Dear Families

Thanks everyone for your fantastic contributions to what was another fantastic Derby Day Fete. Sure the weather wasn’t what one would consider ideal with a bit of sunshine, a bit of rain and as my two year old grandson Alfie would say, “a bit too windy nonno!”, it still turned out to be an enjoyable time for all who attended. The numbers may have been a little down on previous years because of the weather but thanks to the efforts of all our families who contributed in one way or another either by serving on one of the many stalls St Robert’s takes responsibility for, volunteering to help with the set up or pack up and just being there with your families and with, I have no doubt, your hands in your pockets for most of the day, the spirit of the occasion was up at its usually high level. Nothing can dampen the spirits of the people of the parish and indeed Geelong when it comes to the now famous St Mary’s Derby Day Fete. Despite the weather it was great to see a steady flow of people roaming the fete site from the very early hours of the morning, through those middle hours of the day and toughing it out during those intermittent showers. I am not sure of the official takings but I am sure that those who attended had a great time. Congratulations to Father Dillon and the Fete committee who worked tirelessly throughout the year to bring it all together on the day. I didn’t get a chance to get around to all the stalls but again this year got great feedback on our St Robert’s stalls which were, as always, superbly presented with great quality products and great value for money. A big thank you to all the mums and dads who gave up their time to set up, sell and pack up. Thanks also to all our teachers and staff who sold hot dogs at the ‘St Robbies Doggies’ stall, to Nola and Robyn who spent the entire day behind the scenes in the counting room handling the money and if I can again indulge in thanking my own family who for the fourteenth year spent the entire day with me making cappuccinos, lattes and hot chocolates at the Cappuccino stall.

I appreciate and value all of your support. Thanks and well done everyone!

Have a great week, God Bless,

Mark

REMEMBERANCE DAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2014

Remembrance Day in Australia is dedicated to Australians who died as a result of war, particularly from World War I onwards. A minute of silence is dedicated to the deceased, especially for soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation.

Many Australians stop what they are doing at exactly 11am in their local times on 11th November each year to dedicate a minute of silence for those who died in war. Services are held at 11am at war memorials across the country, at which the “Last Post” is played by a bugler and a one-minute silence is observed.

A short Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held, weather permitting, here at St Robert’s next Tuesday 11th November at our newly located Anzac Corner Memorial Garden - all welcome to attend.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE – Faith and Life

Coming home today is the Christmas Issue of Australian Catholics Magazine. The Theme for this issue is “Hope” and, in the words of the editor, ‘Hope is one of the ‘good things’ in life, one of those blessed gifts that we have from God’. Be kind to yourself and take some time in your busy day to read some of the inspiring articles in this magazine.
ENHANCING OUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY

All Saints Day and All Souls Day

These two important days for the Catholic Church were celebrated last weekend. Catholics around the world celebrate All Saints Day on 1st November to commemorate all the honoured individuals who were canonized by the Roman Catholic Church. Every day in the Church year has a saint day, but the Solemnity of All Saints is when the Church pays tribute to all saints, known and unknown. While we have information about many saints, and we acknowledge them on specific days, there are many unknown or unsung saints, who may have been forgotten, or never been honoured specifically. On All Saints Day, we celebrate these holy men and women, and ask for their prayers and intercessions.

All Souls Day immediately follows the event on 2nd November, its religious meaning is more solemn: a day of remembrance for those who have passed away. This feast day is one of the most loving celebrations in the Church's liturgy. It is the day that we especially remember all those who have passed from this life into the next. On this day we stop to remember all who have died especially our relatives and friends. We pray for those who taught us good things and made sacrifices for us. We pray for those who had great responsibilities while they were on earth. These days remind us that love is stronger than death.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - MONDAY 10th NOVEMBER
Families are reminded that next Monday, 10th November is a school closure day. It is a Report Writing day for teachers and is a student free day.

Pupil-Free Day Child-Care Program – will definitely operate MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER - 9am – 3.30pm at Chilwell Out of School Hours Child Care Venue (for details please see attachment at end of this Newsletter)

FEES AND LEVIES FOR 2015
Please find listed below our proposed Fees and Levies structure for the 2015 School year. Increases in our fees have been kept to an absolute minimum. A Sacramental Levy of $20 applies to all children participating in the Sacramental Program in 2015 and a Grade 6 Camp Co-contribution applies to Grade 6 Students.

Family Fee – one or more children $1530.00 per annum
Capital Building Levy (compulsory) $ 390.00 per family
Maintenance Levy $ 60.00 per family
Total $1,980.00 per family

METHOD OF PAYMENT (includes Capital Building and Maintenance Levy)
Families are required to pay 25% (approximately) of the tuition fee, as a down payment for 2015 on Wednesday 28th January between the hours of 11:30am and 2:00pm. Your child’s book package will be ready for collection on receipt of this payment. Additional staff will be on duty to facilitate this. The amount required is $450.00 for all families. This amount must be paid on Wednesday 28th January.

Breakdown for the remainder of the 2015 School Fees (including Levies):
Term One (second billing - week 5) Fee Instalment $510.00
Term Two Fee Instalment $510.00
Term Three Final Payment $510.00

GRADE FIVE OPEN MORNING FOR PERSONAL INQUIRY PRESENTATIONS
The Grade Five students have been working diligently on their personal inquiry. To celebrate this, Grade Five parents are invited to an open morning where the students will be showcasing their work. This will take place on Wednesday 19th November in the Grade Five learning area between 9:00am and 10:00am.
FETE HAMPER THANK YOU
A great big thank you to the many people who made a contribution to the Fete Hampers this year. From those who sent in so many quality donations, the grade five children who assisted with the handling, and especially to all my wonderful helpers in putting all of approximately 90 hampers together. Congratulations to all the children in grade 3 KH who were the winners of the most collected items. Mrs Haas and her class have won yet again but this time with over 100 items!! Well done!! A prize will be delivered to your class soon! Thank you everyone, the hampers were once again a resounding success on Fete Day achieving a fantastic result. Rose Goodall-Wilson

FETE THANK YOU
A huge thank you to the St. Robert’s staff members who contributed to the success of the St. Robert’s hotdog stall and the handball competition at the fete. Thanks also to the staff members who assisted in other areas on fete day, including the big wheel, gourmet kitchen, set up and pack up. Everyone’s efforts were greatly appreciated.
Annice Lappin (Fete Committee Representative for St. Robert’s School)

PARENTS AND FRIENDS WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT – An Opening Event
The P&F are holding a special night for the adults in our community to come together at a Wine & Cheese Night. This event is to celebrate the completion of the new school building and will be held on Friday 21st November from 7:30pm in the St Robert’s Chapel. If you would like to attend please forward your return slip (sent home previously) to the school office.

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

Gr F CC Jimmy Reilly
Gr F CC Harrison Lamb
Gr FJP Archie Hudson-Collins
Gr FJP Amelie Power
Gr 1YE Ben Costa
Gr 1YE Charlotte De Grandi
Gr 1MC Monteya Criscione
Gr 1MC Cate Donvan
Gr 2KT Lachlan Appleford
Gr 2KT Lachlan Jaques
Gr 2LO James Harry
Gr 2LO Claudia Gifford
Gr 3JS Mia Skratulja
Gr 3JS Ruby Pidgeon
Gr 3KH Emma Markovic
Gr 3KH Juliette Summerhayes
Gr 4MA Lulu Higgins
Gr 4MA Abbey Stephens
Gr 4MM Jessica Kelly
Gr 4MM Jessica Tarrant
Gr 5NF Xavier Tresidder
Gr 5NF Indi Ryan
Gr 5SP Meg Courtney
Gr 5SP Eleanor Carroll
Gr 6DB James Lappin
Gr 6DB Juliette Summerhayes

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

Happy Birthday to:
6th November Billy Smith
7th November Malakai Morrissy
8th November Alexander Anticev
11th November Sophia Francis
Marisa Spanninga

NEWTOWN & CHILWELL FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB – 2015 SEASON JUNIOR NETBALL UPDATE
N&CFCN, the GFLN 2014 A Grade premiers club, will be running junior netball trials for our U13 (normally Grade 6/Year 7), U15, U17 & U19 GFL Winter Season teams on Thursday 12/2/15 & Sunday 15/2/15 (with Sun 22/2/15 if required); time TBC. Pre trials training sessions will take place also. Please contact Wendy Castle wendy.e.castle@hotmail.com.au or Carolyn Hall darren_hall@iprimus.com.au for further information. Registration forms can be found on our website: www.newtownchilwellfc.sportingpulse.net.

We also will be running our U11 (normally grades 4-5) junior netball competition in 2015 played Friday nights Term 2 & 3 at GBNC South Geelong. We will also be introducing an U9 (normally grades 2-3) team/s in 2015. Pre season coaching and training will commence in Term 1.
We are a great family friendly club and offer all junior players coaching, training and development opportunities. For any further info and to register your interest please contact Lee Doherty lee.doherty@bigpond.com 0430 369 600.

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 5 Prayer Night, 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Student Free Day – Report Writing
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Police visit Gr 1
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Parish Schools’ Year level Mass, Gr F,4.5 &6, St Mary’s Basilica
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Parish Schools’ Year level Mass, Gr 1,2 & 3, St Mary’s Basilica
Grade Six Graduation Photos
Grade Five Open Morning
Thur 20<sup>th</sup> St Robert’s Annual Sports Day. 1:30pm to 4:30pm
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Wine and Cheese Night
Grade 6 Excursion, Disco
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> New Family Information Night
Whole school assembly
Thur 27<sup>th</sup> State Boys/Mixed Basketball
Sat 29<sup>th</sup> St Mary’s Parish Mission
Sun 30<sup>th</sup> St Mary’s Parish Mission
First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER
Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Dec Senior Swimming commences
St Mary’s Parish Mission
Werribee Zoo Excursion, Gr 1
Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> St Mary’s Parish Mission
P&F Meeting 7:30pm
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> St Mary’s Parish Mission
Thur 4<sup>th</sup> St Robert’s School Advisory Board Meeting
Fri 5<sup>th</sup> End of Year Reports distributed
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Orientation Day, grade 6 students attend their 2015 schools, other students in 2015 classes, 9:15am TO 11:15pm
Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Foundation 2015 session 2
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> End of Year Mass, 6:00pm
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Grade 6 Farewell Dinner
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Grade 6 Excursion, Adventure Park
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> End of Term 4 at 3:30pm

JANUARY 2015
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Payment of First Instalment of 2015 Fees, 11:30am until 2:00pm
Thur 29<sup>th</sup> First Day of Testing, 8:30am – 3:30pm, timetabled students
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Second Day of Testing, 8:30am – 3:30pm, timetabled students

FEBRUARY
Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> First Day of School for all children, Foundation to Six, Foundation children finish at 12:30pm for Monday & Tuesday

Wine & Cheese Night
Friday 21st November, 2014,
From 7:30pm in the St Roberts Chapel
Tickets cost $20 per person
Wine, cheese, soft drinks, tea, coffee and entertainment will be provided

FAMILY NAME & CLASS......................................................................................................................................................
NUMBER OF TICKETS REQUIRED........AMOUNT ENCLOSED $........................................
No credit card, cheque (made out to St Robert’s P&F) or cash only.
RSVP 14th November, 2014
Pupil-Free Day Child-Care Program – will definitely operate
MONDAY 10th NOVEMBER - 9am. – 3.30pm.
At Chilwell Out of School Hours Child Care Venue

NOTE: Normal Before School Care – 7.30-8.45 am. and
After School Care 3.30-6.00 pm. will operate –
NORMAL RATES & Child Care Benefits APPLY

Activities include:
- Indoor & Outdoor Games
- Cooking
- Lego Fun
- Afternoon tea will be provided.

Please bring your lunch

Cost - $35.00 per child – 9am. to 3.30pm. care.

Please ensure you return the booking form below by Thursday 6th November. Payment for the curriculum day must be paid prior to accessing the program.
If you have not used the Out of School Hours Care Program before, you must complete an OOSHC enrolment form. Please see Olivia for further information. Phone 0417 014 973. Please return this slip along with payment. Thank you.

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