**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*

**Welcome Tanika**

We welcome Miss Tanika Hewston as our year one class teacher for the remainder of this semester (end of term two). Tanika joined us last Friday to have the opportunity to spend time with the children and receive a thorough handover from Kate. We look forward to working with you, Tanika and we know you will enjoy your experience here with us; a great team, supportive parents and lovely children.

**School Photographs**

Thank you for sending your children to school looking so neat and tidy, you will appreciate your effort when the photographs are delivered. The morning went very quickly and the majority of the children managed to smile for their portraits. Regardless, you will love them!

**Kindy Liturgy**

Kim and Lea you organised a beautiful liturgy so early in the year with the little ones managing to sit reasonably quiet, actually I thought they were very good. Well done!

We have received a beautiful email from a kindy parent who spoke of the liturgy and the positive behaviour of the children. In particular, the care her child received from a year one student as her son manoeuvred himself in front of mum. Charvin made space for him with a caring and friendly smile instead of telling him to go back to his group. Angela, we the staff were delighted to receive such positive praise. Thank you. Well done Charvin we are all very proud of you. Thank you to Father John for being with us as well as the grandparents and parents who could attend.

**Goodbye and Thank You**

Last Friday we said goodbye to Miss Kylee Mollentze. We thank you Kylee for taking over the teaching role in the Pre Primary classroom for the last four weeks at such short notice. The children thoroughly enjoyed your inquiry approach and gentle nature. We wish you well and perhaps we may need you for relief teaching sometime in the future.

**Pre Primary Assembly**

The children performed beautifully to a very large audience, singing their songs with great gusto. They stepped up to the microphone like real professionals to say their parts. Matthew’s grandparents had just arrived in Australia from the United Kingdom, what a wonderful welcome. A very enjoyable and happy experience for us all. Well done Kylie and Joan.
Personal Leave
Our substantive year one teacher, Jenni Brown has taken personal leave for the remainder of this semester. We pray all goes well and your father makes a speedy recovery. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Thank you Kate
During Jenni’s absence, Kate Masarei has been at the helm in the year one classroom and returned to her own Pre Primary class this week. Thank you Kate for stepping up and supporting my decision, not necessarily an easy thing to do to move classes at short notice and at the beginning of the year. God bless you Kate!

P & F Matters
Nomination Forms
Please take the time to read and reflect on the roles available for our P & F Association. Remember to have the nominations in by **Friday, 11 March** and come along to the next P & F Meeting to support your nomination or your nominee. We will have the meeting in the Arts Room which is the last room on your right in the Teaching Area.

St Elizabeth’s Community Mass
We are having our first community mass this year at 9:00am Sunday, 13 March, which is this Sunday. Please make every effort to join us. As a Catholic School this is our mission; to develop our children’s faith formation and nurture our own faith.

Please note the Calendar Change
I have changed the Year One class assembly day to Thursday, 24 March due to the change of teacher. This will allow a little more time, albeit only two weeks for Tanika and the children to prepare for the assembly.

Kindy Interview for 2017
I am away this week at a Catholic Primary Principals’ Association Conference in Geraldton. Next week I commence the 2017 Kindy interviews. If you know any families who are seeking a Catholic education for their child/ren please tell them to download an application form from our website or ring Mel on 93037600.

We Need Your Help Please!
Given our electronic age, please use your social media to advertise our school. Parents looking for schools take more notice of other family’s experiences than they do of all the expensive advertising.

Did you see the cute advertisement in the local paper of our kindy class? I know it is small but they look so adorable.

‘May God keep us safe in the palm of his hand’

*Carmel O’Shaughnessy*

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