Dear Families

Welcome back to Term 3, I hope you have all had a great holiday and feel refreshed and rested. Over the holidays work on the church has progressed with the slab being poured. We have also had contractors in to rectify the issues with the uneven surface of the synthetic turf so this is now a nice flat surface. As you read through the newsletter you will notice a few changes. We will be including a curriculum area each week to give you an insight into various aspects of the activities the children are engaged in while at school. This week we begin with an overview of Inquiry for this term.

A reminder to all about the parking while the church is being built. There is no access for parking in the school unless you have spoken to us and need to access the disabled parking area. Even if the gate is open we ask that you do not park in the school, especially in the afternoon, as children use the exit gate to leave the school and we cannot have pedestrian and car traffic both using the same exit. In the morning access is available for drive through only and all pedestrian access to the school in the morning is through the gate in Westlake park. We ask that all parents bringing children to school use this access point and not the entry or exit gates. When parking in the bays the council have set out at the front of the school please only park in the designated bays. Parking before the first or after the last bays can disrupt the flow of traffic or put you too close to pedestrians using the path.

Next week we celebrate Grandparents and the contributions they make to their families and the community. We invite Grandparents and family members to join us on Thursday 26th July for this event. We will celebrate Mass together with the children sitting in their family groupings, have time to share experiences and have morning tea together. More information about this event on page 2 of this newsletter. We hope to see you there to celebrate with us.

Best wishes everyone for a great week.

Carmel Marantelli

PRINCIPAL

Reflection - A Blessing of Peace

Deep peace, pure gold of the sun to you. Deep peace, pure white of the moon to you.
Deep peace, pure blue of the sky to you. Deep peace, pure green of the grass to you.
Deep peace, pure brown of the earth to you. Deep peace, pure light of the dew to you.
Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the whispering trees to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

Irish prayer

St Dominic’s Church
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Email: stdoms@bigpond.net.au

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday between 10am - 4pm

Mass Times
Saturday Evenings: 6.00pm
Sunday Mornings: 9.00am & 11.00am
Tuesday Evening: 7.00pm at St Dominic’s
Wednesday: 9.15am at St Catherine of Siena
Thursday & Friday: 9:15am at St Dominic’s

18th July - Year 1 excursion to Botanical Gardens
- Year 4/5/6 excursion to Eco line
19th July - Year 4/5/6 excursion to Eco line
- Year 2/3 excursion to Ceres
20th July - Year 2/3 excursion to Ceres
26th July - Grandparents Day
St Catherine of Siena TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday 25th August
This will be St. Catherine of Siena’s major fundraiser for the year, so remember to mark this date in your diary. More information will follow in the coming weeks.
We are currently looking for businesses to donate goods, vouchers, discounts or services. So if you or anyone you know could assist us in any way.
Please contact Donna Simpson on 0413 545 166.

Interschool sports Golf Tournament

Any students who play golf and are interested in participating in Interschool golf could you please see Mr Sage

Thursday 26th July is Grandparents Day
Thursday 26th July is the Feast of St Anne and St Joachim, these are Jesus’ Grandparents. On this day we invite Grandparents and significant family members to come and celebrate this day with us.

Celebrations on the day include
* Mass at 9:15 am
* Grandparents sharing their experiences of school with the children. (they will be in family groups so families will only need to visit one class)
* Shared morning tea in family groups
* Morning tea with Grandparents, and staff
* Activities in class to make as a family
We anticipate that the activities will conclude around 12:45—1pm.

Thursday 26th July - Grandparents Day
☐ I am able to attend the celebrations on Grandparents day
My/Our names are ___________________________________________ ( Please Print)
☐ I/ we will be happy to share some of our school experiences with the children
Our children/grandchildren are ________________________________ ( Please print)
___________________________________________________________
For the Inquiry unit across the school this term there will be a major focus on Science with links to some Humanities subjects such as Geography and History. During this term the whole school will be exploring aspects of the following curriculum statement.

*Each individual environment has a set of unique features and characteristics. The interdependence of all living things within the environment is influenced by the balance and health of that system. The environment is affected by people and natural causes in both positive and negative ways. We have a responsibility to sustain and manage the environment and the ecosystems within it.*

A range of dynamic and engaging immersion activities designed to introduce the students to the focus for the term and get them wondering and questioning have been planned for the first week of term.

**Prep:** Students will be exploring and investigating the four seasons through a variety of science and art experiences. The Prep classrooms will also be hosting butterfly chrysalises with students being able to observe the amazing transformation of a caterpillar into a butterfly.

**Year One:** Students will be visiting the Royal Botanical Gardens in the city to investigate the basic skills of good gardening practice. They will be exploring water conservation, organic gardening methods, composting and worm farming. Whilst exploring the Children’s Garden and the wider Botanic Gardens students will consider ideas for designing or developing their own garden. Activities include the propagation of a plant to take home. During the term the classrooms will also be hosting incubating units for hatching chicks. Students will have the opportunity to experience the life cycle of a chick first hand.

**Years Two & Three:** Students will be participating in a range of activities at CERES in Brunswick. They will have the opportunity to go netting for water bugs and identify the myriad of species that make up a pond ecosystem. Students will explore the amazing world of worms and other mini beasts as well as investigating the biodiversity of the Merri Creek and the habitat corridors that through it.

**Years Four, Five & Six:** Students will be participating in activities at Ecolinc in Bacchus Marsh. They will go on a Sustainability Trail and learn about how we can live in a sustainable and environmentally responsible way. They will also explore the wetlands that have been created onsite. The Ecolinc wetland models a complete water recycling and management process, including the collection of stormwater, treatment of contaminants, filtration using indigenous vegetation and provision of habitat for increasing biodiversity. Clean water ultimately flows into the Werribee River as a result of this process.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday 18th July
Year 1 excursion to Royal Botanical Gardens
Year 4/5/6 excursion to Eco linc

Thursday 19th July
Year 2 & 3 excursion to CERES
Year 4/5/6 excursion to Eco linc

Friday 20th July
Year 2 & 3 excursion to CERES

Thursday 26th July
Feast of St Anne and Joachim
Grandparents Day - Mass at 9:15 followed by activities and morning tea

COMMUNITY NEWS

PARENT SEMINAR SERIES 2012

TOPIC: HEALTHY SIBLING RELATIONSHIPS

Presenter: Michael Grose
Ages: Primary and Secondary

Raising kids should be a joy, but it’s a hard slog when kids fight and argue every minute of the day. There’s no doubt that sibling rivalry destroys peace and harmony in family life. The GOOD NEWS is that family life doesn’t have to be so hard. In this practical seminar you’ll hear simple, easy-to-use techniques and principles that will help change feuding families into a super-strong team and make your life as a parent easier and happier. In this seminar you’ll discover:

- How children’s birth order affects their personalities and how best to parent kids in each position
- Secrets to reducing competitiveness in kids
- Ways to respond positively when kids fight and argue so that conflict reduces and becomes more manageable

Key relationship skills kids can learn in their family that will stay for life
- Positive strategies that build strong families
- How kids need to learn to live with each other, even though they may not like each other.

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CHARLOTTES WEB PRODUCTATION

Catholic Regional College, Melton, is proud to present Charlotte's Web on Thursday 26th July, Friday 27th July & Saturday 28th July at 7.30pm at The Crate Theatre, Catholic Regional College, Sydenham. Entry is via the Pecks Road car park.

Tickets are $15.00 each and are available from the CRC Melton front office.