Dear Families

Last week’s Book week celebrations were a great success culminating in a fantastic Book Parade under brilliant sunshine on Friday morning. There is no doubt in my mind that a lot of time thought and effort was dedicated to coming up with some extraordinarily creative ideas and I am grateful to all the mums, dads, elder brothers, sisters and perhaps even some of our talented grandparents who helped the kids with their costumes and in many cases their props. Well done! A special thank you to everyone involved in the Book Fair which was conducted in the library throughout Book Week. This year’s fair was one of the best we have had and it is great to see that, even in this age of technology with i-books, Kindles and the like, there is still a special fondness for turning the pages of a good book.

Last week the first of three groups of Grade 3 children celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time and this Thursday the remaining children will be celebrating their reception of the sacrament at two ceremonies. The first will be at 5.00pm and the next and final group will receive theirs’ at 7.00pm. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

COLLECTING CHILDREN OTHER THAN YOUR OWN AFTER SCHOOL

It is not uncommon that arrangements are made between parents for the collection of children by another parent and in some instances a friend or relative. Sometimes this is more the norm than not and things tend to run smoothly however when it is something out of the ordinary it is a good idea to notify the child’s class teacher that a change to the regular arrangement regarding after school pick up has been made. You can do this by a note, personal contact, email, text or a phone call to the office. Under no circumstances should children be collected by anyone other than a parent without that child’s parents’ knowledge. If anyone has a concern for a child who may appear to be uncertain of pick up arrangements please contact the teacher on duty or the office to express your concern and we will follow it up.

Have a great week and God Bless, Mark

BOOK WEEK 2014 CONNECT TO READING – READING TO CONNECT

Thank you to all our brilliant artists, parent helpers and booksellers for helping make our 2014 Book Week celebrations such a success. The participation rate was just incredible; the fantastic displays, the creatively costumed children decked out as their book characters and the spirit of appreciation our students are developing for books and reading. Well done everyone – take a bow!

BOOK PARADE:
The winners of our 2014 Book Character Parade are:

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BOOK FAIR
Likewise our Carnival Book Fair was a resounding success. Thank you to all families who visited the Book Fair and purchased books. Through your generous support we have received $1,466 commission which will be spent on new books for our students. Your participation has made our Library better equipped for our enthusiastic young readers. Bravo!

ENHANCING OUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY
What the Catholic Church Teaches on Asylum and Migration:

*Healing a global wound* – that all people have the right to live a dignified life in their homeland. Tragically over 45 million people around the world are displaced. This typifies and reveals the imbalances and conflicts of the modern world. War, natural calamities, persecution and discrimination of every kind have deprived millions of their home, employment and family.

*The right to seek asylum* – that anyone whose life is threatened has the right to protection. It is the element of persecution, threat or danger, or being forcibly replaced that gives rise to a right to seek asylum.

*Human dignity* – that human life is sacred because each person is created in the image and likeness of God. The human rights of asylum seekers must be respected, regardless of their citizenship, visa status or mode of arrival.

*Devotion to humanity* – that all nations have a right to regulate migration across their borders. This right is coupled with the duty to protect and help innocent victims in fear of their lives.

*Justice and mercy* – that the purpose of the law is to serve justice and mercy. Laws, which subject asylum seekers to prolonged detention or banish them from seeking protection, fail to uphold justice and mercy. It is not illegal to seek asylum.

*The right to be part of a community* – that all people have the right to be part of a community. Asylum seekers who have been forced from their homeland have a duty to integrate into the host community. We should favour this integration by helping to find a place where they can live in peace and safety, where they can take on the rights and duties in the country that welcomes them.

‘I was a stranger and you welcomed me’  (Matthew 25:35)
WELLBEING

Healthy Together Victoria’ Achievement Program

Healthy Eating/Food Allergies

A significant number of children at St. Robert’s have been diagnosed with food allergies. Of particular concern is the number of children with potentially life-threatening allergies to peanuts and nut products. We currently have 14 students at risk of anaphylaxis. In order to provide the safest environment possible, the school follows the risk-management strategies recommended by the Royal Children’s Hospital. Student’s Action Plans for allergies, Epipens and other medications are kept on-site, to deal with the possibility of emergency situations.

We maintain a ‘no sharing food’ policy at recess & lunchtimes, to reduce the likelihood of contact with non-compatible products. To further minimize the risk of allergic reactions, we are asking families to consider alternatives to peanut butter or Nutella as sandwich spreads, and to check for presence of nuts & sesame seeds in general in snack and lunch foods. It would be much safer if we could avoid peanut butter and Nutella in our classrooms altogether! Where this is not possible, we ask that parents notify classroom teachers if peanut butter, sesame seeds or nut products have been included in lunch boxes. Thank-you for your patience and cooperation in this important health & wellbeing issue!  Julie Prendergast, Student Wellbeing Coordinator

DAY FOR VIQUEQUE – FOOTY COLOURS DAY – SWAP DAY

On Friday 5th September we will hold a Viqueque Day where our students are asked to bring a gold coin donation to support our Parish Partnership with St Mary Immaculate in Viqueque. This day will be ‘Footy Colours Day’ where children may come to school dressed in their team’s footy colours. This will also be a Swap Day where students may swap cards at recess and lunch times.

FATHER’S DAY STALL

Friday 5th September is shaping up to be a very busy exciting time as the P&F will hold their Fantastic Father’s Day Stall on this day. Stall items are priced up to $5 and children may purchase up to two gifts. It would be a great help if all money could be sent to school prior to this day. Teachers will keep it safe and return it to the children just before they visit the stall. For more information please refer to the flyer which went was sent home last week.

LEGACY WEEK

Next Week is Legacy Week and our Grade 6 students will be selling Legacy Badges at school for The Geelong Legacy Club. The Geelong Legacy Club Inc is a volunteer organization that helps the disadvantaged families who have been somewhat affected by their service in the Australian Army. Not only is this a very worthy cause, all the money raised goes to families in the community who need some extra support. We will be selling wristbands and badges for $2 and pens for $3 in the shade house at recess Monday 1st September to Friday 5th September or until our stock is all sold. Thanking you in anticipation, School Captains; Madison, Lucia and Jesse

OUR SCHOOL CONCERT – WEDNESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

The order form for tickets to our School Concert were sent home last week. 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 tomorrow. If we do not receive orders for 50 DVDs all payment will be returned to families.

SAVE THE DATE – FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER

Advance notice is given for the Wine and Cheese Night which will be held on Friday 21st November. More information to follow.
**WANTED BLACK SUIT JACKETS FOR CONCERT GRADE 2LO**

Grade 2LO are in need of finding 14 black suit jackets for their concert item. If any families would be able to lend any size 8 or 10 suit jackets we would really appreciate them. If you are able to help with this could you please leave them at the office or you can drop them into Mr Oddo’s room.

Thank you for your assistance Mr Lucas Oddo, Grade 2LO Classroom Teacher

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**ST. MARY’S DERBY DAY FETE – AUCTION AND SILENT AUCTION ITEMS REQUIRED**

The Main Auction and the Silent Auction are both major components of St. Mary’s Derby Day Fete (Sat. Nov. 1), and therefore its success is important for our school. The Fete Committee would be grateful for offers of items for either auction. Perhaps you know people who might be willing to provide a donation, which would receive appropriate public recognition. Items for the Main Auction need to be of around $500 or higher in value, and Silent Auction items should be of $50-plus in value.

New Stall Sponsors ($250 contribution) are also being sought. Stall Sponsors have high recognition at the Fete and in its prior publicity.

Please contact the school office (5221 1075) or the Parish Office (5222 1977) if you can help with any of these areas of support for the Fete. Thank you, Fr Kevin Dillon

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**STUDENT AWARDS**

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

- Gr F CC: Jimmy Reilly
- Gr F CC: William Harry
- Gr F JP: Ted Hart
- Gr F JP: Archie King
- Gr 1YE: Jaziah Mason
- Gr 1YE: Klara Pehar
- Gr 2KT: Lucinda Sinclair
- Gr 2KT: Ewan Guinane
- Gr 2LO: Louis Peacock
- Gr 2LO: Dana Mackay
- Gr 3KH: Owen Sanigorski
- Gr 3KH: Sophia van den Berg
- Gr 3JS: Georgia Royce
- Gr 3JS: Mati Raimondo
- Gr 4MA: Abby Costa
- Gr 4MA: Ayden Maslak
- Gr 4MM: Noah Bily
- Gr 4MM: Evie Adamko
- Gr 5SP: Joseph Anticev
- Gr 5SP: Harry Roache
- Gr 5NF: William Huby
- Gr 5NF: Lucy Spetch
- Gr 6DB: James Lappin
- Gr 6DB: Jesse Morrissy

**Gr 6PB** Isabel Waterhouse

Gr 6PB: Tanner

**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.

- **27th August**
  - Joshua Appleford
  - Sophie Walker

- **28th August**
  - Amelia Northey

- **29th August**
  - Bella Gard
  - Jesse Morissys
  - Paris Osburn
  - Mikayla Whelan

- **30th August**
  - Grace Purcell

- **2nd September**
  - Owen Sanigorski

**HATS ON DAY 1ST SEPTEMBER**

Advance notice is given that as a “Sun Smart” school all students at St Robert’s will be required to wear their hats when outside as from Monday 1st September. Please check that your child’s hat is in good working order and ready for use.
## DATES TO REMEMBER

### AUGUST
- **Wed 27th**
  - “Growing Together in Life and Love” presentation Grade 6 child/parent, 7:30pm
- **Thur 28th**
  - First Reconciliation, 5pm & 7pm

### SEPTEMBER
- **Mon 1st**
  - Whole School Assembly
- **Wed 3rd**
  - Grade 2 Prayers in Pyjamas, 6:45pm
- **Thur 4th**
  - St Robert’s Friendship & Prayer Group gathering 9:00am
  - St Robert’s School Advisory Meeting, 7:30pm
- **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)
- **Tues 16th**
  - P&F Meeting 7:30pm
- **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

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### NOVEMBER
- **Sat 1st**
  - Derby Day Fete, 9am to 4pm
- **Mon 10th**
  - Student Free Day – Report Writing
- **Mon 24th**
  - New Family Information Night 7:00pm
- **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 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 at St Mary’s Basilica
- **Fri 12th**
  - Senior Swimming concludes
- **Mon 15th**
  - Grade 6 Farewell Dinner
- **Tues 16th**
  - Grade 6 Excursion to Adventure Park
- **Wed 17th**
  - End of Term 4

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