Dear Families

On Monday we held the first of our information sessions on Personalised Learning. This session was an opportunity to share the types of activities students are engaged in as well as the reasoning behind this. Many parents attended this session and had the opportunity, to not only hear from staff but, to go on a learning walk around the school to see first hand the children working on a range of tasks and in a range of groupings. This session will be repeated in a fortnights time so I encourage you to attend on Monday, June 4, if you are able to do so. Other sessions will be held throughout the year on a variety of topics.

Last year, staff, parents and children from Year 3-6 had the opportunity to attend sessions on Cyber Safety run by staff from the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). These sessions provided insight into things we can do to maintain safety when online. A parents page on the ACMA cybersmart web page can be accessed at www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx. On this page there are links to videos and other resources to use with your children. A link to the Australian Government's Easy Guide to Socialising Online provides information on ways internet users can protect themselves and their information when socialising online. This is often not what children think about when socialising online, so I encourage all parents to have a look at this site and have a discussion with your children on safe internet use.

Many students bring mobile phones, iPods and other electrical devices to school. Students should not have these items on them, or in their bags, throughout the day. All phones, iPods and electrical devices are to be handed in at the office in the morning where they will be kept in labelled containers and locked away. Items can be collected from there at the end of the day. These items are best left at home unless your child needs them to contact you after school.

Best wishes everyone for a great week.

Carmel Marantelli
Principal
Budget Updates

Recently the Victorian and Federal Governments have made their budget announcements. Outlined below are some of the items from these budgets which may affect you. For more clarification refer to the budget announcements.

Education Maintenance Allowance
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) will be restructured from 2013 and result in an increase in the payment provided directly to families. EMA payments to parents will increase from:

- $117.50 to $200 for parents of eligible Prep students
- $117.50 to $150 for parents of all other eligible primary school students
- $235 to $300 for parents of eligible Year 7 students
- $235 to $250 for parents of all other eligible secondary school students up to the age of 16.

School Start Bonus
The School Start Bonus will be discontinued.

Education Tax Refund
The Education Tax Refund (ETR) will be replaced by the Schoolkids Bonus, which provides a guaranteed upfront payment to support eligible families with the costs of their children’s education. To be eligible for the ETR, parents must be eligible for the Family Tax Benefit Part A. Each year, eligible families will receive:

- $410 for each child in primary school
- $820 for each child in secondary school.

Parents will no longer be required to keep records of purchases in the twice a year payment, made before the start of Term 1 and Term 3. Legislation has been passed to enable a June payment for the commencement of the program for Term 3, 2012.

Family Tax Benefit Part A – change to age of eligibility
Eligibility will change from 1 January 2013, with the benefit focusing on families with children who are at school. The definition of a dependant will be limited to young people under 18 years of age or, where a young person remains in secondary school, the end of the calendar year in which they turn 19.

Uniform News
Long sleeved polo tops are now available for purchase at the uniform shop.
Opening Hours:
Monday & Wednesday 8.30am - 9.00am
Elftpos facility is not available

Prep Enrolments for 2013 are now open – please pick up an enrolment form and Information Pack from the School Office.
There will be an Open Morning for our 2013 Prep enrolments on Wednesday, May 23, 2012. Please come to the front office where tours will commence.

The Book Fair will be here from Monday 25th until Thursday 29th of June. The Book Fair will be open during Parent / Student / Teacher Interviews for purchasing items.
Thank you.
Parent Faith Development Evening

Tomorrow Wednesday, May 23rd there is a Parent Faith Development Evening for all parents of children receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time.

This session will be held at St Dominic’s Worship Centre and will run for approximately 1 hour. This session will commence at 7.30pm.

Fr Chris Toms will present the session and lead us on this evening.

This session is for parents only, children receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist are not expected to attend this session.

Mrs Anderson
RE Coordinator

School Fees

Term 1 Fees

The Term 1 fee of $250 are 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 Fees

Term 2 fees are now overdue - $700.00 (higher school fees)
$400.00 \ were 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.

Statements went home last week.

INTERSCCHOOL SPORTS
~ Round 1, Friday, May 25
St Catherine’s v Melton West
at Blackwood Drive 12.00pm - 2.00pm

There will be No Football this week

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

The school has registered with Woolworths for the Earn & Learn Program.
For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a sticker.
When the chart is full just pop it into the box in the
School Reception area.
Thank you for your support

Family Challenge

Well done to everyone who entered the code breaker challenge last week and congratulations to all of those who won a prize.
Get together as a family and have a go at solving these puzzles, all correct entries will go into a draw at the end of term. Good Luck!!

Prep - Year 2

Can you colour the balloons with these clues?
There are more yellow than any other colour.
There are the least green balloons.
There are 4 red balloons.
There is 1 more blue balloon than green balloons

Year 3-6

Can you move just 3 of these coins so that the triangle is flipped upside down and now looks like this? 

Draw a cross on the ones you moved and, with an arrow, show their new place.

Canteen Roster

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Uniforms for Sale

Summer dresses– Size 6,8,10
Winter Skirt– Size 12
School Jumpers– Size 6,8,10,12
Navy Skort– Size 10
Girls Pants-Size 6,10
Short Sleeve Polo– Size 6,10
Long Sleeve Polo– Size 6,8
1x School Bag
Contact Natalie– 0417 377 596

Notes:
- Term 2 statement.
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MAY**

**Wednesday, 23rd**
- PEP program 11.30am -1.00pm
- Open Morning for Prep Enrolments for 2013
- Parent Faith Development Evening - 7:30pm at St Dominic’s Worship Centre

**JUNE**

**Saturday, 2nd**
- Sacrament of Eucharist - 1:00pm & 3:00pm at St Catherine of Siena in the School Hall

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**FAMILY CARE SISTERS**

69 Alto Ave. Croydon. 3136
Phone: 03 9723 679
Email: resthome.familycare@bigpond.com

The Family Care Sisters facility at Croydon, offers holistic care to all women (aged 20-69 yrs.) who are in need of a peaceful environment, ‘time out’, support or nurturing. Our weekly (residential) program offers time for rest and relaxation, as well as group sessions on topics such as ‘relaxation’, ‘well-being’, ‘self-awareness’, ‘coming home’. Special weeks, called “Focus” weeks are also offered through the year.

Suggested cost: $30 per day.

For further information or to book in: contact us on 9723 6797.

Web: www.familycaresisters.com.au

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**MPSSA BASKETBALL CLINIC!**

The MPSSA Basketball Clinic is back for 2012! With a new format, structure and experience for boys and girls wanting to learn how to play basketball!

We have begun sessions for this year, however you are welcome to join at any time. The clinic is continuous so you may come along and sign up on any Friday. Then once you have mastered the basic skills, we can help you join a club and move into our Saturday Junior Domestic Competition!

The aim of our clinic is to teach the basic rules and fundamental skills of basketball in a fun and safe environment.

Children can then progress into a team competing in our Saturday Domestic Competition!

The clinic will run each Friday, except for school and public holidays.

**Melton Indoor Rec Centre**- 159 Coburns Rd, Melton

- 4:00PM- Preps
- 4:40PM- Grade 1 & 2
- 5:20PM- Grade 3 & 4

$4 per session

All equipment and coaching provided. Wear non-marking runners and comfortable clothing.

Registrations can be completed at your first session.

For more information please contact Melton Basketball on 9747 0980 or email admin@meltonbasketball.com.au

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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 this 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