Dear Families

Often I can predict how my day is going to be by the way it starts and I count myself lucky to be able to start my day in an environment where I get a chance to meet and greet the children as they arrive at school each day. How lucky am I to be greeted more often than not by a friendly smile and a “Good Morning Mr Soldani”. It really does set the tone for a great day and just plain makes me feel good. With morning news bulletins and papers seemingly filled with upsetting news I sometimes think how great it would be to bottle a bit of my morning cheer and give it to everyone but then I think why would I need to bottle it? After all how hard would it be for any of us to do ourselves? Sure sometimes given the hustle and bustle of everyday life with its challenges and demands a smile might be a challenge in itself but it is always doable. Mostly I am of the opinion that life in this neck of the woods is pretty good so a smile is the sort of thing that should come easily to all of us. I keep reminding the children that there is nothing that makes people happier than a friendly smile and a warm greeting and it is something that is so easy to do. I am buoyed by the amount of smiles and cheerful greetings I get from the children each morning. It makes me in turn want to ‘Play it Forward’ in the hope that I can set someone else on the road to doing the same. Without a whole lot of effort you can do it too!

Have a great week and God Bless,    Mark

OUR DEAR FRIEND GREGOR

Monday (September 1st) was a very important day. It was a day that marked a year since we said goodbye to a dear friend of ours, Gregor McLeod, brother to Alice in Foundation JP. On Monday at assembly we prayed for Gregor who is in heaven. We also asked God to be with his family and friends. We prayed that they be comforted by the knowledge that Gregor is in our hearts and thoughts and that he is at perfect peace with God. We also prayed that his family and friends remember today and always, the special times we were all blessed to have spent with Gregor.

Gregor’s School Story

Gregor started school at St. Robert’s on Thursday, January 29th, 2013. He was in Foundation JP with Ms. Julie and Katrina. Gregor was in Mercy House, and Patrick Sweet was his Buddy.

Gregor was our classmate and our friend. He sat next to Ollie on the first day of school. He thought Ollie was friendly and funny. He did jig-saw puzzles with Lucas and Daniel. He told jokes to Joshua. He talked to Charlotte and Benjamin and Malakai.

Gregor loved to learn new things. He learned how to read, and he learned how to write. He knew so many, interesting facts and scientific words. Gregor loved to sing; he loved listening to stories.

All the boys in our class went to Gregor’s 6th Birthday Party in March. They had a great time, and they loved Gregor’s cake: it was an ‘Incredible Hulk’ cake.

Gregor was very sick. He had to have an operation, and take medicine. He still came to visit us, and to watch the Book Week Parade. Gregor bought a gift for his Dad from the Father’s Day Stall. It was always good to see Gregor. Some of us visited him at home.

Gregor died on Sunday, September 1st. He is now our Angel in Heaven. Every day, we ask God to look after Gregor. He was very special; we loved him and we miss him.
ENHANCING OUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Faith and Identity
The purpose of the Catholic school is the development of human beings steeped in the profound human values embodied in Jesus Christ.

Catholic schools nurture students’ faith and lead them to deepen their relationship with God through prayer and celebration, their growing knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures and Catholic Tradition, and action in the world for peace and justice. Our goal is to enhance our Catholic identity, so that all may recognise God’s presence permeating our Catholic school. We do this by strengthening the integration of faith, life and culture, inviting our students to discover God’s presence in their daily lives and engaging them in a dialogue between their life experiences and Catholic teaching. In this way they may grow in understanding of themselves and their world in light of the Gospel and be empowered to take responsibility for themselves and for creating a just society. Further, our goal is to build communities of faith and hope, where we are all inspired by the person and teachings of Jesus Christ and imbued with the Holy Spirit, and work together for the benefit of each member of our school community.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to
The Walerys family on the sad passing of Margaret mother of Trent and Grandmother of Gus (Gr 1YE).
Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord
And may perpetual light shine upon her
May she rest in peace.
Amen

2014 SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS
A reminder to families that all 2014 School Fee Accounts are due for payment by Friday, 12th September and after this date will be overdue.
If families are experiencing any difficulties in finalizing their account please contact the office to make an appointment to discuss an alternative arrangement.

LEGACY WEEK
This week is Legacy Week and our Grade 6 students will be selling Legacy items 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 for $3, badges for $2 and pens for $5 in the shade house at recess Thursday 4th September and Friday 5th September or until our stock is all sold.

DAY FOR VIQUEQUE – FOOTY COLOURS DAY – SWAP DAY
This 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.

GEELONG CATHOLIC DEANERY ANNUAL DINNER
The Geelong Catholic Deanery is holding its Annual Dinner, next week, September 10th at Dromoland House at 6:30pm for 7:00pm. We have all been invited and it would be great if we could get a table together for this event. Tickets are $45 per head and all profits go to support Samaritan House. If you would like to attend tickets are available at the Deanery Office (Parish Office) 150 Yarra Street, Geelong or Phone Catherine Moon on 0409 007 913
FATHER’S DAY STALL
This Friday 5th September, the P&F will hold their Fantastic Father’s Day Stall. 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.

URGENT REQUEST FOR 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

OUR SCHOOL CONCERT – WEDNESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER
Please remember to purchase your concert tickets. 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 were sent home yesterday. If we do not receive orders for 50 DVDs all payment will be returned to families.

ST. MARY’S DERBY DAY FETE – DONATIONS OF PRE-LOVED CLOTHING
Hello families
First of all, thank you for the fabulous support we received last year, it was wonderful to have all our schools and Parish come together and create such a fantastic successful day. Here is to making 2014 even brighter and better. Christ the King School have started their Derby Day Fete collections and are asking for donations of pre-loved clothing, silent auction prizes and also toys and bric a brac donations.

A bin has been placed outside the front of Rafter Hall for clothing donations. We are looking for a range of clothing including: babies, kids, ladies, mens, Pyjamas, sportswear, dress wear, handbags, shoes and baby linen. STRICTLY NO UNDERWEAR.

Could you please keep in mind that well-kept sellable items are a MUST as we spent a massive amount of time sorting through clothing that wasn’t suitable to be sold. Our volunteers work extremely hard to present the best possible clothing stall. Our saying is “if you wouldn’t purchase it, then please don’t donate it”.

If anyone is unable to drop clothing off at CTK, please contact Lana McKenzie 0451 190 290 to arrange a suitable time for pick up, Kind regards, Christ the King, P&F Committee

SALVATION JANE CONCERT
Salvation Jane (featuring Geelong locals Anna Fletcher, Rose Sexton and our own Theresa Lewis – St Bernard’s parishioners) are releasing their new CD “Here & Now” at a special afternoon concert at St Bernard’s Belmont – 74 Fryers Rd, Belmont – on Sunday 14th September 4.00pm. Supported by “Paisley and Plaid” and a Capella community choir “Corisande”, this will be a beautiful afternoon of superb harmonies, soaring vocals and fun and laughter.

Ticket are $15/head with partial proceeds going to St Bernard’s sister Parish, Manya in Uganda. Tickets are available through our Facebook page – facebook.com/salvationjanereunited – or at the door (booking ahead preferred).
2014-2015 LITTLE ATHLETIC IN GEELONG

Does your child love Running?.. Jumping?.. Throwing?.. Then Little Athletics might be just the thing for you. Little Aths is a great way for the kids to have fun and be active all at the same time. The Chilwell Athletics Club is looking for new athletes for the upcoming 2014/15 Little Athletics Season. Chilwell is one of the 9 Clubs that compete at the Geelong Little Athletics Centre (GLAC) located at Landy Field Geelong. The GLAC Season starts on October 4 with a “Come and Try” Day and competitions run weekly through Term 4 and Term 1 next year (Oct 2014 to March 2015). The Weekly competitions are held on Saturday Mornings between 8:15 and 12:00 where the Boys and Girls get to compete within their own age group (Under 8 up to Under 16) against other Boys and Girls in all of the Athletic Track & Field Disciplines. There is also the “On Trackers” program which runs each week for U6 & U7 Children which is extremely popular in giving the kids an introduction into what Track & Field Athletics is all about. The cost per child per season is $144.60 Chilwell be having a “Welcome to Chilwell Day” on Sunday 28 September between 2-4pm at Landy Field. This day will be a good opportunity to come to Landy Field and try out the facilities and meet some of the other children who will competing and get a great idea of what Little Athletics is all about. Coaching is also available through the season at no extra cost. If you want more information on how to Register your Child for the Chilwell Athletics Club contact Chilwell Little Athletics Manager Tim Jarman at chilwelllittleaths@yahoo.com or 0421 77 2310.

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.

STUDENT AWARDS

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

Gr F CC  Jude Seecamp
Gr F CC  Jarvid D’Orsa
Gr F JP  Ted Hart
Gr F JP  Hannah Kristiansen
Gr 1MC  Adam Saric
Gr 1MC  Kai D’Orsa
Gr 1YE  Gus Walerys
Gr 1YE  Isabelle O’Sullivan
Gr 2KT  Sam Sinnott
Gr 2KT  Ali Zappone
Gr 2LO  McKenzie Mitchell
Gr 2LO  Charlotte Pieter
Gr 3KH  Tadgh O’Sullivan
Gr 3KH  Xavier Smith
Gr 3JS  Sienna Bruhn
Gr 3JS  Bobby Kavanagh
Gr 4MA  Casey Morrissy
Gr 4MA  Sully Johnson
Gr 4MM  Elle Stevenson
Gr 4MM  Finn Jacques
Gr 5NF  Oliver Baric
Gr 5NF  Belle Goodall-Wilson
Gr 6DB  Georgia Woods
Gr 6DB  Matilda Pretty
Gr 6PB  Maya Laffan
Gr 6PB  Patrick Sinnott

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 September  Georgie Doherty
7th September  Mimosa Gillespie
8th September  Harry Roache

CHILWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL - OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Term 3 September 2014

To book or cancel please call Olivia/Laune on 0417 014 973. If unable to attend please cancel before 2:30pm to assist staff and avoid session fee.

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HATS ON DAY 1st SEPTEMBER

Given that we are a “Sun Smart” school all students at St Robert’s are required to wear their hats when outside. Please check that your child’s hat is in good working order and being used.
## DATES TO REMEMBER

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Mon 27th  

Foundation 2015 Orientation, 1st session

Tues 28th  
P&F Meeting 7:30pm
GEELONG CATHOLIC DEANERY
ANNUAL DINNER

Starring Anna Lee-Robertson
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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