Dear Families

Holy Week is the final week in our journey through Lent. Holy Week is especially significant and sacred as it recalls the last week of Jesus’ life in preparation for his death and resurrection. It is at Easter that we remember and rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. During Holy Week we have the opportunity to reflect on the events of the death and resurrection of Jesus. His entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Washing of the Disciples Feet, the Last Supper and Praying in the Garden and Jesus’ Arrest of Holy Thursday. The Crucifixion of Good Friday and Jesus’ Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Through these events Jesus’ humanity is laid bare. In reflecting on these events, we have the opportunity, like Jesus, to draw on the life and glory of God. It is through this experience, offered during Holy Week, that we know in faith that death does not conquer and that all creation will be made new. Thank you to Mrs lacovino, staff and students who have prepared our Lenten prayer services and Holy Week liturgies to assist us in this preparation. When we come back in Term 2 we will celebrate Easter and the Risen Christ with a whole school Mass on Wednesday 17th April at 9:15am in the hall. Everyone is most welcome to join us for this Liturgy. The St Dominic’s Parish Easter Timetable is included in this newsletter, this lists the days and times for all liturgies throughout Holy Week.

Congratulations to Angela Molnar who represented the school at the swimming championships last week in Werribee. Angela was successful in her events, 50m butterfly and breast stroke, and will represent the school at MSAC early in second term in the State Swimming Finals. Well done Angela and good luck for the upcoming carnival.

Over the last few weeks the Parents and Friends Association have been very busy organising the Hot Cross Bun drive and Easter Raffle. These events are important fundraising activities and we thank you all for your work in spending some of your valuable time organising these events. Many thanks also to all of you for supporting these initiatives and purchasing raffle tickets and hot cross buns. All money raised will be used to support the children and their learning.

It is amazing that already we are at the end of Term 1. Thank you to everyone for your support and contributions throughout the term. Best wishes to you all for a safe and happy holiday and Easter. I look forward to continuing to work with you all next term.

Best Wishes for the Easter season

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

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SCHOOL FEES

The first instalment of School Fees $500 (without discount) / $300 (with discount) is now overdue. If this is still outstanding on your account please finalise this amount prior to the end of term.

Mass Times
Saturday Evenings: 6.00pm
Sunday Mornings: 9.00am & 11.00am
Tuesday Evening: 7.00pm at St Dominic’s
Thursday - Friday: 9.15am at St Dominic’s

Please Check Specialist Timetable below as some adjustments have been made to
Specialist Timetable for Term 2

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Stations of the Cross
Will be celebrated by years 3/4 on Thursday March 28th in School Hall at 11.30am

PEP News
Knitting & Sewing Group
Donations of 8ply or thicker wool, material, lace buttons etc. would be greatly appreciated.
These can be left at office for
Mrs Theresa Maskell
Thanking You

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Winter uniform stock has arrived and is available for purchase.
Long sleeved polo’s in size 8 & 10 are on back order, but all other stock is available
Uniform shop is open every
Monday and Wednesday
8.30am– 9.00am
No Eftpos - Cash Only
FOR SALE
Girls Winter skirt size 12- $20.00
Girls Pants size 10— $20.00
Call Sharryn– 9747 3122
Class News 1E

What we love about 1E

This term, 1E have been very busy adjusting to the routine of Grade One. Here’s what some of them had to say when asked what they love about being in 1E:

We get to learn new things everyday. (Emma)
I like counting in maths and learning what comes before and what comes after a number. (Panom)
I like doing different book responses for different books. (Brianna)
I like doing independent reading and shared reading on the whiteboard. (Nancy)
I liked making puppets for my science activity. (Jacob)
I like using the computers. I liked playing the Train Game and figuring out which numbers went before and after. (Jayden)
I’ve liked making new friends. (Ayoum)
On fun Friday we get to watch a movie or play with the toys and costumes. (Abbey)

Literacy News

Family Reading Fun

The Premiers’ Reading Challenge for 2013 is upon us once more and it is an opportunity to engage in a range of exciting texts. But how do you motivate your child when you are competing with PSP’s, iPads, I Pads and the like? Read on to find a few ideas.

Participate in The Premiers’ Reading Challenge this year. Permission notes were sent home last Friday, so get on board!
Pair a book with a project. For example, read The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. Then make a fruit salad using the fruits that the caterpillar ate in the story.
Have a book picnic. Take a blanket outside and read under a tree. Have a snack while you read.
Read to – Kids of all ages enjoy having books read to them. What could be better than Mum or Dad read a story aloud? How about a celebrity? Go to www.storylineonline.net and choose a story to have read by a celebrity. This site is sure to entertain!

Family Writing Fun

Children use their writing to learn and explore other learning areas, and to seek out information for themselves as active learners. As writers, children explore their world everyday beyond school and home. To assist your child with their writing you could try the following ideas:

Emailing friends or family members.
Recording family events or travel experiences in a journal or on an online blog.
Solving crosswords, word puzzles, brain teasers, playing word games and quizzes together.
You can support your child’s writing at home by creating a routine for learning and provide materials to motivate writing such as:
Notebooks to write their ideas and feelings.
Computers and/or netbooks.
Markers, pencils, highlighters and pens.
Dictionaries and thesauruses as references. These can be books or found online.
Online resources such as online maps, encyclopaedias, weather sites.

By getting involved in your child’s learning, you will make a big difference to their future. A little bit today will help them shine.

For further ideas and resources see your child’s teacher or visit one of the following website: www.education.vic.gov.au/primary
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### ST. DOMINIC’S PARISH EASTER TIMETABLE 2013

**Palm Sunday** Saturday 23rd / Sunday 24th March, 2013

**Holy Thursday 28th March, 2013**
- Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7.30pm
- Adoration 8.30pm to 11.00pm

**Good Friday 29th March, 2013**
- 10.30am Stations of the Cross (commencing in the hall)
- 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

**Holy Saturday 30th March, 2013**
- 10.30am Blessing of the Easter Food
- Please Note: **NO EVENING MASS**

**Easter Sunday 31st March, 2013**
- Mass: 7.00am Easter Vigil
- 9.00am and 11.00am

**Communal Reconciliation**
- Tuesday 26th March at 7.30pm (After 7.00pm Mass)

**Individual Reconciliation**
- Friday 29th March, 2013 - 11.30am till Noon
- Saturday 30th March, 2013 - 11.00am till Noon

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### SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

Djerriwarrh Health Services operates a public school dental service, which is currently located at Melton Health, 195-209 Barries Rd, Melton West. Children from pre-school age to Grade 6 are eligible for the service. The service is FREE for children who are eligible for concession, or a co-payment fee of $30 is payable for those who are not eligible.

Bookings can be made on the Referral and Appointment Hotline number - 9747 7609

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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  
Yellow = Classroom and Curriculum notices  
Blue = Classroom and curriculum notices to be returned  
Red = Urgent office letters  
Pink = Parents and Friends letters and notices