Dear Families

What a pleasure it is for me to walk around the school and pop into classrooms to witness first hand the great things the teachers and children are doing. The children are always genuinely engaged and enjoying their learning. They are always keen to share what they are doing with me and the teachers’ rapport with the kids is wonderful to watch. Although I don’t get to do it as often as I would like, I really do enjoy my “Principal’s Walk”. It makes me appreciate my role as principal of this great school. That fine group of students pictured are our newly appointed school captains for this term. They were introduced to the school at Monday’s assembly and I am looking forward to working with them on various tasks and projects as the term progresses. They of course follow in the footsteps of our term one captains who carried out their captaincy responsibilities with enthusiasm and great gusto. Well done and thank you.

Last night’s Parents and Friends meeting was another good one with lots of discussion and good representation from the classes. The P&F do a fantastic job fundraising and building community spirit and I know I speak for all the teachers in saying how grateful we are for their efforts. I am not sure if I have mentioned this in a previous newsletter, it won’t hurt to mention it again anyway, the parents and friends last year and in the first months of this year have contributed to the purchase of music equipment, literacy resources, ICT equipment in the form of laptops, notebooks and tablets for all classes, rainy day games, class cameras and telescopes. This year alone they have responded to the request from teachers for class reading materials to the tune of $9000.00. How good is that!

There are a lot of things planned for the remainder of this year so please consider getting behind the efforts of the P&F in any way that you can. Rest assured the school will be better for it!

God bless.

Have a great week,

Mark

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

The role of the Internet in our lives

The World in our Face: How do people of Faith download the Best and Leave the Rest?

Many people now spend more time looking at small screens than they spend looking at trees and books combined. Many of us have friends we have never even met; our big stories are often on disc. This is a chance for us to see how the pluses and minuses of the role of the internet and social media now plays in our lives, and what a Catholic Response to it might be.

Rev Fr Richard Leonard, well known author and commentator and Director of Australian Catholic Film & Broadcasting will speak about the role of the internet in our lives at a free community presentation in McAuley Hall, Sacred Heart College, Monday 5th May at 7pm. All Welcome!
ONLINE BOOKINGS FOR CONFIRMATION DATES
All Sacramental celebrations will be booked online using the ‘school interviews’ website. The number of spaces allocated to each school for each sacramental celebration will be available until that Mass is full. Parents of children enrolled to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation are asked to log on to the website www.schoolinterviews.com.au, Monday 12th May from 8:30am, the Confirmation Event Code is BK3KT. St Robert’s school has a maximum of 16 spaces available on the Sunday Mass and 21 places at each of the two Friday evening Masses.

HIGHLY VALUED STUDENT AWARDS
St Robert’s ‘Highly Valued Students’ Awards were introduced as a strategy to recognise and acknowledge children in our school who demonstrate the 9 core values we promote as part of our religious education program and social-emotional learning curriculum. Students who demonstrate values such as respect, integrity, care and compassion, honesty and trustworthiness, freedom, fair go, doing your best, responsibility, understanding, tolerance and inclusion are announced at our school assemblies, and presented with a certificate when they return to class. We consider these students to be ‘shining stars’ within our school community, because of the positive manner in which they treat others. We want them to know that we are very proud of the way they behave towards their peers.

WINTER UNIFORM AT ST ROBERT’S
The first two weeks of Term 2 is a transition to winter uniform period. All students are to be in full winter uniform by next Monday, 5th May.

COMBINED PARISH RAFFLE
All raffle books for The Combined Catholic Parish Raffle, sold or unsold, should have been returned by now. Given the value of the prizes this raffle must be audited and all tickets sold or unsold must be accounted for. If you still have your book please return it tomorrow to avoid the Parish having to contact you.

Remember that every unreturned book will be a $10 loss to our Parish!

ST ROBERT’S PRAYER GROUP
The first Prayer session for the St Robert’s Prayer Group will be held, tomorrow, Thursday 1st May, coffee and chat at 9am followed by Prayers at 9:30am in the Chapel.

P&F – MOTHER’S DAY STALL
The P & F are holding the annual Mothers Day stall again this year and it will take place on Friday 9th May. Gifts range from $1 to $5. Money can be sent in an envelope with the child’s name and be given to their teacher prior to the day. This ensures no one misses out on purchasing a gift. Thanks for your support.

MEDICAL ALERT
An alert to families that a confirmed case of Chicken Pox and Whooping Cough within the school has been reported to the office. If your child is unwell in the morning please keep them at home rather than sending them to school with instructions to let your teacher know that you feel unwell and need to go home. In recent cases this message has invariably resulted in the children requesting to go home as soon as class begins.

REPORT WRITING DAY – STUDENT FREE
A Report Writing Day has been scheduled for Monday 19th May – this will be a student free day.

ST ROBERT’S AUSKICK
St Robert’s Auskick will be kicking off again in 2014, commencing Saturday 3rd May. This year we will run from 9-10am. The season will run over 14 weeks, not including the school holidays. Parents can register their children online at www.aflauskick.com.au. For any enquiries, please ring Bruce Lindsay on 0439 035 277.
STUDENT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who have received certificates this week for outstanding work.

Gr F CC  Zoe Hyland
Gr F CC  Ignatius Gill
Gr F JP  Xavier Cook
Gr F JP  Amelie Power
Gr 1MC  Lily Skratulja
Gr 1MC  Ally Lappin
Gr 1YE  Evie Rau
Gr 1YE  Thomas Zappone
Gr 2 KT  Millie Eldridge
Gr 2KT  Ben Groves
Gr 2LO  Claudia Gifford
Gr 2LO  Harry Segrave
Gr 3KH  Jessica Santuccion
Gr 3KH  William Tarrant
Gr 3JS  Mia Skratulja
Gr 3JS  Bobby Kavanagh
Gr 4MA  Marcus Skoko
Gr 4MA  Sophie Doherty
Gr 4MM  Charlie Poulter
Gr 4MM  Grace Purcell
Gr 5NF  Heather Watkins
Gr 5NF  Natasha Spanninga
Gr 5SP  Alexandra Layton
Gr 5SP  Matilda Pidgeon
Gr 6DB  Clarissa Walker
Gr 6DB  Giarna Barker
Gr 6 PB  Ana Tresidder
Gr 6 PB  Molly Green

BIRTHDAYS
The St Robert’s School community wish to congratulate the following children on the celebration of their birthday this week
Happy Birthday to:

1ST May  Anastasia Tresidder
2nd May  James Burtt
3rd May  Cate Donovan
4th May  Abby Costa
5th May  Oliver King
6th May  William Harry
9th May  Charlie Poulter
12th May  Saskia Velcek
13th May  Natasha Spanninga
14th May  Alexandra Layton
17th May  Matilda Pidgeon
18th May  Clarissa Walker
19th May  Giarna Barker
21st May  Ana Tresidder
22nd May  Molly Green
24th May  Carli Poulter
26th May  Heath Watkins
30th May  Natasha Spanninga

ST JOSEPH’S FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB – NetSetGo Program
Come and join our NetSetGo Program being run at St Joseph's Football & Netball Club, Drew Reserve, Herne Hill. The program is for children aged between 5 and 7 and incorporates skill activities and minor games.

WHEN:  Fridays from 6th June to 8th August
TIME:  5.00pm to 6.00pm
COST:  $45 which includes a participant pack

We will hold a registration day closer to the program commencing. To register your interest or for more information, please contact Kirsten Hood on 0410 469 887, or email stjoeysjuniornetball@gmail.com.

Saint Ignatius College Geelong
Families are invited to join us on our
“SEE THE COLLEGE AT WORK” morning
on Wednesday 7th May from 9:00am-11.00am

Applications for Year 7 enrolment 2015 close Friday 23rd May 2014

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Visit the college website:- to download an Application for Enrolment form, and/or to apply for a College Prospectus.

A Jesuit Partner School

2014–2015 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK
St Robert’s again has provided families the opportunity to purchase the Entertainment Book through the school. Books are $55 each with $11 going to the school. Envelopes were sent home last week. The Entertainment Book offers great discount value off restaurants, hotel accommodation, sports and leisure activities. This also is a great gift idea for Mother’s Day. If you do not require the book sent home to you please just return it to the office.
# Dates to Remember

## May
- **Thur 1<sup>st</sup> May**: School Advisory Board Meeting
- **Wed 7<sup>th</sup>**: Prayers in Pyjamas, Gr 2 6:45pm
- **Mon 12<sup>th</sup>**: Confirmation Mass booking open online at 8:30am
  - Whole School Assembly, 3:00pm
- **Tues 13<sup>th</sup>, Wed 14<sup>th</sup>, Thur 15<sup>th</sup>**: NAPLAN
- **Fri 16<sup>th</sup>**: GDCSSA Athletics Championships, (Qualifying students only)
- **Mon 19<sup>th</sup>**: Report Writing Day – Student free day
- **Tues 20<sup>th</sup>**: P&amp;F Meeting 7:30pm
- **Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>**: GDCSSA Mercy 5/6 boys & girls Basketball Round Robin
- **Mon 26<sup>th</sup>**: Whole School Assembly, 3:00pm
  - Eucharist Family Night, 7:00pm–8:00pm (Parent/s and Sacramental Candidates)
- **Tues 27<sup>th</sup>**: Bellarine Division Cross Country, Eastern Gardens, (Qualifying students only)
- **Fri 30<sup>th</sup>**: GDCSSA Lightning Premiership

## June
- **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>**: State Boys/Girls Tennis Championships, (Qualifying students only)
- **Fri 6<sup>th</sup>**: St Robert’s Feast Day Celebrations
- **Mon 9<sup>th</sup>**: Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- **Thur 12<sup>th</sup>**: Region Primary Cross Country, (Qualifying students only)
- **Sat 14<sup>th</sup>**: First Eucharist, 6:00pm
- **Sun 15<sup>th</sup>**: First Eucharist 11:00am
- **Mon 16<sup>th</sup>**: Junior Swimming commences
- **Tues 17<sup>th</sup>**: Bellarine Division Football Lightning Premiership
- **Thur 19<sup>th</sup>**: Bellarine Division Netball Lightning Premiership
- **Fri 20<sup>th</sup>**: Mid-year Progress Reports distributed
- **Sat 21<sup>st</sup>**: First Eucharist, 6:00pm
- **Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>**: First Eucharist, 9:30am & 11:00am

## July
- **Mon 14<sup>th</sup>**: Term 3 commences
- **Thur 17<sup>th</sup>**: State Cross Country Championships
- **Mon 21<sup>st</sup>**: Whole School Assembly
- **Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>**: Grade 6 Camp – Kangarooibie
- **To Fri 25<sup>th</sup>**

## August
- **Fri 1<sup>st</sup>**: Grade 6 Interschool Sports
- **Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>**: St Mary’s Parish Dinner
- **Mon 4<sup>th</sup>**: Whole School Assembly, 3:00pm
- **Fri 8<sup>th</sup>**: Grade 6 Interschool Sports
- **Thur 14<sup>th</sup>**: Reconciliation Family Activity Night 7pm-8pm
- **Fri 15<sup>th</sup>**: Grade 6 Interschool Sports
- **Mon 18<sup>st</sup>**: Whole School Assembly, 3:00pm
- **Thur 21<sup>st</sup>**: First Reconciliation, 5:00pm and 7:00pm
- **Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>**: Grade 6 Interschool Sports

## September
- **Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>**: Grade 2 Prayers in Pyjamas, 6:45pm
- **Fri 5<sup>th</sup>**: Grade 6 Interschool Sports
- **Tues 9<sup>th</sup>**: Confirmation Family Night, 7:00pm-8:00pm
- **Fri 12<sup>th</sup>**: Grade 6 Interschool sports
- **Mon 15<sup>th</sup>**: Bellarine Division Athletics, Land Field (Qualifying students only)
- **Wed 17<sup>th</sup>**: School concert at The Arena
- **Fri 19<sup>th</sup>**: End of Term 3

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www.geelongmums.org