



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



Term Three, Week Five  
18 August 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*

**School Photographs**

Thank you for that 'extra special' attention to your child/ren's hair and uniforms – they all looked very 'spiffy'! After setting up in the playgroup room, out popped the sunshine, well at least it peeped through the clouds. This enabled the group photographs to be taken outside. There have been some queries regarding preview of photographs before you purchase them. Unfortunately, given the number of schools using our company this would be an impossible request. Look on the bright side; the photographers do ensure the best possible product. However, on the day, some children prove to be very difficult. My own experience has been varied as to my children's photographs, looking back it has become an amusing conversation!

**Year Two**

Ida McQueen commenced her tandem teaching role with Pia Tilka this week and have two strong experienced teachers. On Wednesday they had a professional day together to ensure their teaching and learning programs were consistent enabling the children to experience quality teaching and learning.

**Cognitive Coaching**

Twice a term all staff have the opportunity to work with a very experienced Educator and Coach. During this time, the Teachers and Education Assistants share their teaching and learning strategies around our whole school focus of 'Differentiated Teaching and Learning'. Differentiation is about teaching to the needs of the students; extending the capable students, encouraging the average and supporting the students who experience difficulty.

**Year Two Assembly**

Yesterday the year one and two students performed their Liturgical dance which they showcased at the Catholic Performing Arts Festival. Whilst they had to make slight changes to accommodate less space, their reverence and performance was a real tear jerker for me. Naomi Clarkson gave them the opportunity to create a dance for the glory of God. They learnt so many skills; negotiation, listening, speaking, confidence and sometimes disappointment that his/her opinion was not always accepted – the building of resilience. Thank you Naomi for trusting the children, setting the expectations high and allowing them to flourish. Krystal and Vinaya were there every step of the way and supported and encouraged the children. God bless you all. We are very proud of you; the staff and students. Attached are some photographs of our Superstar Performers.

**Parent Matters**

**Influenza**

You will be aware there are at least three new strains of virus involving influenza. Please watch your children and seek medical assistance when they are unwell. Children are great carriers for any illness and the advice given by the doctors is to keep them home, make sure they drink plenty of fluids and visit your doctor if you are concerned.

### **Saying goodbye – Liturgies and Assemblies**

Please note you have been asked to say goodbye to your child at the classroom door at 8:30am. Parents and grandparents cause disruption by moving towards the class performing, this is unnecessary and unfair to all students. The staff are trying to move the children back to the classrooms in an orderly manner with as less fuss as possible. Parents coming forward could step on a child and cause an injury.

### **Ground work!**

As you are aware, we are lifting the paving and preparing the footpath so that it will be able to take the weight of vehicles. We need to ensure the footpath is ready when we commence using the canteen. Later next week or early the following week the ramp will be closed off. Please do not cross any area which has been blocked off. There may be an area where you can cross over the lawn, however if this is unavailable you may well need to park and go back out onto the footpath entering through the pedestrian gate. My advice is take note, be aware and make decisions that will keep your children safe.

### **Painting – Walkway and Handrails**

We will commence painting the walkway and handrails in the near future. This may cause some disruption during pick up time. Please be patient, we will do all in our power to make it as painless as possible.

### **Father's Day Breakfast**

Please note this year the Father's Day breakfast is being organised by the Kindy and Pre Primary classrooms and is for Dads or a significant Male figure. Unfortunately, as we grow so do the number of families. However, we know you all appreciated that overtime things change.

### **Next Week's Events**

**9:00am, Sunday, 20 August (this Sunday) we will be celebrating our community mass at St Anthony's Church.** Please make every effort to join us.

**8:30am – 9:00am & 2:20pm – 2:50pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (next week) our Book Fair** will open to enable parents to purchase books for their children. If you are feeling generous you may also like to donate a book to the school. Thank you.

**1:30pm, Tuesday, 22 August – Book Week Incursion "Super Duper" for kindy to year two students**

**8:40am, Wednesday, 23 August – Book Week Parade** – the theme of which is "Escape to Everywhere" Please do not go to any expense. We encourage you to find the book relating to the costume.

**6:00pm, Wednesday, 23 August – Board Meeting**

### **Upcoming Events**

**5:00pm, Monday, 28 August – P&F Association Meeting** please come along this will be all about the Quiz Night early next term.

**5:00pm – 6:00pm – Tuesday, 29 August, Community Picnic**

**6:00pm – 7:00pm – Tuesday, 29 August, Open Night – walk through the classrooms**

### **Thank you from a parent**

On behalf of all parents in year one and two a sincerely big thank you to Jodi Briggs, Shelley Sammut, Shelley's mum, Naomi (Mrs Clarkson) and her mum Kerry, Allison (Mrs Burgess) and Joan (Ms Martino) for the time and effort you all put into making our children's costumes for the Catholic Performing Arts Festival. They all looked and performed fantastic. So again, thank you all so very much. Karen Bone (year one mum).

### **Mr Care Bear**



**Congratulations to our Kindy Class with 39 raffle tickets!!!**

Mr Care Bear is awarded to the class that has the most raffle tickets for showing compassion in class and play. Well Done Kindys!

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

*Carmel O'Shaughnessy*

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