



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



Term One Week Eleven
12 April 2018

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

Student Matters

Year One Assembly

Last Friday the year one students entertained us with their first assembly for the year. The Hungry Caterpillar themed assembly kept us interested and informed with the lifecycle of a butterfly and how it related to the Easter Story of Jesus rising from the dead on Easter Sunday. Well done, Miss Baxter and Mrs Hardie for all of your hard work, it was a very informative and fun assembly. Thank you to the parents and families that were able to come along and share a piece of the year one's learning journey.

Kindy Liturgy

Yesterday, our kindy children welcomed all St Elizabeth's students, staff, parents and extended families and lead us in their Liturgy. The theme was "Our Family" and how special they are, reminding us to thank God for loving us and our families. Thank you for the special reminder and for your fabulous singing, we are all very proud of how special you all are to our St Elizabeth's Family. Thank you to Simone and her team for preparing the Liturgy to enable us to come together as a school and share in prayer together.

Pre Primary - On Entry Parent Reports

The On Entry Parent Reports were distributed last week to all Pre Primary parents. Kim has made contact with the parents that required an interview. As suggested in the letter, if you require further feedback about the testing please see Kim and she will arrange a time to meet with you.

Families Leaving

Sadly, we say goodbye to three beautiful families with amazing children at the end of this term. Calvin and Hayley Foster, Riccardo and Rihanna Fazari and Anna Kongkham. We will miss all of their cheerful faces around the school and wish them and their families all the very best at their new schools.

We have three new students starting next term, if you see them around the school please make them feel welcome.

Project Compassion

Congratulations and thank you to all of our families for your contributions to Project Compassion. This year we raised \$212.65. Well done, it shows all contributions no matter how small all add up.

Mother's Day Gift Stall

On Thursday, 10 May the P&F will be running a gift stall at school. All children who have brought in a gift will be able to select their Mum or Mother Figure a special gift for Mother's Day. Please see flyer attached for more information. We are accepting gifts now if you want to get in early before holidays.

Staff News

Joan Martino (Year 2) will be on Long Service Leave for the first two weeks of next term. We wish her a happy and safe holiday. While Joan is away we welcome Mandie Cubeddu to the year two classroom.

We welcome Caitlyn Irwin back from maternity leave next term. Caitlyn will be working in pre primary Monday to Wednesday and Allison Burgess will continue to work in pre primary on Thursday and Friday.

We also welcome Katie Hastie back next term. Katie will be assisting in the kindy classroom for the first four weeks of term two.

Wedding Bells - Tanika Hewston (Year Two)

We would like to wish Tanika and Kurt all the very best for their wedding over the school holidays. Wishing you a lifetime of happiness together. We look forward to seeing Mrs Farmer back next term!

Term Two Term Dates and First Two Week Reminders

Monday, 30 April - PP to Year 3 (Staff and Students Commence)

Monday, 30 April – 9:00am Anzac Day Service (on grassed area near the flag pole)

Tuesday, 1 May - Kindergarten Students Commence

Monday, 7 May – RAC Little Legends Safety Incursion (PP-Year3)

Wednesday, 9 May – 2:20pm Year 1 Liturgy

Thursday, 10 May – Mother's Day Gift Stall

Monday, 4 June (Public Holiday - WA Day)

Thursday, 28 June Last Day of Term Two

Friday, 29 June - School Closed (Professional Development Day)

School Holidays: Monday, 2 July to Friday, 13 July

Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers

The Coles Sports for Schools vouchers promotion has now finished so if you have any vouchers please put them in the box in the front office by Friday, 13 April. Thank you for your support in this promotion to earn sports equipment for our school.

Essential Oils - Parent Permission Slip

Just a reminder to please send your permission slip in by Friday, 13 April if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

Commonwealth Banking

Thank you to Karen Bone and Alana Marshall for all of your hard work and effort making our School Banking so meaningful for our students. School Banking will start back on the **Thursday, 3 May**.

NetSetGO – Term 2

NetSetGO will start on Tuesday, 8 May on the tennis courts from 3:00pm – 4:00pm.

To register, visit: wa.netball.com.au/netsetgo

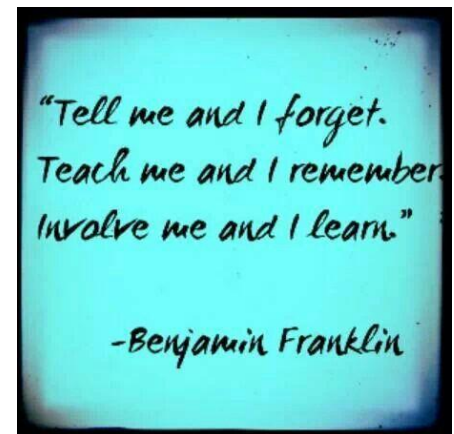
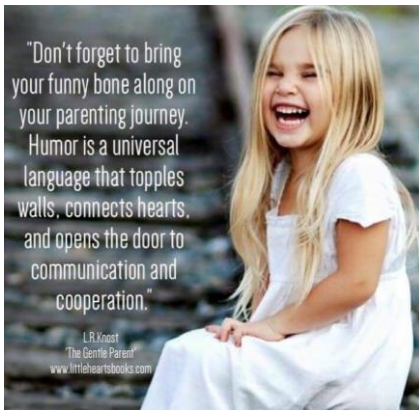
Parent Communication

Parent's this is a gentle reminder that upon enrolment you sign the Parent Code of Conduct. We are a Catholic school and our values are; Compassion, Humility, Service and Charity. Please keep this in mind in your interaction with others as we don't always know what people may be going through in their personal life. Please bare this in mind before entering into "gossip situations" as the outcome can hurt people's feelings in our school community.

Thank you for continuing to support your children in their education and in the support of our school community. Look after yourself and remember to keep looking out for the glimpses of Jesus in other people. It will come through in their service towards you and others. It is in abundance around St Elizabeth's and our families.

Wishing all of our staff, students and families a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to seeing you all back to start Term Two.

A Few Quotes to Ponder



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

Emma Fernandez

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Acting Principal

Holiday Reading for Parents

How to recognise boy's strengths and develop their communication, confidence and respectful relationship skills.

BY MICHAEL GROSE

My colleague, **Maggie Dent**, maintains that there is more hostile parenting towards boys. She says that people commiserated with her when they found out she had four sons. She maintains that this wouldn't have happened if she had four girls instead. I agree.

There's a negative perception about raising boys, which is linked to their boisterousness and behaviour as well as a lack of understanding about what boys need. Like Maggie Dent, I've been on a mission for some time to help parents understand more about the needs of their sons.

If you have boys then here are 7 new tips to help you raise great sons:

1. **Make sure you like them and feel comfortable with their boyness.** Sounds simple, but many mums feel uncomfortable with the messiness and boisterousness of **boys**. Boys pick this up, and can turn off and act in extreme ways to please you.
2. **Give boys one message at a time.** Boys struggle with too many messages at once, Get their attention and give them one message....not two or three.
3. **Be firm, fair and direct with boys.** Fairness is important to boys. They respond best to discipline that is clear, firm and fair. If they think that you are being fair and honest with them then they'll more than likely go along with your discipline.
4. **Avoid being a controlling mother.** Boys learn best by physical experience, some of which is painful. As anyone who has fallen off the monkey bars at school as a child will attest to – the painful lessons of childhood usually stick. Boys are likely than girls to be heuristic learners (learn from experience). Use **natural consequences** to teach boys about risk.
5. **Coach boys in relationships skills.** Boys benefit from explicit teaching about how to manage their relationships, particularly relationships with adults. Give them the words they can use to greet and meet people and how to carry on a conversations. Teach them good manners and let them know how to act in all sorts of new social situations. Mothers have a head start over dads in the relationships area!
6. **Allow boys to learn on the go.** Watch them take a toy out of its box, and place it on the floor. They won't read instructions. They'll just start playing and see what it can do. Give boys plenty of opportunities for free, undirected play. That's one of the ways they learn.
7. **Get dads involved so they can download the software about how to be male.** If there are no dads around then look for teachers, relatives and sports coaches to help out. Alternatively, look for women in your family or social networks who can be 'surrogate men' for boys. Many primary schools have female teachers, who in the absence of decent role models, step up to the plate and become no nonsense, task-oriented adults who take a genuine interest in boys' well-being.

Boys benefit greatly from having parents who can address their specific needs. It can be tricky staying one step ahead of your sons though.