Dear Families

Welcome Back! It is great to see everyone back at school refreshed and rearing to go. If the first few days are any indication, it is indeed going to be a very busy, action packed and exciting Term 3. We have certainly hit the ground running and our term 3 calendar of events is dotted with many significant events.

Our Grade three children are entering the final stages of their preparation to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in August and a special Reconciliation Family activity night for these children and their mums and dads will be held on Thursday 14th August at 7pm. Don’t forget to to make your online booking for your preferred time, bookings open tomorrow morning.

On the 23rd of July our grade six students will be heading off on their school camp at Camp Kangaroobie. Our school leaders will be away for two nights and three days next week and while they are away I am grateful to our grade five students who will take on board some of the grade six responsibilities. I am sure they will do a great job. Also our grade 2 students will travel to Werribee Mansion for an fantastic excursion on Friday 25th July.

Our school concert will also be held this Term on Wednesday 17th September at the Arena, so concert practice is well underway. This is always a very exciting time for our students as they have the opportunity to show their talents and really enjoy their time with Julie Corneby, our chorographer extraordinaire! We are so lucky to have Julie on board and sharing her incredible talents with us.

Book Week is another feature of Term 3, commencing 16th August. The theme this year is “Connect to Reading – Reading to Connect”. Lots of fun activities are currently being organized for this important event at St Robert’s. We still require artists for four more of our renown Book Week posters. If you are able to help with some artwork please call into the office.

Then we have the sporting scene. Our Grade 6 Interschool Sport Program commences on Friday 1st August. We also have Basketball Clinics for Prep to Gr 2, a visit from some Geelong Football players for the Gr 3s, division football, Bellarine District Athletics, Cross Country Championships and the list continues!

We are also coming to the conclusion of our major building project, just adding the finishing touches. The new spaces are coming together brilliantly and will make things much more enjoyable for everyone. Thank you for your patience throughout the somewhat intrusive time, however I think you will agree that has certainly been worth the effort.

Add to this mix Grade 2 Prayers in Pyjamas, Grade 6 Three Way Interviews, Confirmation preparation, to name just a few. Wow! As I said, this is going to be a very busy, exciting term.

On a sadder note we will farewell Claire Cunningham, our Gr 1MC class teacher who is returning to her home in Ireland. We wish Claire all the best and will miss her greatly. Also Robyn, in the office is going in for surgery next Tuesday and will be on sick leave for the remainder of term 3, our thoughts and prayers are with you Robyn and we look forward to your return to St Robert’s. On a lighter note, we welcome Bridgette Henderson as a new member of staff, Catherine Day returning as a part time teacher and Margaret Foulkes returning from Maternity Leave.

Have a great week and God Bless,    Mark
ENHANCING OUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY

St Mary’s Parish Dinner
Bookings are now opened for the St Mary’s Parish Dinner which will be held on Saturday 2nd August (St Mary’s Feast Day) at the Geelong Racing Club. Table bookings for 10, if possible, but lesser numbers and individual bookings are welcome. Tickets are $40 per head – 2 course-meal, drinks at bar prices. Entertainment will feature “Soul sisters Swing”. The Austin-Healey Awards for service to the Parish will be presented at the dinner. For bookings please contact the Parish Office on 5222 1977 or email margh@stmarysgeelong.com.au.

Refugee and Asylum Seekers Policy Forum – Wesley Church
Calling on the Federal Government to develop a humane policy to people seeking asylum, informed by the 1951 UN Refugee Convention and the 1967 Protocol, and to demonstrate leadership by developing progressive, compassionate policies for refugees: The Wesley Centre, 100 Yarra St, Geelong Wednesday 30th July 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Enquires to Yvonne Adami, yvonnea7@net.au

New Principal at Christ the King School
Beginning at the end of July, Mrs Josephine Blackley will commence as Principal of Christ the King School. Josie is a St Mary’s Parishioner and is currently Deputy Principal at St Peter’s School Hoppers Crossing, having worked previously in Geelong Catholic Schools and also as a consultant for the Catholic Education Office. We welcome Jose to her new and important position in the educational mission of the Parish.

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, tomorrow, 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.

CARMEL FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS
To celebrate this special feast day, all members of Carmel House are invited to wear something green this 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).

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY
This Friday, 18th June we will hold a Special Assembly to say farewell to much valued member of staff, Claire Cunningham. Claire is heading home to Ireland and we will miss her dreadfully. This Community Farwell will be held in the Chapel at 3pm – all welcome.

OUR MISS CLAIRE
As Miss Claire has been involved in the lives of many children at the school, we would like to open the ‘farewell’ invitation to all who would like to attend Little Creatures this Friday night, anytime after 6pm for a very casual dinner/drink and an opportunity to farewell a wonderful teacher who will be truly missed. No RSVP required, just come along! Rose Goodall-Wilson (1MC).

GATE FOB HOT SPOT
Now that the building project is coming to completion we have had our gate fob locking system completely updated and it is not running smoothly. We apologise for the inconvenience you may have experienced and we thank you for your patience.

SAVE THE DATE
P&F Committee are pleased to announce there will be a Wine and Cheese night on Friday 8th August 2014 to
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 (TPJ) 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.

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

Gr F CC  Katie Carroll
Gr F CC  Georgia Hannigan
Gr F JP  Chloe Fitzgerald
Gr F JP  Xavier Bourke
Gr 1MC  Joshua McWilliam
Gr 1MC  Zara Goodall-Wilson
Gr 1YE  Thomas Zappone
Gr 1YE  Evie Rau
Gr 2LO  Louis Layton
Gr 2LO  Cadhla Cunningham
Gr 3KH  Ava Hyland
Gr 3KH  Chloe Lappin
Gr 3JS  Toby Osburn
Gr 3JS  Morrissey Roth
Gr 4MA  Abbey Stephens
Gr 4MA  Lucy Richmond
Gr 4MM  Jessica Tarrant
Gr 4MM  Jessica Kelly
Gr 5NF  Rosie Maiden
Gr 5NF  Grace Clatworthy
Gr 5SP  Emily Perrett
Gr 5SP  Matilda Pidgeon
Gr 6DB  Isabella van den Berg
Gr 6DB  Zara Goodall-Wilson

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

16th July  Ayden Masljak
17th July  Claudia Anglin
19th July  Lucinda Stephens
20th July  Meg Courtney

Happy Birthday to:

Chess Coaching
Come along to 1st lesson for free!

Where: School Chapel
When: Friday lunchtimes
       25th July – 12th September 2014
Cost: $85 (discount $75 for 2nd sibling)
Benefits: Strategic thinking, improved self esteem, attention span in class, lateral thinking, team work, analytical skills.

To enrol your child please make payment (per child) of $85 by Friday 25th July. Cheques made payable to “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd”

For more info contact Phil on 0421 901 530

Forward this section in an envelope marked “Chess Coaching” with your payment to your school office.

Child’s Full Name: _____________
Grade: ______ Phone: _____________
School: _________________________
Email: ___________________________
Payment Due: Friday 25th July

CHEQUES: made payable to “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd”
EFT: Acc Name: Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd
       Bank: CBA bsb: 063201
       Acc #: 1004 9289 (please put school initials & child’s name on transaction)

$85 cash: ☐  cheque: ☐  eft: ☐
FOR SALE
1999 Lexus GS300 Sports Sedan – in excellent condition with all Lexus appointments, inc. sunroof, leather seats, tinted windows etc. 170,000 km. Roadworthy Certificate, and regularly serviced. $8,500 ono.

More details: Fr. Kevin Dillon on 0421 777 360.

HOUSE TO LEASE REQUIRED
A St Robert’s family is looking to lease a three bedroom house in Newtown and having difficulty finding a suitable one. If you know of a property or someone who may have one please contact the office and we will pass this on to the family.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY
Thur 17th State Cross Country Championships (Qualifying students only)
Mon 21st Whole School Assembly
Wed 23rd Grade 6 Camp – Kangaroobie
Fri 25th St Robert’s Friendship & Prayer Group gathering 9:00am
To Fri 25th Geelong Football Club players visit to St Robert’s – Grade 3 students
Mon 28th Basketball Clinic Prep – Gr2
Tues 29th Basketball Clinic Prep – Gr2
Thur 31st School Advisory Board Meeting

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
P&F Wine and Cheese Night
Thur 14th Reconciliation Family Activity Night 7pm-8pm in the Chapel
Fri 15th Grade 6 Interschool Sports
Mon 18th Whole School Assembly, 3:00pm

SEPTEMBER
Wed 3rd Grade 2 Prayers in Pyjamas, 6:45pm
Thur 4th St Robert’s Friendship & Prayer Group gathering 9:00am
Fri 5th Grade 6 Interschool Sports
Tues 9th Confirmation Family Night, 7:00pm-8:00pm
Fri 12th Grade 6 Interschool sports
Mon 15th Bellarine Division Athletics, Landy Field (Qualifying students)
Wed 17th School concert at The Arena
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 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
Mon 27th State Athletic (Qualifying students only)
28th-31st Region Summer Sports Championships (Qualifying students only)

NOVEMBER
Sat 1st Derby Day Fete

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ST ROBERT'S NEWTOWN PRIMARY

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
COMMENCING: 15/07/2014
CONCLUIDING: 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
COMMENCING: 17/07/2014
CONCLUIDING: 18/09/2014
TIME: 1:15pm – 2:15pm
YEAR LEVELS: P – 4

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

ONLINE ENROLMENT
www.kellysports.com.au

To enrol, please visit www.kellysports.com.au or fill out the below enrolment form & send with a cheque or credit card details to: PO BOX 2165, Werribee VIC 3030. Do not leave enrolment forms at the school office.

ENROLMENT FORM

☐ Wicked Winter Sports (Tuesday) ☐ Dynamic Dance (Thursday)

School: ___________________________ Year Level: ___________________________
Name: ___________________________ D.O.B: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________ Post Code: ___________________________
Phone: ___________________________ Mobile/Work: ___________________________
Email: ___________________________ Medical Conditions: ___________________________

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: ___________________________ Expiry Date: __/__/____