Dear Families

Last week our Year 5/6 students attended camp at Phillip Island. They had the opportunity to participate in a range of activities such as the giant swing, flying fox, seeing the Fairy Penguins and feeding the pelicans at San Remo. Many of the children had not experienced these activities before so it was a wonderful time for them. Not only did the children have a great time but they represented the school beautifully. It was terrific to see the way in which they encouraged each other to try all of the activities and give everything a go. Thank you to all of the staff who organised and attended camp enabling this to be such a success. Thank you also to all of the staff who stayed behind to make sure that the routines of school continued for the rest of the students.

On Friday, 31st August we have our school Sports Day. So that we can start the day promptly we ask that on the day children are dropped off at the athletic track rather than school. For those parents unable to do this or for those children who will be at before school care we will organise a bus to take the children to the track. So that we can make arrangements for these children we require numbers of children who need to be bussed to the track. Last week Mr Sage sent home information about sports day with forms to be completed, if your child will be bussed to the track please complete and return the form to school. We would love to see you there on the day to cheer, support and assist, so please keep this day free. If you are able to help out with activities on the day please complete that part of the form and return it to school.

On Thursday this week we have our Art Show, this will be held in the foyer and senior rooms. This is an opportunity to showcase the range of art and construction activities the children engage in, in both Visual Art and the PEP program. We have also changed the art work displayed around the school so your child’s art work could also be hung in the corridors. The Art Show will run between 4:00pm - 6:30pm and tea and coffee will be available from the foyer during this time, although we ask that you not take it into the classrooms. Thank you to Ms Sharni O’Leary who has organised this event for us this year.

Parking is difficult during the building of the Church. When parking in the streets around the school please be mindful not to park on nature strips and garden beds of those living in the surrounding streets. Cars should only be parked on the road curb.

Last week a random selection of families were asked to participate in a school survey. If you received this request please complete the attached form and return it to school by the end of this week so that we can organise this survey to be sent out.

Best wishes everyone for a great week.

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL
CLASS NEWS

In 3UV we have been working on our Personal Investigations [PI] they are about Creepers, Critters and Creators. We choose a topic that we are interested in learning about and research it. All of our Reading, Writing and Maths activities are related to our PI topic. This term we are presenting our research orally in groups.

I am learning about Australian animals, I have found out that there are no Australian animals on the $2 coin. – Josh P

I am looking at the differences between ladybugs and butterflies. I have learnt that not every ladybug has spots on their backs.
– Dakota W

My topic is about worms and I have found out that worms have between 1 and 5 hearts. Today we found out that one of my worms is pregnant. – Sianna C

My topic is about Dingoes and I learnt that Dingoes were brought to Australia by Asian safaris. – Taylor B
School Fees
3rd instalment of school fees are now overdue, please make arrangements to pay these fees as soon as possible.
We have many convenient ways in which you can pay ~ Eftpos, cash, cheque, direct debit, direct credit, Bpay or Centrepay.
If you have any queries about your account please contact Lisa in the Office.
If you are experiencing difficulty paying school fees please make an appointment at the Office to see Carmel Marantelli or Fr Michael on 9743 6515 to discuss your situation.

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.
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.

ART SHOW
TOMORROW
Thursday 16th August
Between: 4.00pm - 6.30pm
Where: Throughout main building
Come and enjoy a night looking at Art work from children across the school. Parents are encouraged to come between 4.00pm and 6.30pm to have a quick look at our Art Show. This will be a great event to acknowledge all of the work that is done in Art throughout the year!!!

Lost Property
On Grandparents day a rectangle white china plate with a blue pattern was left behind in the Foyer. If this belongs to anybody you know, can you please ask them to claim it from the Office.

TRIVIA NIGHT
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
SATURDAY 25th August
7pm for 7.30pm start
School Hall
PRIZES
GAMES
AFFLES
FUN & LAUGHTER
REGISTRATION FORM (Must be 12 years & over to attend)
Please complete the booking form & return it to St Catherine of Siena by Friday 10th August 2012.
Registration Form and Money for tickets are to be placed in a clearly marked envelope.
FAMILY NAME
NO OF TICKETS @ $15 EACH
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSSED
PHONE
TICKETS TO BE SENT HOME WITH:
ELDEST CHILD’S NAME
CLASS
PARENT/GAURDIAN TO COLLECT FROM SCHOOL OFFICE: YES/NO (PLEASE CIRCLE)
Spacer Use in Schools/Preschools: Advice for Parents & Carers

As of the 1st July 2012, schools and preschools in Victoria will be implementing a new policy in regards to single person spacer use.

This means that schools and preschools will no longer be able to wash, sterilise and re-use spacers and face masks from their asthma emergency kits when assisting students and children with asthma symptoms.

Spacers should always be used when administering reliever ‘puffer’ medication because:
* Using a spacer with a ‘puffer’ ensures that more medication reaches the airways
* Spacers are much easier for children to use than a ‘puffer’ alone, and allows school and preschool staff to help students/children during an asthma attack, often in an emergency situation
* Spacers are an essential part of the Asthma First Aid procedure that Victorian schools/preschools are instructed to follow

Asthma first aid kits should only ever be used as a back-up for when a child with asthma does not have their own spacer available, or if it is a first asthma attack or the cause of breathing difficulty is unknown. Your child’s school/preschool may implement a policy where parents/carers are responsible for the cost of the spacer if one must be used from the asthma emergency kit.

Even if your child has mild asthma, it is essential that their medication and spacer (and a compatible face mask if under 5 years old) is always available to school/preschool staff. To ensure that a spacer is not left at home, we would recommend that parents/carers purchase a second spacer for their child to have with them at school/preschool at all times if possible.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130

or email schools@asthma.org.au

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 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