



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



Term One Week One
7 February 2019

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

Welcome back to our families from 2018 and welcome to all our new families in 2019. I feel it is going to be a great year moving forward because working in positive partnerships creates care and support for our school community; parents, grandparents, relatives, friends, staff and students.

Kindy Day One!

Whilst there were a few tears which is to be expected, by 9:10am the tears had dried up and the children were happily sitting on the mat. Congratulations to our parents and kindy staff on a job well done. This year we have ten siblings in the kindy class many of whom we have known since they were babes in arms. They all looked so grown up in their uniforms, no sparkling shoes or Spiderman tee shirts!

Smooth Transition

Monday was a very smooth transition from holidays to school routines. The children are looking taller, many informing me that they are almost my height! It certainly sounded like they had great holidays.

Thank you to all staff members for your hard work during our professional days last week. God bless for preparing the classrooms ready for the school year, they looked so inviting. Thanks to Emma, Melissa and Claire for a great start after the extra hours over the Holidays!

New Families Morning Tea

Lots of love to the Parents' and Friends' Association members especially Lisa Henderson and Karen Bone for your organisation and clean-up. Blessings to our families who brought in the morning tea. Thank you Mark for teasing me with the waft of freshly cooked cakes. Yes, I did have one. The morning tea was well attended and there was lots of happy chatter in the staffroom.

The Term One Parent Planner will be sent home next week, there are a few dates which need to be confirmed. In the meantime, thumbs up and plenty of lead time for the following days.

Week Two (next week)

Tuesday, 12 February

3:00pm - 4:00pm **NetSetGo** on school courts, children from Pre Primary to Year 4 (each participant must have an adult with them)

Wednesday, 13 February

2:20pm - **Year 3/4 Liturgy** in the undercover area

Wednesday, 13 February

Parent information Evening (Kindy - Year 4, you only need to attend one session)

5:30pm - 6:00pm - Session 1

6:00pm - 6:30pm - Session 2

(Please note you will need to organise baby sitters - the children will be too distracting during the session, thank you)

Wednesday, 13 February

6:00pm - School Board Meeting

Thursday, 14 February

School Banking commences

Week Three**Monday, 18 February**

TBC 5:00pm - 5:30pm Parents' and Friends Association Meeting

Friday, 22 February

8:45am - Year 2 Assembly in the uncover area

Liturgical Year**Feast Days**

Thursday, 21 February - St Damian, Bishop and Doctor

Friday, 22 February - St Peter's Chair

Sunday, 24 March - 7th Sunday of Year C

2019 School Fees

Please find attached our 2019 School Fees, do not pay on receipt of this notice. Melissa Dimond, our Finance Officer will be sending out the necessary forms for you to choose your plan. Please ensure if you are experiencing financial difficulty to catch up with Carmel.

The CEWA recommended a fee increase of up to 2%. The School Board members, Melissa and myself have worked collaboratively to ensure we remain financially viable and reduce some costs to our parents in our current financial uncertainty. I believe you will notice a reduction across the board in the fees. Thank you to the Board Members and Melissa for your support.

School Banking

School Banking will commence on Thursday, 14 February. New families who would like to commence your child's bank account, please click on the link below to register for School Banking with the Commonwealth Bank.

<https://www.commbank.com.au/banking/school-banking.html>

NetSetGo

We are pleased to advise that we are offering NetSetGo again this Term. Coaches Jason and Antonietta are back on board, thank you very much! NetSetGo will commence Tuesday, 12 February 2019 down in our school courts from 3:00pm - 4:00pm. This program is offered to students from pre-primary to year 4. Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to accept children who are registered in Camp Australia on Tuesdays. This is in line with Camp Australia's child care policy. All students must be accompanied by a parent.

Please click on the link below to register ASAP;

<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?id=44253&type=6&save=0&entityid=71000>

General Information**Parking**

I appreciate there are issues regarding the lack of parking bays. This is an ever present and ongoing issue in all schools. However, although my reasoning does not alleviate your pain, when you think about it, other than the staff cars and one or two visitors during the day, the carpark is vacant for 5.5 hours a day!

Drop off and Pick up

All kindy and pre-primary children must be taken and picked up to and from your child's classroom every day. The staff are currently discussing alternative arrangements for the year one to four children, however we want to ensure all children in our care are safe. Parents who have older children in years one to four and a child in kindy, you have a choice as to whom you collect first. The older children are not permitted in the kindy - pre-primary playground without an adult. Please remember all play grounds are out of bounds before and after school.

Attachments

School Fee Schedule Policy and Fees for 2019

Triple P Positive Parenting Program – this is a free program which teaches practical and effective way to enhance family relationships and manage common child behaviour issues. There are three dates to choose from, however the time may not be practical for our working parents.

Heads Up for your convenience

Week 5

Monday, 4 March

Labour Day – Public Holiday

Wednesday, 6 March

2:20pm Ash Wednesday Mass TBC

6:15pm Annual General Meeting

Issues/Concerns

If you have an issue or a concern, very little will change unless you take the time to **Consider All Factors**. Please come and speak to me personally and I promise I will do my best to assist you. Idle gossip and bold emotional statements create hurt, anxiety and often will damage your own or someone else's reputation.

All that we ask of you, is that you respect the values of our school when you are faced with any personal issue and seek assistance before it escalates further. This is the year, staff and parents need to work together and to be the most caring and generous community supporting each other and every child in our care. With the grace of God and our strong, caring community we will achieve great things.

Happy Weekend

We hope you have an enjoyable week as we have had with your treasures. Please remember to slip! Slop! Slap over the weekend, I believe the weather forecast is very hot!

"May God keep you safe in the palm of his hand"

Carmel O'Shaughnessy

Foundation Principal