Dear Parents

This week we celebrate Grandparents Day on the Feast day of St Anne and St Joachim, Jesus’ grandparents. Grandparents are important members of all families and are often in the unique position of being able to share special family moments and memories with us. For all of us, Grandparents hold a special place, whether they are close by us or far away. Grandparents hold and share the stories of our family’s history. Through the sharing of these stories they bring to life events from the past. Grandparents baby sit, take grandchildren fishing, read them stories, play games with them, share their talents. On Thursday we invite all Grandparents and family members to join us in celebrating Grandparents Day. We will begin Mass at 9:15am after which grandparents are invited to share stories of their school days with the children. Morning tea will be held in each classroom so that families can share this together. After morning tea families will complete an activity together prior to the conclusion of our celebrations at approximately 12:30pm. We look forward to sharing this day with you and celebrating the contribution that Grandparents make to their families, our school and the community.

Earlier this year a group of students participated in a photography workshop run by staff from Moran Prizes. As part of this workshop the children were able to submit the photos taken throughout the day in the Moran Contemporary Photography Competition. The children had a great day and learnt much about the elements that contribute to a great photo such as perspective, light and form. Congratulations to all of you on the skills you showed in the photos you took and for entering this competition. A special congratulations to all whose photos have made the semi-finals. We wish you all the best for the next stages of this competition.

Best wishes everyone for a great week.

Carmel Marantelli

PRINCIPAL
**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.

**Thursday 26th July is Grandparent’s 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

**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)
They let me have lots of lollies.
Jamie, Prep A

They have lots of toys at their house.
Ryan, Prep A

I love it when my grandparents take me for a whole day.
Jasmine, 1H

I like when my grandma gives me surprises.
Deykan, 1H

I love when my grandma takes me to the movies to see Happy Feet 2.
Charlize, 1H

When I go to my nans house we get to water the garden and my nan gives us money and lollies.
Natalie 2QS

I like my Grandparents because when they come over they give us lollies and talk really nicely to me and my brother.
Kassandra, 2QS

My Grandpa’s name is Richard. Every time we go to my Grandpa’s and Grandma’s house they give us jellybeans. Helena 2QS
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Married couples, we encourage you to prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for each other.

Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around catholic values but you don’t need to be catholic to attend. There is no group sharing.

Our weekends in 2012 are: 10-12 August and 12-14 October in Melbourne.

For further information and bookings contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03) 9733 0997 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

CHARLOTTES WEB Production

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.

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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