Dear Families

Thanks everyone for your cooperation with the traffic problems associated with the very narrow and often congested Nicholas and Mervyn Streets. Things seemed a lot better this week which certainly makes it a lot safer for the children and helps keep frustration levels for those grappling for a place to pull up and drop the kids off a little lower. There still are however some parents testing the limits, parking in No Standing zones and leaving their vehicles to escort their children into class. For those who need a gentle reminder the parking bays alongside the basketball courts have been designed to act as a drop off zone and I encourage motorists to move to the end of the zone if spaces are available and not to pull in and stop at the space closest to the chapel side gate. There is a second entrance gate adjacent to the shade house so there is not a lot to lose time wise but a great deal to gain in assisting our traffic management problems. With reference to Nicholas Street I also take this opportunity to again stress the importance of children using the School Crossing at all times if they are to cross Nicholas Street and encourage all parents to reiterate the importance by doing the same especially when with the children.

God Bless, and have a great week  
Mark

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

The Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus’ Passion and Death. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus’ suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ’s love for us. Praying the Stations of the Cross—alone or with a group—is a Lenten tradition. Read and pray these stations very slowly and imagine the scene in Jerusalem as Jesus walked his Way of the Cross. Often, the Stations of the Cross is an action prayer. As Catholics we walk to the fourteen stations of the Way of the Cross and stop to pray at each one.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST MARY’S BASILICA

On the Fridays of Lent (other than Good Friday), the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 9.30am, prior to the 10am Mass.

PROJECT COMPASSION

We have reached the grand total of $1,280 so far. Well done everyone thank you for your generosity and keep up the good work as we endeavour to assist poorer nations ‘Open Doors Into The Future’.

ICT NEWS

This week we launched our new ICT Blog called ‘Think Outside the Box’. The purpose of our blog is to share and communicate the exciting things that are happening during ICT lessons and also to provide a platform for students to learn the skills of blogging. Of course, online safety is very important to us, so this gives us a great opportunity for children to learn responsible and safe use of the internet.

As the administrator of the ICT blog, I will be monitoring and moderating all contributions or comments to our blog.

We will be posting new material regularly, so we welcome you to check out our ICT blog on the following link.  

If you would like further information or want to know more about blogging, please contact Mrs Niewman.
BIRTHDAYS
The St Robert’s School community wish to congratulate the following children on the celebration of their birthday this week:
- 12th March: Kai D’Orsa
- 13th March: Matilda North
- 14th March: Anthony Pirrottina
- 15th March: Jackson Bourke
- 16th March: Gregor McLeod, Thomas Zappone

UNIVERSITY OF NSW TESTING
St Robert’s School will again be providing students with the opportunity to enter the University of NSW: International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). The subjects offered, sitting dates and costs are outlined below. All students from grades 3 to 6 are invited to enter. Each participating student will receive an individual diagnostic report as well as a certificate to recognise their achievement for each subject entry. More information about the ICAS is available at: www.eaa.unsw.edu.au.

Please complete the following entry form with the appropriate money amount if your child wishes to enter the ICAS and return it **to the office by Wednesday, 20 March 2013**.

Marie Monea

- University of NSW: ICAS Entry Form

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STUDENT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who have received certificates this week for outstanding work.

- Gr F CC: Boston Riccardi, Holly Barker
- Gr F JP: Lucas Pedretti, Hailey Gistalter
- Gr 1MC: Nicholas Anglin, Henry Stephens, Georgie Doherty, Will Maskell, Ethan North, Mia Skratulja, Sophie Egan, Adam Matthews, Jessica Tarrant, Marcus Skoko, Jasper Hudson-Collins, Evie Adamko, Tilly Pidgeon, Paddy Harris, Oliver Baric, Grace Clatworthy, Jordan Thompson, Mia Doherty, Cleo Mackay, Isabella van den Berg, Drew Green, Lucy Chappell, Jake Stephens, Levi Irving

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD
The first meeting of the School Advisory board will take place tonight. It will be a good opportunity to farewell and say thank you to members who have served their term Gabrielle Moody, Scott Bowman, Sonia Lazzaro and Katrina De Grandi. All have been outstanding representatives and great contributors to our school.

Nominations have now closed for new members and appointments will be announced in our next newsletter.

A reminder that your representatives on the Board are your voice so please don’t hesitate in making contact with them if you have a question or concern regarding the operations and procedures of the school.
TERM 1 SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS
Families are reminded that all Term 1 School Fee Accounts are due for payment by 25th March 2013.
Payment can be made by cash, cheque EFTPOS or internet banking (banking details below).
St Robert’s General Account,
National Bank, Melbourne
BSB Number: 083 347-Account Number: 647 110 294
(Please remember to enter your family code/name).

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
Thank you to all those families who have donated prizes for our Easter Raffle. Watch out for tickets which will be coming home shortly.
Also look out for order forms for our Hot Cross Bun Drive in this newsletter.
Next meeting Tuesday 19th March 7:30pm in the staffroom.
Everyone most welcome.

Sacred Heart College
Open Day
Tuesday 26th March 2013
Option 1 – Tour 1: 3:45 – 4:45pm
Followed by information session 5 -5:45pm
Option 2 – Tour 2 5:30 – 6:30pm
Followed by information session 7 - 7:45pm
For more information, please contact our Registrar,
Mrs Judy Smith on 5222 0490
Closing date for enrolments is Friday 17th May 2013

Chilwell P.S. Outside School Hours Care
Term 1 – February 2013
To book or cancel care please call Olivia or Laune on 0417 014 973

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
School Holiday Program is an educational child care service for children currently attending Primary School age 5 to 12 years. The School Holiday Program offers a range of activities, experiences and excursions. Enrolment application forms available at the office or you can enrol on line at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/shp
Enrolments now open and are due by 5pm Wednesday 20th March 2013
For more information please contact Team Leader on 5272 4443 or pont@geelongcity.vic.gov.au

Saint Ignatius College Geelong
Families are invited to join us on our 2013 OPEN DAY
Sunday March 24th - 11am-2pm.
Information sessions at 11:00am and 12.15pm.
"SEE THE COLLEGE AT WORK"
Wednesday 1st May, 9:00am-12 noon
Applications for Year 7 enrolment 2014 close Friday 17th May 2013.
Year 7, Year 9 & Year 11 Academic Scholarship online applications close Wednesday 17th April.
Visit the college website to download an Application for Enrolment form, apply for a College Prospectus and to submit an online Academic Scholarship registration.

A Jesuit Partner School
27 Peninsula Drive, Drysdale. Phone: 5251 1136 
Email: info@ignatius.vic.edu.au
Website: www.ignatius.vic.edu.au

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES CAR RAFFLE
The Combined Parishes Raffle is with us once again, it is a major fund-raising project in the parish. One book of ten tickets for this raffle will be sent home soon - with four cars to be won! As the prizes for this raffle are over $5,000 this raffle must be officially audited by accountants, therefore all tickets must be accounted for. If you do not feel you can sell this book then please just return it to the school office immediately and it can be redistributed to be sold elsewhere.

SCHOOL BAG
If any family is in need of a replacement school bag one has been offered, please contact the office if interested.
Dear Parents & Friends
At a recent Parents & Friends meeting it was decided this Easter to hold a

Brumby’s Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

The Parents & Friends will be selling vouchers for $7 each. Each voucher entitles you to six delicious hot cross buns redeemable at any Brumby’s Bakery store in Geelong.

The Parents & Friends receive $2 profit from each voucher sold. Please fill out the order form below and drop into the box outside the office. Your voucher(s) will be sent out to you, via your child.

Family Name.................................................................................................................................

Child’s Name & Class........................................................................................................................

Number of vouchers required .........................

Amount Enclosed ...................................................

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DATES TO REMEMBER

**MARCH**
- Sat 16th: St Patrick’s Day Races
- Mon 18th: Whole school assembly 3:00pm
- Fri 22nd: GDCSSA District Cross Country Championships, eligible St Robert’s reps only
- Mon 25th: Grade 1 Prayers in Pyjamas 6:30 to 7:30pm
- Tues 26th: Foundation Prayers in Pyjamas, 6:00-7:00pm in Chapel area
- Wed 27th: End of Term 1 for students, dismissal 3:30pm
- Thur 28th: End of Term for Staff, ‘Kids Matter’ staff in-service day
- Fri 29th: Good Friday
- Sun 31st: Easter Sunday

**APRIL**
- Mon 15th: Term 2 commences
- Mon 22nd: Whole School Assembly 3:00pm
- Thur 25th: Anzac Day Public Holiday
- Fri 26th: Whole Parish School Closure Day – Religious Education staff in-service

**MAY**
- Wed 1st: School Advisory Board Meeting 7:30pm
- Mon 6th: Whole School Assembly 3:00pm
- Wed 8th: Grade 2 Prayers in Pyjamas 6:00 – 7:00pm
- Thur 9th: Eucharist Activity Evening, Chapel 7:00 – 8:30pm
- Mon 20th: Student Free Day
- Sat 25th: First Eucharist 6:00pm at St Mary’s Basilica
- Sun 26th: First Eucharist 9:30am and 11:00am, St Mary’s Basilica

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