular literacy-based board games, Australian Geographic book packs, and trophies and cash for winning schools.

For more information visit www.wordmania.com.au

Rebecca Gage
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St Elizabeth’s Community/ Fundraising Group / Parents and Friends

Please keep the recipes coming, we need lots of different recipes to put into our Cookbook. Reminder recipes can be left in the box at the school office or in the foyer of the Church or emailed to stecookbook@gmail.com

Please mark your calendars … Friday 21st October is MARKET NIGHT. Do you have goods you’d like to sell? Come and see Trixie for more information.

Everyone is invited to enjoy a chat and a cuppa after Monday morning assemblies? It is held in The Nook and is open to all. We would love to see you there.

Are you able to help? We are looking for volunteers to help with the Uniform Shop as well as covering library books.

Trixie Martin
marttr@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au

Sports News

Hi all St. E’s Families

Last week, 9 students from St. E’s competed in the Greater Dandenong Division Cross Country Carnival. We travelled to Tattersons Park and competed against the best distance runners from over 30 local primary school

Abbey, Ella, Nyamal and James all finished in the top ten and have qualified for the South Metro Regional Carnival held on the last Thursday of term in Frankston.

Thank you to those that came down and supported the kids, particularly Mrs. Paulas for assisting in transport. It was greatly appreciated.

Yours in Sport

Dean Andrew
Sports Coordinator
dandrew@sedandenongnth.catholic.edu.au

School Banking

Don’t forget to bring your deposit book to school EVERY TUESDAY for school banking. After every ten weeks of banking, you are eligible to choose a cool reward.

If you have misplaced your book, please let the office know and we can organise a new one.

If you don’t have a Dollarmite account, you can open one at any time online, at a branch or fill in an application form at the office. For more information please see www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
Community News

**Great Offer** from North Dandenong Junior Football Club

The North Dandenong Football Club are looking for players to fill their under 10 and 12 teams for the remainder of the season.

*Any St. E’s student who signs up this year will not have to pay 2016 registration fees and they are guaranteed a game.*

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NAZARETH COLLEGE

**OPEN SCHOOL**

Come see Nazareth in action! Single gender classes, Acceleration Program, Innovative iPad Program. Wednesday 22 June, 9.00am.

To register your attendance please contact the College Registrar 9795 8100.

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**Soccer5s in Dandenong South.**

Upcoming School Holiday Football Clinics @ Soccer5s

In the June/July school holidays Soccer5s will be conducting school holiday clinics, giving children a chance to come, have a kick and stay active!

Parents having the option to stay and watch the children while having a drink coffee or they can have a break and drop the children off.

- Week 1 – Monday 27th June – Wednesday 29th June
- Week 2 – Monday 4th July – Wednesday 6th July
- Two age groups (U5-U8) and (U9-12 years old)
- Fresh snacks for the players
- Certificates and prizes to be won

Price and Fees:
- 1 Week Clinic (3 days) - $90.00
· 2 Week Clinic (6 days) - $150.00

29 Brindley Street, Dandenong South, 3175
(Based on Logis North Business Park - entry from Greens Road or Hammond Road)

**Position Vacant - Education Program Coordinator (Noble Park)**
7.5 hrs/week – flexible work arrangement

St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria is looking for a suitable qualified and experienced person to help establish and lead a key educational service. The program will offer social and educational support to school aged children. This paid position will work with volunteer tutors to help build social and academic confidence in our students. For full details including a position description visit www.vinnies.org.au and click on the Get Involved tab. Applications must be received by COB Friday 24th June 2016

**Melbourne UTD 2 Day Jujior Basketball Camp**

![Melbourne UTD 2 Day Jujior Basketball Camp Image](image)
St Elizabeth’s Holiday Program June – July 2016.

To be held at 111 Bakers Road, Dandenong North 3175

For information and booking contact Elarine on 0422 803 709

Please provide your child with a packed lunch and snack for morning/afternoon tea and a refillable water bottle.

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Cost: $65
WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE BOUTIQUE ESTATE AGENCY.

We represent a genuine hands on approach which has lead the way in local real estate services. Located on the border of Dandenong North and Mulgrave whilst covering a wide network of suburbs from Clayton right through to Berwick makes Boutique Estate Agency able to cater to a large portion of the south eastern corridor.

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
Contact Details....

St. Elizabeth’s Out Of School Hours Care Program

111 Bakers Road, Dandenong North
Ph. 0422 803 709

Before School Care
Permanent: $13.50 /Casual $16.00
7:00am to 8:55am Monday to Friday
during school term, excluding all Victorian Public Holidays.

After School Care
Permanent: $14.50 /Casual $17.00
3:15pm to 6:15pm Monday to Friday
during school term, excluding all Victorian Public Holidays.

Vacation Care / Pupil Free Days
Per Day: $50.00
7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday
(No vacation care available in January)

Late Pick Up Fees: Per minute: $1.00

For enquires or further information,
please contact Elarine on 0422 803 709
during session times.

Activities ....

Beginning Monday 20th June 2016

Monday  Cardboard weaving squares,
cardboard weaving stars, cardboard assorted shapes

Tuesday  Under the sea mobiles, bird mobiles,
insect mobiles

Wednesday  Wildlife chimes, coloured pasta wind
chines, reflective wind twisters

Thursday  Cardboard dinosaurs, cardboard
space shapes, cardboard flags

Friday  Gift bags, butterfly pencil case,
flowery frames

If you need care during the school holidays,
please contact Elarine or Anita on 0422 803 709