Dear Families

You know the term is nearing an end when all is in readiness for the school concert and this year’s promises to be yet another triumph for all involved. The children have embraced their items with an enthusiasm that has guaranteed a fantastic show for all. Julie has once again been outstanding with the children and has again amazed us with what she has been able to achieve in such a short space of time. Mrs. Lewis has also done a wonderful job with the singing and the children sound absolutely fantastic. It can’t all come together without the support of so many people. This includes parents who have supported the children and their teachers every step of the way. The teachers themselves, who are always responding to the various challenges that a production of this nature throws up, and of course the children who put so much effort into their singing and dancing. We’ve endured and the result will be another show to be proud of. Thanks again everyone. See you tonight.

LOST PROPERTY

I have a concern at the amount of lost property that has been collecting over the course of the term. Please make an effort to check that your children have their jumpers and rugby tops before the end of term as these items are less likely to be needed next term and could easily go unnoticed as being missing once fourth term is upon us. It is not uncommon for parents to be faced with a dilemma of not being able to locate items of clothing, particularly woollen jumpers for the start of term 2, in the following year. Take the time to check now and avoid the anxiety, not to mention cost, later.

Have a great week and a safe fun filled holiday,

God Bless, Mark

ENHANCING OUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Saint Robert Bellarmine - Feast day Today 17th September

While St Robert Bellarmine is not the patron Saint of our school there is often a case of mistaken identity! As there are only two St Robert’s, and today is his feast day, it is certainly worth getting to know a little about him. It is said that Robert Bellarmine was so short that he used to stand on a stool to be seen over the high pulpits of Europe. But he was a giant in many other ways. Robert, born in Italy in 1542, was the third of ten children in a family in which prayer and serving others were priorities. He entered the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits, in 1560. Robert was a brilliant student at the Roman College and eventually taught at the University of Louvain in Belgium. His sermons and his defense of the faith were so powerful that people were attracted from all over, and many were converted. Robert was ordained in 1570, became rector at the Roman College in 1592, and was named superior of the Naples province in 1594. By 1598, he was named a cardinal, and in 1602, he became archbishop of Capua. He was called to Rome in 1605 to work within the Church. Robert, who was advisor to five popes, was involved in many controversies. One involved the teachings of the scientist Galileo, who was also Robert’s friend. In 1931, Robert was declared a Doctor of the Church. Like Saint Robert, let us use all our gifts from God. May we study hard, pray often, and serve others so that the world will see the greatness of our God.

LOOKING FOR A HOME FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Our Grade Two students and teachers are looking for someone to take good care of our chickens over the upcoming school holidays. They would love them to go to a family home for the holidays or if this is not possible to have someone to come to school daily to feed and look after them. Please contact Krissy Thompson or Lucas Oddo if you are able to assist us.
THANK YOU
As you enter our front school yard you may notice that our very focal garden box is being rejuvenated. We extend a heartfelt thank you to Cheryl Green for her input. Cheryl has spent considerable time organizing and planting this area. Our Grade Four Students will now complete and maintain this important section of our garden as this is the area that greets people who come to St Robert’s.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION TODAY MAGAZINE
This magazine was distributed last Friday. The feature article in this issue is on school attendance. Hope you can find some time in your busy day to read this edition.

ADVANCED NOTICE FOR THE BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR - 2015
PREP CHILDREN
All Prep students, along with students from all other classes, will commence school on Monday 2nd February. Prep children will finish at 12:30pm on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday will be a rest day. All Prep children are expected to attend school for the whole school day (9:00am-3:30pm) from Thursday 5th February with the exception of Wednesdays which is a recommended day of rest for all Prep children. This will continue for a period of five weeks. (The last rest day will be Wednesday 4th March). All prep children will be expected to attend full time – 5 days a week thereafter.

Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th and Friday 30th January have been set aside for planning and personalised student assessment tasks to be carried out by your child’s 2015 class teacher. The opportunity for families to log on and register a time for the assessment tasks will be made available online in the last weeks of this school year. It is our hope to accommodate families with multiple children in multiple grades at the same time. It is anticipated that the assessment tasks will take one and a half hours to complete. More details regarding this, and instructions on how to register a time, will come as we draw closer to the end of the year.

TERM DATES

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2014 SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS
A reminder to families that all 2014 School Fee Accounts are now overdue. If you have an outstanding school fee account we ask that you give this your immediate attention. If families are experiencing any difficulties in finalizing their account please contact the office to make an appointment to discuss an alternative arrangement.

NAPLAN
Grade Three and Grade Five NAPLAN results are now available for collection from your child’s class teacher. These reports must be handed directly to parents and will not be sent home by post or via the “class notes home” system. I encourage parents to speak with their child’s class teacher if they have questions or concerns regarding the reports. A reminder to keep the reports in a safe place once you have viewed them as they will be required for your child’s enrolment at Secondary School.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2014
A reminder to families that this Friday 19th September is a school closure day. Staff will attend a Professional Development Day and therefore this day is a student free day.

THANK YOU – FATHER’S DAY STALL
Many thanks to those parents who again helped out at the Father’s Day stall. Special thanks to Andrea Waterhouse and Lou Clatworthy who have always been available to help out each year and this is their last year at St Roberts. Also Thanks to Leesa at Geelong Confectionary, De Grandi’s Cycle and Sports and also Scott and Sharon Wilkes for their yearly support of both the mothers and Father’s Day stall. See you next year. Corinne and Caryn.
**FETE RAFFLE TICKETS**
Books of raffle tickets for the Fete Raffle will be spent home soon. The prizes are great with the first prize being a $2000 shopping voucher and second prize a $1000 shopping voucher and other prizes also. Tickets just $1 each. If you feel that you cannot sell your book of tickets please return then to the office early as there is no problem selling them elsewhere, we actually ran out last year!

**FETE DONATION COLLECTION:**
Donations for St Mary’s Fete – clothes, books, Bric a Brace, small furniture times, woodwork, collectable, CDs, DVDs, toys and devotional items are most welcome. The receiving point this year is the property on the corner of Portarlington Road and Moon Street, Moolap. There is a St Mary’s Fete sign on the front fence. Donations will be received on Saturdays between 9am and 11am and Sundays between 10am and 12 noon.

**FETE COLLECTABLES STALL**
The Collectable Stall is in need of good quality items of special interest and popular collecting pieces such as silverware, fine china, table and doileys, miniatures, sporting memorabilia, collectable toys. Please leave items at the receiving point in Moolap or at the Parish Office. Helen Murphy

**LUCK DIP STALL**
This stall is seeking donations of small, new, inexpensive novelties & toys, including fridge magnets, key rings, pencils, textas, rulers, colouring books, comics, magazines and sticker books. Please leave donations at Moolap collection point (labelled Lucky Dip) or at the Parish Office.

**PRE-LOVED CLOTHES:**
Christ the King School are collecting donations of pre-loved clothing, silent auction prizes and also toys and bric a brac donations. A bin has been placed outside the front of Rafter Hall for clothing donations. If anyone is unable to drop clothing off at CTK, please contact Lana McKenzie 0451 190 290 to arrange a suitable time for pick up. Kind regards, Christ the King, P&F Committee

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

- **Gr 5NF**
  - Miles Rau

- **Gr 5SP**
  - Connor O’Sullivan

- **Gr 5SP**
  - Sophia Francis

- **Gr 6DB**
  - Madison Antonac

- **Gr 6DB**
  - Cameron Bily

- **Gr 6PB**
  - Grace Kelly

- **Gr 6PB**
  - Jordan Thompson

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**GR F CC**
All of Foundation CC for their amazing singing and dancing

**Gr F JP**
Lachlan Berger

**Gr F JP**
Alice McLeod

**Gr 1MC**
Ollie Erhardt

**Gr 1MC**
Miller Kennedy

**Gr 1YE**
Maia Kanellos

**Gr 1YE**
Isabella Cameron

**Gr 2KT**
All of Grade 2 KT for their super effort and hard work this term!

**Gr 2LO**
Whole Class Award for their fantastic concert preparation

**Gr 3JS**
Nicholas Dowling

**Gr 3JS**
Lucy Watts

**Gr 4MA & 4MM**
All Grade 4 students for a great Term 3

**Gr 5NF**
Ella Maskell

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

- **16th September**
  - Byron Cosic

- **18th September**
  - Ava Masljak

- **19th September**
  - Mia Doherty

- **21st September**
  - Jake Green

- **22nd September**
  - Kasey Pritchard

- **23rd September**
  - Ally Lappin
  
  - McKenzie Mitchell
  
  - Adele Stack
DATES TO REMEMBER
SEPTEMBER
Wed 17th School Concert at The Arena, 6:30
Thur 18th St Robert’s Friendship & Prayer
Group gathering 9:00am
End of Term 3, 3:30pm

OCTOBER
Mon 6th Term 4 commences
Thur 9th Confirmation Prep. 9am to 3pm
Sun 12th Confirmation, 11:00am St Mary’s
Tues 14th Region Track & Field, (Qualifying students only)
Thur 16th Bellarine Division Basketball, (Qualifying students only)
Fri 17th Confirmation 5:30pm and 7:30pm,
St Mary’s Basilica
Tues 21st Grade 1 Prayers in Pyjamas
Wed 22nd Geelong Cup Public Holiday
Thur 23rd School Advisory Board Meeting
Mon 27th Foundation 2015 Orientation
Tues 28th P&F Meeting 7:30pm

NOVEMBER
Sat 1st Derby Day Fete, 9am to 4pm
Mon 10th Student Free Day – Report Writing
Thur 20th St Robert’s Annual Sports Day.
1:30pm to 4:30pm
Mon 24th New Family Information Night Fri
21st Wine and Cheese Night
Thur 27th State Boys/Mixed Basketball
Foundation Prayers in Pyjamas,
6:00pm to 7:00pm
Sat 29th St Mary’s Parish Mission
Sun 30th St Mary’s Parish Mission

DECEMBER
Mon 1st Dec Senior Swimming commences
St Mary’s Parish Mission
Tues 2nd St Mary’s Parish Mission
P&F Meeting 7:30pm
Wed 3rd St Mary’s Parish Mission
Thur 4th St Robert’s School Advisory Board Meeting
Fri 5th End of Year Reports distributed
Tuesday 9th Orientation Day, grade 6 students
attend their 2015 schools, other
students in 2015 classes
Foundation 2015 session 2
Wed 10th End of Year Mass, 6:00pm
Fri 12th Senior Swimming concludes
Mon 15th Grade 6 Farewell Dinner
Tues 16th Grade 6 Excursion, Adventure Park
Wed 17th End of Term 4 at 3:30pm

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