Dear families,

This week we begin our PEP program, which will run on a Wednesday between 11:30am and 1:00am for six weeks. This is an elective type program and allows the children to learn about and develop skills in an area of their choosing that has particular interest to them. The opportunity to work and problem solve with others in a mixed age group, and the development of language in real life contexts are valuable learning experiences for the children. Thank you to all of the parents and family members who have volunteered to assist with this program.

This Friday our Year 3 and 4 children have a reflection day in preparation for their First Eucharist later in the term. Please keep these children in your prayers at this special time as they prepare to receive this Sacrament.

The NAPLAN assessments in Year 3 and 5 will be conducted on May 15th, 16th and 17th. The national tests will assess student achievement in Literacy and Numeracy. All students at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia will complete the same tests on the same day. Areas tested will include both Literacy and Numeracy.

- Literacy includes: Reading, Writing and Language Conventions (which is spelling, grammar and punctuation).
- Numeracy includes: Number, Algebra, Function and Pattern, Space and Measurement, Chance and Data.

If you have any questions regarding the NAPLAN tests please see your child’s classroom teacher.

Many parents have a Working With Children Card, this is necessary to work with children and assist on excursions. If you wish to obtain one, forms can be obtained from the post office. If you have a current WWCC please make sure you have brought this into the office so we can copy it for our records. If details such as address or phone numbers have changed since obtaining the card please ensure your details are updated by calling 1300 652 879 or visiting the website. www.justice.vic.gov.au/working with children.

Best wishes everyone for a great week

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA FEAST DAY MASS

~ Wednesday May 2 - 9.15am
PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

As you are aware a new-tiered fee structure will be introduced in 2012. However, in 2011 all families were asked to 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

PEP PROGRAM
WILL COMMENCE THIS
WEDNESDAY MAY 2
11.30am - 1.00pm

Donation For PEP Program
If any parents can donate 8 ply wool and 8/4mm knitting needles for our PEP knitting program it would be much appreciated.
Please give them to Mrs Maskell in the Library
Thanking you

Mrs Maskell, Teacher Librarian

Uniform For Sale
Winter tunic—Size 10 (never worn)
Call Sharryn on 9747 3122

Bookclub

Please note that Book Club orders need to be at school by Friday, 11 May. Unfortunately no late orders can be accepted. Please ensure that your child’s name and class are written on the order form and money and form placed into an envelope.
Thank you.

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FEES
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
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Parish Stewardship Please note
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FREE INFORMATION SESSION
on...CHILDREN’S BEHAVIOUR

**Time & Date:**
Monday 7th May. From 11am - 12.30pm.
Tea, coffee and light refreshments served from 10.30am.
Presentations start at 11am sharp.

**Venue & Parking:**
Cambrian Kindergarten
Cambrian Way, Melton 3337
Parking is available directly out the front of the centre.

**Event Registration:**
Register at www.cambrian.eventbrite.com
Numbers are limited, so act fast to avoid disappointment.

**Enquiries:**
Please contact ECMS via community@ecms.org.au
or phone 03 8481 1124.

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**TOPIC: VALUING Boys –**
**Presenter: Greg Gebhart**

**Ages:** Primary and Secondary

**This seminar will cover the following:**
- Ways children use Internet and emerging technologies
- Potential risks for children and young people on line
- Tips to help children and young people on line
- Boy world and the secrets of communicating with boys
- How to promote confidence in young men
- Why shame is toxic to boys and how to use probability goals to avoid it
- How to help competitive boys to cope and thrive in a world where they do not always come first
- How to help non competitive boys to have a go
- Creating happy boys
- Building happy boys

**WHEN:** Tuesday May 8

**WHERE:** St Joseph’s College Newtown (Ref. Mel. Map 451 F4)

Contact: Mrs Shirley O’ Sullivan on 9464 5225 or Shirley@stclaresthomastown.catholic.edu.au

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