Dear families,

Welcome back to term 2, I hope you all had a lovely break and Easter. Much has happened at the school over this time. The builders for the church have been appointed and have erected fencing ready for the commencement of the preliminary works. While the building of the church is an exciting event it will impact on the parking and pedestrian movement within the school.

**Parking—Before School**
During the building period there will be no onsite parking for parents visiting the school throughout the day or dropping and picking up children. The drop off zone will remain open for the morning period only. Parents wishing to park and bring their children to school will need to use alternative parking such as the front of the school, Westlake park, in front of CRC or streets at the back of the school property.

**Parking—After School**
After school there will be no vehicle access to the school at all except for the Early Learning Bus and those who require the use of the disabled parking spaces. All other vehicles are to park outside the school.

**Pedestrian Access**
The pedestrian gate is also unavailable throughout this time as this is within the building compound. In the morning pedestrian access is **only** through the gate into the park near the office. After school staff will supervise the exit gate and so pedestrians will be able to use this gate as **well as** the gate into the park to exit the school. The pedestrian crossing will still be available for students to safely cross Bulmans Road and this will also be supervised by school as well as council staff. This is a disruption for all of us but if we all work together, knowing that accessing the school may take longer than usual due to these changes, disruptions will be minimised. At all times the safety of our children is our prime concern so I ask for your co-operation with these changes.

**Celebrate Community**
This week, on Thursday 19th April, we celebrate the diversity of our community. On this day we will launch the Community Garden project and have activities that celebrate diversity and allow all of us to hear, and appreciate, the stories of those within our community. I encourage you to stay for the morning session, after dropping of your children, so that you can share this special event with us.

Best wishes everyone for a great week

Carmel Marantelli

PRINCIPAL

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**Reflection -**

Lord Jesus, you appeared to your disciples after the resurrection and filled their hearts with joy when you said to them ‘Peace be with you’.

May the peace of your presence abide with us and in the heart of our world. You promised to be with your disciples, to the end of the world. Dwell in our midst today and remain with us always.

Remember us as we minister to your people. Purify our hearts with your truth and guide us in the way of your peace. Amen.

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**CULTURE DAY - THURSDAY, APRIL 19**

**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY– TUESDAY, APRIL 24**

**ANZAC DAY– WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25**

**SCHOOL PHOTOS - FRIDAY, APRIL 27**
PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

As you are aware a new-tiered fee structure will be introduced in 2012. However, in 2011 all families were asked contribute to the Parish Stewardship Program. To those families who have already made the effort to establish their contribution to this program we are very grateful for your support. I would like to remind families who are yet to contribute to ensure this has been addressed as soon as possible. We aim to have everyone on the lower tiered fee option in 2012.

As always any family who is experiencing genuine financial difficulties can discuss suitable arrangements with the Parish at any time. Of course, these payment arrangements and conversations remain confidential at all times.

Father Michael Moody
Parish Priest
On Behalf of St. Dominic’s Parish Finance Committee
**WINTER UNIFORMS**

All Children should be wearing winter uniforms in Term 2

Girls Winter Tunics - Winter Tunics have arrived now and are available at uniform shop

Uniform shop is open on Monday morning’s at 8.30am and Wednesday morning at 8.30am

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**CDF STUDENT BANKING**

Thursday is 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 Student Banking Account.

Application forms are available from the Office.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**FEES**

Fees for 2012 will be $1050 or $1850 per family plus a Curriculum and Excursion Fee of $220 per child. The Curriculum and Excursion Fee is now overdue so we ask that you finalise this as soon as possible.

Statements have been mailed.

**Term 1 Fee**

The Term 1 fee of $250 is now overdue, please make arrangements to pay this fee. We have a number of ways in which you can pay, Eftpos, cash, cheque, direct debit, Bpay or Centrepay.

**Term 2**

Term 2 fee of $700.00 is due on May 7 (higher school fees) $400.00 is due May 7 (Lower school fees)

As above there are a number of ways in which you can pay.

Parish Stewardship *Please note*

All Families will be billed at the higher rate of $1850.00 in Term One. In Term Two the Parish will issue the school with a list of all families who have paid their contribution to St Dominic's Stewardship Program. Those who have paid will then be given their parish exemption of $800.00 off the family School Fee for 2012 (the lower fee will be $1050.00). This will show up on your Term 2 statement.

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**HEAD LICE ALERT**

**PARENTS PLEASE ENSURE YOU CHECK YOUR CHILD/REN’S HAIR. HELP BREAK THE CYCLE.**

The school has been notified of a number of cases of head lice. Department of Human Services (Public Health Division) guidelines require that we ask you to:

- Check your child’s hair
  - If infected, treat the hair with a recommended lotion from the chemist & repeat 7 days after first treatment
  - Wash all bedding, towels hairbrushes/combs
  - Make sure that no eggs remain attached to the hair

Head lice are very common so there is no need to be alarmed, however they should be treated quickly to prevent them from spreading.

We are asking that all parents examine their child’s hair and look for the following signs:

- Persistent scratching, particularly behind the ears and the nape of the neck accompanied by a red rash.
- Tiny silver white eggs at the base of the hair shaft
- Small pale brown lice. You may wish to use a magnifying glass and a fine tooth comb under strong light to help identify the lice.

We understand that this process is tedious and time-consuming, but Department of Human Services (Public Health Division) insists that no student attend school when affected by head lice.

**ONCE TREATED, STUDENTS CAN RETURN TO SCHOOL**
Bollywood Night at St. Dominic’s
The Indian community will be holding a Bollywood night on the 28th of April after the 6.00pm Mass. The night will commence with an Indian dinner followed by an Indian movie, music, dance and games.

The movie will have subtitles and so will be easy to follow.

Please put your name down on the clip board available in the foyer of the Church. This will assist us with numbers for catering purposes.

Particulars regarding the cost will be available closer to the day. We assure you it will be a fun filled night.

MPSSA BASKET BALL CLINIC
MPSSA Basket Ball clinic is back for 2012. The Clinic will run each Friday, except School and Public Holidays.
WHERE: Melton Indoor Rec Centre– 159 Coburns Rd MELTON
4.00pm– Prep
4.40pm– Grade 1&2
5.20pm– Grade 3&4
$4.00 per person (free April 20)
Registration can be completed at the first session
For more information contact Melton Basketball on 9747 0980

MOTHER’S DAY CLASSIC
WALK / RUN for breast cancer
research 4km / 8km
WHEN: Sunday May 13
WHERE: Alexandra Gardens The Tan Track, Melbourne
Register: Mothersdayclassic.com

TOPIC: VALUING GIRLS—(once only in 2012)
Presenter: Andrew Fuller
Ages: Primary and Secondary
Raising girls to be confident and resilient young women is a fine art given the demands placed upon them.

This seminar will cover the following:
The active ingredients of resilience
How to promote confidence in young women

● Friendship skills
● Concentration and memory skills
● Creating happy girls
● Building self-esteem and dealing with the
● anxieties that are toxic to girls
● How to communicate with girls

WHEN: Monday April 30
WHERE: St Thomas More’s– Mt Eliza (Ref. Mel. Map 103J5)