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

Celebration of St Elizabeth’s Feast Day
We began our Feast Day Celebrations with a special liturgy focusing on the good works of Saint Elizabeth. The children made a special rose in honour of St Elizabeth and placed them on the focus prayer table. Some parents joined us for this very special liturgy, thank you for coming. The children and the staff are to be congratulated on their reverence during the liturgy. At lunchtime we all had a sausage sizzle ably prepared by Morrie, our resident sausage sizzle cook. Thanks mate, good job! In the afternoon fun and games were enjoyed by the children as they created some masterpieces out of recycled boxes and miscellaneous materials. Thanks everyone for helping to make our Feast Day a great one!

Scitech Excursion – Tuesday, 29 November 2016
The children were extremely excited when they arrived to school on Tuesday. While they were being organised into their groups the anticipation was palpable. The stories of their adventure have been never ending, the wonder and awe of the little ones is very infectious. The bus ride home was very quiet and no doubt everyone was off to bed early.

Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, 30 November 2016
A very big thanks to the parents and staff who were able to attend the meeting last night. Thank you also to the staff for setting up and providing the supper and cold drinks, it was very much appreciated. The Parents’ and Friends’ Association Committee will continue forward into 2017.

School Board elections were held, we thank Trish Ryan (Treasurer) and Claudia Fazari (Secretary) for sharing their wisdom and time on the School Board for the last two years.

Board Members for 2017-2018
Rick Goodfield -Board Chair, re elected
Kerry Boscarino-Hunter -Secretary – new member
Shelley Sammut -Treasurer – seconded
Mark Stewart -Member/Marketing – new member
Dan Button -Member/Maintenance – re elected
Michelle Colavecchio -Member/Policies – re elected
Trish Sykes -Parish Representative
Father John -Parish Priest
Carmel O’Shaughnessy -Principal
Congratulations to you all, welcome on ‘board’ Mark, Kerry and Shelley, we are in for some interesting times.

**Excursion to Sam Trott’s Playground**
Unfortunately, with so much that has happened and more next week, in consultation with Lyndal I have cancelled this event for 2016. However we will roll it over to 2017, possibly sometime towards the end of term one when the weather hopefully, will be a little cooler.

**School Banking**
Please note the school banking has closed for the year. Keep the bank books handy for the Christmas money. We will start banking in week two. Any Bank Books in the office will be returned to you next week. Thank you for participating in the banking, we also collect a little money from the Commonwealth Bank to spend on resources for the children.

**Upcoming Events**

**Christmas Party at Funtastic4Kids from 4:00pm-6:00pm.** All books for Santa were due on the 29 November, these books need to be handed in to the office tomorrow please.

**School Christmas Picnic and Carols**
This coming **Tuesday, 6 December** we invite our families to join us in the playground for a picnic prior to the Christmas Carols.

- 5:30pm Picnic on the lawn in the playground
- 6:25pm Children are called by the teachers
- 6:30pm Children will share their beautiful voices singing Christmas Carols

**What to bring:**
- Your own picnic basket and don’t forget the children!

**Enrolled Students:**
- To wear Christmas colours which are traditionally red, green, gold and white

**Parents:**
- Christmas Colours!

We should be finished by 7:00pm.

**Sam Trott’s 2nd Memorial Liturgy – 2:15pm Wednesday, 7 December**
Father John will be here for the liturgy and we invite all our families to join us in memory of Sam.

**Child’s Play Music Incursion – Thursday, 8 December**
The children will thoroughly enjoy and actively participate in this music incursion. There will be lots of laughter and noise! The equipment the children will be using are from recycling bits and bobs, so be aware they may be hunting around home and have you construct them with their very able assistance!

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Thursday, 8 December**
This is one of the most important Marian feasts in the Liturgical Calendar. We celebrate Mary, born without original sin. Please take a few quiet moments to say three Hail Marys.

**Brumby’s Fundraiser – Orders will be delivered Thursday, 8 December**
Your order will be in the staffroom ready for you to collect before you go home. If by chance you forget them don’t worry, one of the staff will enjoy them! Thank you Alana Marshall for organising the orders and making a profit of $272.60 for the P&F Association. Many thanks to the parents who put their orders in.

**St Anthony of Padua Church**
Please see attached the Advent and Christmas celebrations at St Anthony’s Church, our parish. There is an awful lot happening, you will surely find something you and your child/ren and celebrate with the community.
Reports
According to our Calendar, the reports should be sent out on Tuesday, however they will not go home until Wednesday.

One Step – Occupational Therapist
I have attached a flyer from One Step who will be assessing our kindy children in 2017. Please contact Sarah if you are interested in your child to attending any of the sessions.

Primary Music Institute
I have attached a flyer regarding keyboard lessons in school. If you are interested please let me know, principal@stecps.wa.edu.au so that we can arrange for a group together here at the school.

St Vinnies Christmas Hamper
Many blessings to the staff and families who were able to donate a special something for families who have very little. We collected almost four boxes. God Bless!

Newsletter- next week
A newsletter will go out next week informing you of our official start date for 2017.

Enjoy the weekend – not too much rushing about shopping or parties!

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

Carmel O’Saughnessy

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