Dear families,

Our Parents and Friends Committee met recently to invite new members and discuss the activities for the year. This group does an amazing job in organising both fundraising and social events throughout the year. One of our first fundraising events will be our Easter raffle. All families have received tickets and we encourage you to sell these and return the money and tickets by Friday 11th March. This year we will also be holding an Easter bonnet parade on Monday 21st March so we encourage you to put together an Easter themed bonnet, hat, tiara, head piece that your child can wear in this parade.

A reminder that all children must wear a hat when outside at recess and lunch, sport and outside class activities. Hats must be one of the school varieties, either a school bucket hat, school wide brim hat or school legionnaire hat. The rule of NO HAT NO PLAY will be enforced and children without an appropriate school hat will be asked to sit inside. The uniform shop will be open as usual for anyone who needs to purchase a school hat.

When visiting the school we ask that all parents, guardians and visitors come in through the school office; in this way we will be able to direct you to the person best suited to assisting you and we can also be assured of the children’s safety as we will have an accurate record of who is on site. After signing in using the iPad in the office all visitors are to wear the lanyard given to you by office staff.

Next week our Year 5 and 6 students will be on camp. Year 5’s leave on Monday and return on Wednesday while the Year 6’s leave on Wednesday and return on Friday. I know that these children will have a wonderful time at camp and have many stories to share when they get back. Due to staff attending camp with these students there will be a revised specialist timetable for NEXT WEEK ONLY. Please check the timetable inside this newsletter to see when your child will have specialist classes and which ones they will have. I will be at camp all week so if you have any queries please make a time to see Assunta Iacovino in my absence.

Have a great week everyone.

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

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**Lenten Reflection**

O God we open our eyes and we see Jesus, the months of ministry transfigured to a beam of light, the light of the world, your light. May your light shine upon us.

We open our eyes and we see Moses and Elijah, your word restoring us, showing us the way, telling a story, your story, his story, our story. May your word speak to us.

We open our eyes and we see mist, the cloud of your presence which assures us of all we do not know and that we do not need to fear that. Teach us to trust.

We open our eyes and we see Peter’s constructions, his best plans, our best plans, our missing the point, our missing the way. Forgive our foolishness and sin.

We open our eyes and we see Jesus, not casting us off, but leading us down, leading us out to ministry, to people.

Your love endures forever.

We open our ears and we hear your voice ‘This is my beloved Son, listen to him!’ And we give you thanks. Amen

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**SCHOOL FEES**

Fees for 2016 will be $1200 per family plus the Curriculum Fee of $300 per child. The Curriculum Fee is due now so we ask that you finalise this as soon as possible. Statements detailing opening balances and yearly fees will go out within the coming weeks.
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Office Open: Tuesday-Friday 10am-4pm

Mass Times - St Catherine of Siena
Wednesday: 9.15am
Saturday Evenings: 6.00pm
Sunday Mornings: 9.00am & 11.00am

Reconciliation
Saturday: 5.30pm - 5.45pm

Mass Times - St Dominic’s
Tuesday Evening: 7.00pm
Thurs - Friday: 9.15am
Sunday: 5pm

FAMILY SUMMARY REPORTS
Family Summary Reports were given to each family at the beginning of the year. Please ensure that all details are correct and your email address is up to date as our newsletter is emailed to all of our families. Forms are now overdue, please return them to school as soon as possible. We appreciate your prompt return of these forms.

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre at 362 Albert Street East Melbourne, invites parishioners & friends to the first weekend Open Day for 2016 on Saturday 20th February from 10.00am – 4.00pm.
Visit the Mary MacKillop Museum, the Chapel where Mary prayed as well as the Gift Shop & Refreshments area.
A local guided “Walking Tour” will take place at 11.00am. Everyone welcome

Presentation Masses for Penance and Eucharist Candidates
Presentation Masses for Penance and Eucharist candidates will be this weekend, Saturday 20th February and Sunday 21st February. Candidates attend one weekend mass. Mass times are 6pm Saturday, 9am and 11am Sunday at St Catherine of Siena church and 5pm Sunday at St Dominic’s church.

Scholastic Book Club
Scholastic book club order forms were sent home recently. All orders were due back by today. Once ordered items are received at school they will be given to your child’s teacher to distribute.
Thank you
Theresa Maskell
Book Club Co-ordinator

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA EASTER RAFFLE & BONNET PARADE
Easter Raffle tickets are $1 each
We also ask families to donate either a chocolate Easter egg/bunny for our Easter hampers.
All Easter raffle money and Easter egg donations are due back no later than 11th March 2016.
It’s also time to get creative!! This is your opportunity to design and make an Easter Bonnet. Please bring a gold coin donation to enter the parade.
The Easter Parade and Raffle will be held on Monday the 21st March

School Closure Day Thursday, 3rd March
Prep B - Thomas Wright
Prep C - Natasha Puccio
Prep D - Benjamin Saliba
1E - Romia Hussein
1F - Trinity Meredith
1H - Morgan Partridge
2I - Johnson Nyok
2K - Erin Johnstone
2/3M - Harry Fitzgerald
3J - Diya Solanki
3L - Akual Kuel
4O - Nynaluit Chol
4P - Diamond Phan
4N - Grace Nyok
5Q - Cameron Higgins
5S - Baak Dau
6R - Abraham Nyok
6T - Anuji Peramuna
6U - Caleb Belcher

Congratulations to the following children who all received an award at assembly today. You should be very proud of all you have achieved. Keep up the great work!!

OSHClub News!

Hello families,
Last week the children were involved in lots of activities, including cooking, arts and crafts and sports. The theme was valentines, and the children made some beautiful items for their loved ones. The children were interested in some animal activities which led to this week’s theme: Animal creations. We will do some cooking activities, paper bag tigers, wooden animals and sand play throughout the week.

There are still a few children that are not bringing hats to OSHclub which results in the children being unable to play outside. Please put a hat in your children’s bag as OSHclub has a ‘No Hat, No Outside Play’ policy. We will provide sunscreen, if your child has any allergies to any types of sunscreen, please inform Allison at the program.

Please be sure to check out the program journal and the children’s portfolios to see all the fun activities the children engage in while at OSHclub. We will be doing themed weeks throughout the term, this way the children will have a diverse range of activities to participate in.

If you are interested in enrolling your child into OSHclub, please come in and see the staff, we are more than happy to show you around and go through what is involved in the program.

If you have any suggestions or feedback for the program, we would love to hear them.

Have a fantastic week
Allison and Cindy.
### Community News

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