



*St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School
Newsletter
Bringing alive our Core Values of
'Charity, Service, Humility and Compassion'*



Term One, Week Nine
30 March 2017

Our School Prayer

Dear Jesus

*Saint Elizabeth brought care to the sick, food to the hungry and hope to those in need.
Grant us the blessing that we may follow in her footsteps with love and joy in our hearts,
to always be faithful and to serve with humility and compassion.*

Amen

St Elizabeth's Community Mass - Sunday, 2 April

Please try to come along to our School Community Mass this Sunday, 2 April at 9:00am. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the Eucharist together as a community. I believe we have so much to be thankful for in our community. We look forward to seeing you there. God bless.

Easter Liturgy – 2:20pm Wednesday, 5 April

Next Wednesday, 5 April we will have our Easter Liturgy as a school community as we prepare ourselves for the risen lord. You are all most welcome to join us in our celebration.

Condolences

Our love and prayers are with Angela and Daniel Connelly on the sad loss of their Grandmother who passed away earlier this week. We are all thinking of you Angela during this sad time, we hope you will be consoled in knowing you have lots of happy memories.

Year Two Assembly

What amazing budding reporters we have in our midst! Congratulations to Kate and Krystal for preparing the children in their performance. It was lovely to see the children assisting their classmates in helping them to participate. Congratulations to Nathaniel for showing great support and leadership in helping his classmate without teacher direction. We are all very proud of you. I must admit I found it quite emotional to see how much they have grown and matured in their time with us at St Elizabeth's, many of this class are the original children who commenced their school life sharing St Luke's school in 2014 before moving to our own beautiful school. Well done to the year two class.

Better Beginnings – Iona Bingley

Thank you to Iona Bingley for presenting the Better Beginnings session for the kindy parents. Reading to, and with the children is fundamental to literacy learning. Children thoroughly enjoy sharing a story being read to them. A very big thank you to the two parents who attended this session. I hope you all take the opportunity to share the book you received with your child. Last week I happened to be in the kindy room at the beginning of the day, I saw a dad on the floor with his son sitting between his legs sharing a story. What a very powerful image.

School Oval

Yes, we can proudly say we have a school oval. Doesn't it look magnificent! The children will be able to enjoy this area early into term two, although they have had the undercover area and the hard court to run around and play games. Roll on October for our Sports Carnival!!!!

Crazy Hair Day

The different hairstyles on Crazy Hair Day were amazing, thank you to our parents for getting into the spirit for such a worthy cause. You should be so proud that we raised **\$125.00** which equates to over a dollar per child. God, bless you all.



A HUGE thank you to our parents and staff who donated for "Crazy Hair Day" to support the Leukaemia Foundation.

I am very pleased to announce that Jade donated 9 braids of her hair to "Wigs for Kids" and the money she raised came to a whopping \$4,651.91!!!

Thank you! Thank you!

Harmony Day

Last Tuesday we celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity and reminds us that as a country many cultures call Australia home. The message of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs' and the day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone.

Student Engagement – appropriate behaviour

We ask you for your support in sharing and encouraging appropriate behaviour in your children. We appreciate they are all Junior Primary (Early Childhood) children however, we have expectations that you the parents will support us in continuing to teach and model our school values and good manners. So many of our children display and use appropriate values and manners and we are all working together to ensure all students are safe, each one of them has the right to have the opportunity to learn and play in a warm and caring environment.

Upcoming event - The use of Digital Technology

Early next term I hope to have a meeting with interested parents who would be willing and interested to work with me in renewing our Privacy Policy about Digital Media, in particular the use of Face Book, mobile phones and cameras. I am happy to negotiate with parents to formulate a policy which will protect the rights and safety of all students at St Elizabeth's CPS.

Recalculation of School Socio-Economic Status

All Non-government schools are required, as part of their obligations under the Australian Education Act 2013 (*the Act*), to provide the residential addresses of their students across all campuses. This data is traditionally used in conjunction with the Australian Bureau of Statistics Census to determine the Socio Economic Status (SES) of each school, this has a direct impact and determines our funding. Attached to this newsletter is the letter for parents from the Australian Government, Department of Education and Training. Please read carefully and if you have any issues please contact the SES Helpdesk.

West Coast Kidz Bus

I have had a few concerns regarding the bus in our carpark holding up parents and traffic therefore we have asked West Coast Kidz to park out the front of the school on Ranworth Road in the first two bays before our school sign. I ask you, the parents, to please not park in these bays to eliminate any further problems. Thank you.

Count down is on to the end of term, one more week!

'May God keep us safe in the palm of his hand'

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