Dear Families

Thanks everyone for another fantastic term. It’s been busy but it has been most enjoyable. A walk around the school is evidence enough to support the fact that some very exciting things have been taking place in all the classrooms throughout the term. Displays both inside and outside the classes are great testament to the quality work our children have been doing. A number of our classes have showcased some of the great work the children have been doing with open invitations to parents and families to come up and see how hard they have been working. Yesterday our Grade Fours had a great turn out to their Open Classroom and this morning it was the Grade Sixes turn to shine with a steady flow of visitors through their classrooms.

The level of involvement of parents in the classroom has once again been a strong feature of our school this term and I hope that this can continue for the remainder of the year. It should not come as a surprise to anyone that we the teachers are most appreciative of your efforts and thoroughly enjoy having you up at school and involved in the children’s education. Needless to say the kids think you are pretty special too.

Special congratulations to our Grade four children who, after many months of preparations, have all now received their First Holy Communion. These children celebrated their First Communion at one of the five special celebrations held at St Mary’s Basilica and each of the celebrations was very special for the children and their families. The children were prepared beautifully by their teachers Mrs Amezdroz and Ms. Monea and with the help of Mrs Lappin their First Communion Day was a day they will remember forever.

A special First Communion lunch was held here at school yesterday so that they could all celebrate together and thanks to the help and support of those parents who organised and coordinated the lunch, a great time was had by all. Thank you!

It is great to hear that children from St Robert’s, past and present, are doing exciting things outside the school. We hear a lot about the achievements of children on the sports front but recently some of our children have been doing great things on the Arts side of things. I recently had the pleasure of seeing our very own Tayla Gartner perform as Annie in a local production with former students Renee Gartner and Conique Pirrottina also featuring and I hear that a couple of our students Nici Raimondo and Jack Bourke and former student Ruby Buchanan are involved in the GSODA production of Beauty and the Beast. What clever and talented children we have at St Robert’s. Well done and Good Luck with the show!

Don’t forget that school ends for the term on Friday at 2:30pm. We have a final whole school Assembly at 2:00pm and everyone is most welcome. The children will return to their classrooms following the assembly and will be dismissed from there. Thanks again for your efforts this term!

Have a great break and if you are travelling anywhere for the holidays please drive carefully.

See you next term,  Mark

Geelong North and Bellarine Division Netball Championships

On Thursday 19th June, 10 Year 6 students represented St Robert's in the Geelong North and Bellarine Division Netball Championships. The group played five games of which they won 3 and drew one. Their final game was a tough one and although they battled hard to the very end, they were defeated by strong opposition. A huge thanks goes to their coach Jodie Pritchard who worked beautifully with the girls, encouraging them to persist and draw on their strengths.

Thank you also to the great support that the girls received from parents who drove them there, encouraged them and were more than happy to step into any role required of them.
ST ROBERT’S BLUE NETBALL GRAND FINAL
On Monday St Roberts Blue netball team won their Grand Final. Congratulations girls, Chloe is overseas and was absent at the final – well done! Thank you to Vicki Cook for her fantastic commitment to the girls over the season.

ENHANCING OUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY

The Symbol of the Altar
In the Catholic narrative the altar is a crucial symbol of our faith expression. The altar is the liturgical focal point of every church and chapel. Understanding its symbolism may bring rich insights for Catholic schools.

A connection to Christ – Though it looks like a table it is much more than that. It is the Lord’s Table where people of God ‘will find nourishment and strength’. The key insight into the altar’s prominence is its connection to Christ. His life, death and resurrection is powerfully evoked by the altar and made present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist celebrated on the altar.

A sign of Christ – The worship that we offer God round the altar includes praising and thanking the Father for creating us and our world. The action we celebrate at an altar calls us to be a sign of Christ to the world. All of us, and each Catholic school, is called to be a sign of Christ to the world.

A table of joy – When dedicating an altar the bishop asks God to; make it a table of joy, where the friend of Christ may hasten, to cast upon you their burdens and cares and take up the journey restored. This is a powerful assertion, not just for Mass but for each day we visit a chapel and make our private prayers. We are invited to cast our concerns ‘upon the altar’ handing them over to God. This unburdening enables us to take up the journey renewed. The Catholic school too should be a place of joy, a place where students and staff can bring their concerns and be comforted and supported, ‘restored for the journey ahead’.

A place of communion and peace – At the Eucharist we are filled with Christ’s Spirit and begin to grow in love by loving. This process extends to our school and community. Could our schools strive for a common life together marked by a closeness of life and vision? Are we continually embracing peace-filled endeavours and inspiring others to do the same?

A source of unity and friendship – The Eucharist, which incorporates a mutual sharing of bread and wine, intends the gathering group to extend this unity and friendship beyond the chapel walls. Parish and school Masses promote God’s friendship with us and encourage our participation in that gift. Our schools should be a place where new friendships are forged and old ones strengthened continually at the table of friendship.

The centre of our praise and thanksgiving – The holiest thing we do as Church is celebrate – re-enact, re-actualise and remember – the death and resurrection of Christ. This saving event occurs at an altar, it is a sacred Catholic symbol. The prayers and actions that engage us around an altar link us to a shared past, locate us in the present and orient us to the eternal table of joy, a place of communion and peace.

Joe Doolan

ENHANCING CATHOLIC SURVEY

Thank you to all the families who completed this on line survey, we appreciate your time and efforts. The task is now complete.

ONLINE BOOKINGS FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATIONS (GRADE 3)
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 each ceremony is full. Parents of children enrolled to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation are asked to log on to the website www.schoolinterviews.com.au. Thursday 17th July from 8:30am (advanced notice due to school holidays), the Reconciliation Event Code is TV4WM. St Robert’s school has a maximum of 20 spaces available at each celebration.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION TODAY MAGAZINE
The latest edition of the Catholic Education Today magazine is being distributed today. Hope you can find the time to catch with some of the many things happening in Catholic Education.
CARMEL FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS
To celebrate this special feast day, all members of Carmel House are invited to wear something green on Friday July 18th. The children will be invited to share morning tea together, with a little bit of extra playtime! Healthy fruit platters will be served: children might also like to bring along their own ‘special treat’ (we ask that these maintain the ‘healthy food’s focus).

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNT
All outstanding Term 2 School Fee Accounts are now overdue, reminder accounts will be sent home this week. Grade six families are reminded that the Camp Co-contribution must be paid prior to the children attending camp. For your convenience we have several payment options; cash, cheque, EFTPOS or Internet banking. For families wishing to use the Internet, details are:

St Robert’s General Account, National Bank, Melbourne
BSB Number: 083 347
Account Number: 647 110 294

Please remember to include your family code and/or surname.

EMA 2nd INSTALMENT
The second Instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance to the school) will be paid in term 3. To be eligible claimants must be a parent or guardian of a primary school student and hold a current Centrelink Pension Concession or Health Care Card or a Veterans Affairs (TPV) Pensioner Card or be a Foster Parent on the 14th July 2014. Completed forms, together with a photocopy of Pension/Health Care Card, must be returned to the office by Friday 1st August 2014. Parents who were eligible and received the 1st Instalment do not need to re-apply; payment will be automatic if your circumstances are unchanged.

SAVE THE DATE
P&F Committee are pleased to announce there will be a Wine and Cheese night on Friday 8th August 2014 to celebrate the official opening of the school’s new building. More details to follow.

MOVIE NIGHT
Thank you to all those who will support our movie night on Thursday night. Please ensure you bring your tickets as there will not be anyone on the door crossing off names as there has been in the past. I have been advised by Reading that no ticket, no entry policy will apply. Look forward to seeing you all there.

ST ROBERT’S UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
During our relocation of stock due to renovation works we have found a limited number of size 10 and 12 cords which will now be available at a cost of $10 each. NB: Both girls and boys may wear cords however only until the end of Term 3 as they have been fazed out for 2015.

PRIVATE SINGING LESSONS WITH REBECCA HAY – BELLA VOCE
Rebecca Hay has been conducting private singing lessons here at St Robert’s during Term 2. Rebecca has two spots available for new students in Term 3. If you are interested in your child taking lessons with Rebecca forms are available at the school office.

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

Gr F CC Jonathan Leong
Gr F CC Syesha Criscione
Gr F JP Liam Marshall
Gr F JP Charlie Marshall
Gr 1MC Ollie Erhardt
Gr 1MC Meg Conheady
Gr 1YE Isabella Cameron
Gr 1YE Boston Ricardi
Gr 2 KT Hugh Madden
Gr 2KT Mackenzie Tayler
Gr 2KT Eliza Hannigan
Gr 2LO Charlotte Pleiter
Gr 2LO Noah Caracella
Gr 3KH Sansa Gifford
Gr 3KH Samuel McWilliam
Gr 3JS Ruby Pidgeon
Gr 3JS Blake McMahon
Gr 5NF Rebecca Maschmedt
Gr 6DB Maddison Lamont
Gr 6DB Jacob Palmer
Gr 6 PB Jessica Lazzaro
Gr 6 PB Ana Tresidder
BIRTHDAYS
The St Robert’s School community wish to congratulate the following children on the celebration of their birthday this week and over the school holidays.

Happy Birthday to:

25th June
Isabelle Auld

26th June
Jonathan Leong

27th June
Yanah Kanellos
Bonnie Leslie
Lucas Pedretti

28th June
Claire McKenna

29th June
Samuel McWilliam

2nd July
Indi Ryan

4th July
Xavier Bourke

5th July
Jessica Lazzaro
Alice Pretty

6th July
Lucy Richmond

7th July
Fletcher McLoughlan

8th July
Cleo Mackay
Zara Massey

9th July
Miller Kennedy

10th July
Xavier Smith

11th July
Lucia Erhardt
Zara Goodall-Wilson
Cooper Kennedy
Lois Layton

12th July
Maia Kanellos
Georgia Phillips

13th July
Harrison Lamb

14th July
Jaziah Mason

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE
Thur 26th
St Robert’s Friendship & Prayer Group gathering 9:00am

Fri 27th
Junior Swimming concludes End of Term 2, 2:30pm

JULY
Mon 14th
Term 3 commences

Thur 17th
State Cross Country Championships (Qualifying students only)

Mon 21st
Whole School Assembly

Wed 23rd
Grade 6 Camp – Kangarooobie

To Fri 25th

AUGUST
Fri 1st
Grade 6 Interschool Sports

Sat 2nd
St Mary’s Parish Dinner

Mon 4th
Whole School Assembly, 3:00pm

Thur 7th
St Robert’s Friendship & Prayer Group gathering 9:00am

Fri 8th
Grade 6 Interschool Sports

Thur 14th
Reconciliation Family Activity Night 7pm-8pm in the Chapel

Fri 15th
Grade 6 Interschool Sports

Mon 18th
Whole School Assembly, 3:00pm Book Week commences

Thur 21st
First Reconciliation, 7:00pm St Robert’s Friendship & Prayer Group gathering 9:00am

Fri 22nd
Grade 6 Interschool Sports Book Week concludes

SEPTEMBER

Thur 24th
St Robert’s Friendship & Prayer Group gathering 9:00am

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28th June
St Robert’s Friendship & Prayer Group gathering 9:00am

AUGUST

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OCTOBER
Mon 6th
Term 4 commences

Thur 9th
Confirmation Preparation 9:00am to 3:00pm

Sun 12th
Confirmation, 11:00am St Mary’s Basilica

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

Wed 22nd
Geelong Cup Public Holiday
# WICKED WINTER SPORTS

Winter Sports allows your child to play a range of dynamic and active sports over the 10 week program; these include Soccer, Footy, Handball, Olympics & Crazy Games! This multi-sport program will not only provide an essential base for your child’s motor skills, but will also help build confidence and co-ordination, all in a fun & enjoyable environment.

**WHEN:** Tuesday  
**COMMEMCING:** 15/07/2014  
**CONCLUDING:** 16/09/2014  
**TIME:** 3:40pm – 4:40pm  
**YEAR LEVELS:** P – 4

# DYNAMIC DANCE

Shake, move & let the beat enter your feet with Kelly Sports Dance. Our fantastic Kelly Sports Dance teachers will get your child’s hips swinging, heads bumping, feet rocking & bodies shaking! From contemporary, jazz to hip-hop and pop, this program provides something for everyone. Our dance program will build rhythm and confidence!

**WHEN:** Thursday  
**COMMEMCING:** 17/07/2014  
**CONCLUDING:** 18/09/2014  
**TIME:** 1:15pm – 2:15pm  
**YEAR LEVELS:** P – 4

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**COST:** $100 (enrol online early - www.kellysports.com.au)  
**VENUE:** St Robert’s Newtown  
**Kelly Sports Geelong**

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At the completion of after school clinics, does your child?  
☐ Go to after care  ☐ Get collected

**Parents’ consent**

I hereby authorise Kelly Sports to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Kelly Sports Geelong from any liability for injury incurred by my child at Kelly Sports programme.  
☐ I authorise the use by Kelly Sports of any photographs or video image of my child or legal charge for any reasonable purpose.

Parent/Caregiver name: ___________________________  
Signature: ___________________________  
Amount Paid: $__________  
Credit card payment: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Card Number: [redacted]  
Expiry Date: [redacted]