Dear families

I hope everyone has enjoyed the long weekend and managed to make the most of the warm weather.

This week is Catholic Education Week. The theme this year of *Entrusted with Something Precious* speaks to all of us about the privilege it is to teach and work with students and their families. The moments when we can see that we have assisted students in gaining further understanding are the moments when teachers really see the reward for their hard work. On Thursday 14th March the Liturgy team will represent the school at the Mass for Schools which will be celebrated at St Patrick’s Cathedral. We also have four students who have art work on display at the Catholic Leadership Centre from Tuesday March 12th to Sunday March 17th. Thank you to Mrs Mary Drew for organising our children’s art work for display.

Last Wednesday we had our Prep/Year 6 Buddy Picnic. This was a wonderful night with most of the students and their families joining us for dinner and then enjoying the activities arranged for them. This was also an opportunity for families of the buddies to get to know each other. Thank you to Ms Michaela Mackie and the Year Prep/6 teachers for organising this event for us.

Last Tuesday twenty one students represented the school at a swimming carnival at Melton Waves. This carnival is run each year and organized by the local school sports association. The children all had a wonderful day and certainly put every effort into each event they entered. Congratulations to you all for your efforts on the day and also for the spirit in which you competed. Four students were successful in their events and will be going to Werribee Olympic pool to represent the district later in the term. We wish you well. Thanks to Mr Mark Sage for organising this event.

All children who ride to school should wear the appropriate safety gear such as helmets, and while children are encouraged to ride to school, once they enter the school grounds they must walk their bike/scooter to the bike rack. It is advised that all bikes and scooters are secured with a bike chain and lock when left at the bike rack. While we will do all we can to find a lost bike, it is not always possible to recover it once taken. Friday March 22nd is **Ride2School Day** so if your child has a bike and hasn’t ridden it to school as yet, Friday 22nd might be a good day to start.

Have a great week everyone

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

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**Upcoming Events**

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**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

All Book Club orders must be returned by

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Thank you. PFA Committee.

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**HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE**

FLYERS WENT HOME LAST WEEK FOR HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER

ORDER FORMS AND MONEY MUST BE PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY MONDAY MARCH 18

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**Easter Raffle**

Raffle tickets were sent home last week. Please return these to school By Friday, March 22nd.

Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, March 27th.

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**Class News Prep A**

Last Wednesday night the year Prep students attended a Buddy Picnic. They enjoyed a picnic dinner with their families and participated in a range of activities with their grade 6 buddies. The preps were feeling very excited in the lead up to this very special event and it was wonderful to see so many families attend.

“My buddy is Lilly. We played on the slide.” – Madeline

“My buddy is Ashley. We played a hoola-hoop game.” – Lana

“My buddy is Gaindu. We did a three-legged race.” – Hudson

“My buddy is Arlieha. We go on the playground poles and did tricks.” - Georgia

“My buddy is Heath. We did the parachute game” – Benjamin

“My buddy is Mitchell. We hold hands.” - Lachlan

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**CDF STUDENT BANKING**

Thursday is our banking day deposit books are to be handed in to class or the Office by 9.00am on banking day. Encourage your child to save by opening up a CDF Banking account.

*Application forms are available from the Office*

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White = Office letters and notices

Buff = Office letters to be returned

Red = Urgent office letters

Yellow = Classroom and Curriculum notices

Blue = Classroom and curriculum notices to be returned

Pink = Parents and Friends letters and notices
**Religious Education News**

Holy Week is the most important week of the Christian Calendar. Easter is the celebration of Christ alive and present with us and in us for all time. Please join us as we mark Holy Week at St. Catherine of Siena by coming together for Whole School Prayer Services in the Hall at 8:30am.

Friday 22\(^{nd}\) March – Palm Sunday Prayer – Lead by year 1.

**Palm Sunday**

Jesus came to Jerusalem, the week he was to die, riding on a donkey,

Children ran to meet him, palms in hand they sing:
"Hosanna, Son of David, "Hosanna to our king."

**Holy Thursday**

On Thursday night, ("Holy Thursday")
Jesus ate with his friends. Now, you should know that same night, long ago, God freed his people from the chains of Pharaoh.

Bread and wine Jesus gave to them: "Here is my body, "And here is my blood. "It will make you free. "When you do this," he said, "remember me."

**Good Friday**

On Friday, (We call it “Good”) Jesus was nailed to hard, hard wood. Beneath his cross, his mother stood and cried for what they had done. "Oh, if I could hold him," she said, "Hold my only Son!"

"Father, take me," Jesus said, "Take me in your hands." And God reached down and took him, and held his only Son. "I am God who raises up, "your life has just begun. "I am God of the living, "no grave can hold my Son."

**Easter Sunday**

Jesus came to Jerusalem, the week he was to die, riding on a donkey, riding strong and high.

On Sunday, when the week was done, Jesus rose from the dead.

"Praise God! Alleluia!" Risen is God’s only Son.

Thank you, God of Light, for giving us light to see. Thank you, God of Life, for giving Jesus to me.