Dear Families

It’s already week six and over the half-way point in the term. This week is an exciting week for two reasons. The first is it is Book Week which is always an exciting week for the children that of course culminates in our Book Character Parade on Friday morning. An appreciation of books is something we try very hard to promote at St Robert’s and given the interest in the books available on sale at our book fair and the amount of sales so far I think the message that “You Can’t Beat a Good Read” is really getting through to the students. The Book Fair runs until Friday lunch time so if you haven’t had the opportunity to pop in for a peak there is still time. While you are up here have a look at the great Book Week displays along the corridor and outside classrooms. They look fantastic! A big thank you again to Nola for the bunting that really does add a touch of occasion to the displays. Thanks Nola.

The second reason to get excited is that the first of our Grade 3 children will be celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time this Thursday evening at St Mary’s Basilica. These children have been preparing for this very special event for some time and I am sure they all appreciate the significance of the occasion. The rest of the children will receive the sacrament next week. Please remember them all in your prayers

Have a great week and God Bless. Mark

ENHANCING OUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY

The Sacrament of Reconciliation - Jesus’ Gift of Forgiveness

Over the next two Thursdays our Grade three Students will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In Baptism, we begin to live as followers of Jesus, we live as His disciples. As Jesus’ disciples, we want to make good choices. The Holy Spirit guides us in making good choices, this is our special helper. Some choices are easy, others not so easy. Sometimes we have a choice between what’s right and what’s wrong.

Even when we try to make good choices, sometimes we are tempted. We are tempted to act is ways that hurt ourselves and other people. When we turn away from God’s law we sin. Sin hurts our friendship with God. Jesus loves us, even when we sin. Jesus looks into our hearts, He sees what is good. If we do something wrong and we are sorry, Jesus forgives us, He gives us another chance.

We come to Jesus for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In this sacrament, we confess our sins to a priest. He forgives us in Jesus’ name. The grace that we lost is given back to us. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Jesus comforts us. He strengthens us on our journey. We are reconciled with God, with the Church, and with the people we have hurt. Through this Sacrament the Church celebrates Jesus’ gift of forgiveness.

INTERNET BANKING PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS

We currently have two families who have made School Fee Payments using Internet Banking, both of which remain unidentified with no family name or family code. These payments cannot be processed until we know who has made them. One was paid on 18th August by CBA the other has been received in several instalments. Our receipting is totally up to date so if you have made payment via Internet Banking and have been issued with a receipt it may be you, if so please contact the office and we can then credit your payment.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MAGAZINE – SPRING EDITION

This special issue has been put together by a group of Year 10 and 11 Catholic School Students. The challenge put to them was to draw a theme from a message of Pope Francis to young people – ‘Ask Jesus what he wants from you, and be brave’. Hope you find some time in your busy day to read these articles.
**WELLBEING**

**Healthy Together Victoria’ Achievement Program**

To achieve recognition for the effort our school puts into consolidating policies and practices within all eight of the required, health and wellbeing priority areas, we need to demonstrate competence within specified ‘benchmarks’.

Benchmarks for the ‘Healthy eating and oral health’ area include: whole school policies for student and staff wellbeing, promotion of the consumption of fruit and vegetables food options in line with Australian Guidelines, availability of safe, drinking water within the school setting, appropriate oral hygiene and safety practices, provision of a positive eating environment, strong, adult role models, incorporation of learning standards relating to healthy eating and oral health into the whole-school curriculum plan, regular opportunities for students to engage in food-related experiences such as shopping, growing and cooking, recognition that students, families and staff are partners in developing and supporting positive attitudes and actions, inclusion of local health professionals and services as key resources in delivering positive messages about nutrition and oral health.

One of our key strategies for promoting the consumption of fruit and vegetable options is to encourage either ‘fruit breaks’ and/or ‘fruit first snack’ during morning learning sessions. Some classes choose to have a fruit break as part of their morning routine, whilst others prefer to encourage children to start their recess snack with fruit or vegetable options. This has been a key, health-promoting strategy for the past six years, and fits well within the benchmarks set by the Healthy Victoria Achievement Program. We ask all families to respect this strategy by sending along fresh fruit or vegetables as part of ‘snack’ options for recess. Please note, fruit juices, ‘fruity yoghurts’, ‘fruit wraps’ and other sweet, ‘fruity’ treats should not replace fresh options; under current guidelines, these are classified as ‘sometimes’ or ‘occasional’ food choices, and should not be packed as part of healthy, school lunchboxes.

**BOOK WEEK IS HERE!!!! AND THE WINNERS ARE**

![Early Childhood Winner](image1)

Early Childhood Winner

![Picture Book Winner](image2)

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Award for Information Book

**BOOK WEEK PARADE**

This Friday 22nd August is Book Week Parade day. Children may come dressed as a book character and bring along the book that relates in some way to their character. Our Parade will take place at 9:15am and spectators are most welcome to come along and share the fun as we celebrate Book Week at St Robert’s!

**BOOK FAIR**

The Book Fair is now open. Books are available for purchase on each day throughout Book Week; mornings from 8:30am, at lunchtimes 1:25pm to 1:50pm and after school from 3:30pm (except Friday). Money raised from the Book Fair will be used to purchase books for the school. If any family wishes to buy a book and donate it to the school library, it would be gratefully appreciated. Forms for Credit Card purchases will be available, but cash is preferable.

**ST ROBERT’S UNIFORM SHOP**

The P&F would like to advise that there are some new items in stock at the uniform shop:

- Girls navy tights $10
- Girls navy long sock $5 (not $10 as priced in last week’s newsletter, my apologies)
- Girls ribbon hair ties $9 (pack of 5)

The St Robert’s Uniform Shop is open Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:45 am to 9:30am
OUR SCHOOL CONCERT – WEDNESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER
The order form for tickets to our School Concert, which will be held on Wednesday 17th September is coming home today. This year we have made ticket pricing simpler, all adult tickets are $10 each and student tickets are $5 each. A student ticket will be required for siblings not attending St Robert’s and all other students coming to our concert. A reminder that all audience members must have a seat and this includes young pre-school or older siblings.

Once again there will be an opportunity to purchase a DVD of the concert. As always we must commit to the purchase of 50 DVDs, however, the good news is that this year we have managed to negotiate a price reduction. The improved price this year for Concert DVDs will be $25 each and not $35 as in previous years. A reminder that no other photography will be permitted on concert night. Order forms for Concert DVDs will be sent home soon.

RECYCLE FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT - FROM GRADE 5SP
Have you ever heard of electronic waste (E-waste)? E-waste is made up of batteries, phones, computers, old TV sets etc. E-waste is dangerous because inside many of these items there are dangerous metals such as Mercury, Coltan, Zinc etc. If Mercury is released from E-waste it can deeply affect the nervous system. Coltan is a rare metal that is mined in the Congo, destroying the Gorillas habitat. It is found in mobile phones so if you have any old ones, it would be an excellent idea to recycle them so the Coltan can be reused. Zinc is a metal found in batteries and once all the metal erodes, the Zinc liquid can get into the ground and become toxic to our food. To help prevent electronic waste destroying our, and the gorillas, environment there will be bags located in every classroom to recycle any unused or unneeded mobile phones as well as batteries, (AAA, AA, B, C, D etc. It would be really great if we could fill up those bags to help prevent the extinction of gorillas in the Congo. At the end of each week we will collect these bags to sort out.

Please bring any old batteries to stop chemical waste accumulating in landfill. Please recycle E-waste to help SAVE THE PLANET! By James, Ellie and Phoebe (Grade 5SP)

TOUCAN APPEAL – GEELONG FOOD RELIEF 2014
The Geelong Food Relief Centre has been providing free food to those in need for 23 years. Working together with welfare agencies, last year they saw 9,078 families referred to the Centre for support. Our school is one of the 80 schools in Geelong and the surrounding region, who every year help make this possible. Each individual donation makes its way on to a family’s table. This year families are asked to donate items they are always in need of. These items form some of the basic food item most families choose.

The Geelong Food Relief Centre thank you, and our school for our support and assure us it really make a difference to someone in our community. So, yes it’s called the Toucan Appeal, but this year we want you to think outside the can! Collection Box is placed in the corridor near the office. Geelong Food Relief Centre would to get:

- Rice
- Cereal
- Canned fish
- Powdered Milk
- UHT Milk
- Honey
- Milo
- Vegemite
- Peanut Butter
- Pasta Sauce

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

Gr F CC Joshua Baum
Gr F CC Alex Pitman
Gr F JP Archie Hudson-Collins
Gr F JP Xavier Cook
Gr 1MC Lachlan Capon
Gr 1MC Hayley Gstalter
Gr 1YE Jagger Mooney
Gr 1YE Georgia Caracella
Gr 2KT George Leslie
Gr 2KT Georgie Doherty
Gr 3KH Thomas Afford
Gr 3KH Sam McWilliam
Gr 3JS Harry Peacock
Gr 3JS Olivia Bryant
Gr 4MA Maya Lazzaro
Gr 4MA Lucinda Stephens
Gr 4MM Yanah Kanellos
Gr 4MM Remy Watson
Gr 5SP Savannah Cook
Gr 5SP Lizzie Dowling
Gr 5NF Claudia Anglin
Gr 5NF Sebastian Buchanan
Gr 6DB Chloe Cook
Gr 6DB Saskia Velcek
Gr 6PB Marisa Spanninga
Gr 6PB Isabelle Auld
**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:

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A fun and exciting way for kids aged 5-14 to be introduced to tennis over 2 consecutive weekly lessons. Opportunity to enrol in further coaching programs. Tennis racquet will be yours to keep!

**Cost:** $35.00 (includes 2 x 30 minute group lessons + Kids Racquet)

**When:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Saturday timeslots

**Program Start Date:** Tuesday 2nd September 2014  
Start your journey today

**LOCATIONS:**  
Pioneer Park Tennis Courts, Pioneer Rd, Waurn Ponds | Lunan Tennis Club, Lunan Ave, Drumcondra

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**AUGUST**

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

**Fri 22nd**  
Grade 6 Interschool Sports  
Book Week Parade 9:15am

**SEPTEMBER**

**Thur 28th**  
First Reconciliation, 5pm & 7pm

**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

**Sun 7th**  
St Robert’s P&F Bunnings  
Sausage Sizzle

**Tues 9th**  
Confirmation Family Activity  
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, 6:30pm

**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

**Tues 21st**  
Grade 1 Prayers in Pyjamas, 6:00pm to 7:00pm

**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, 9am to 4pm

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and the Dave Gardner Quartet

In Cabaret

Dromoland House

Wednesday 10th September 2014
258 Pakington St., Geelong West
6.30pm for 7.00pm

Tickets: $45 Available at the Deanery Office, 150 Yarra St., Geelong
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