**Reflection - Fathers**

God our Father, bless all the fathers in the world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be a father like you are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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**Dear Families**

As the busyness of our every day continues a very important event is taking place right before us. It is not often that we are part of a community where a Church is being built. Most often we live in an established community with a Church already very much a part of the fabric of our lives. This is not the case for us now. For many years the community of St Dominic’s Parish have worshipped in a building that was never intended to be a Church. A Church is central to our community, it is a place of worship, a place of gathering, a place of celebration and a place of grieving. It is a place where we come together in our frailty, our vulnerability and our confusion, for nourishment, guidance and renewal. It is a place where, in the company of the community we gain support and encouragement.

After many years of planning, the construction of our Church has begun and nearly every day we can observe the changes taking place on the site.

Last week the bell was mounted on the top section of the bell tower and we were able to hold a ceremony to bless the bell prior to it being lifted in place on top of the Church roof. It was cast in France and polished and prepared for assembly in South Australia. The bell is tuned to the note G and is engraved with St Catherine of Siena. At some stage over the coming week the bell is due to be placed on top of the Church roof. Due to the stage of construction we will no longer have access to the Gathering Space for Wednesday 9:15am Mass so this will now be celebrated at St Dominic’s.

Thank you to all of the parents on the Parents and Friends committee who organised our Trivia Night which was held over the weekend. It was a wonderful night with lots of fun and laughter. Thanks also to all of the parents and families who supported this event. A special thank you to all of the businesses from within our school community as well as those in the broader Melton area who also supported this event.

On Friday, 31st August we have our school Sports Day at Melton South Little Athletics Track. 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 the form that was sent home and return it to school. Children are to wear their sports uniform on the day with a t-shirt or a ribbon in their team colour instead of their usual sports top.

This Sunday we celebrate Father’s Day. Best wishes to all the dads and their families for a lovely day.

Best wishes everyone for a great week.

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Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL
SPORTS DAY

This Friday, August 31 is our school sports day. We hope to get as many supporters down to watch the students as possible. The events will start at 9.30am at Melton Little Athletics Centre, Northcote St, Melton South. Students have all been put in teams, copies of these teams are with teachers and on the hall window near the taps. Students are asked to wear a t-shirt or ribbon of their house colour.

There is a canteen available but we advise students to bring a packed lunch or parents buy food for students during the events to shorten the queue.

Thank you for all the parent/guardian volunteers. We have had tremendous support for the day, and a lot more helpers than is needed. Parents required will be contacted. Your support is appreciated and welcomed for future school events.

Due to the large amount of students who have booked a place on the bus we are making two bus trips. For this reason we ask students on the bus to be at school before 8.30am. Events will now conclude at 2.20 to allow for time to shuttle those getting the bus back to school.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Once again, the Canteen is asking for Volunteers to help out in the Canteen during term 4.

As the school becomes larger in size, so too does the need for extra volunteers. Where one persons help was enough, we now need two. Also, for any new families wanting to help out, it’s a great way to meet other parents, as well as assisting the school. If you are able to assist on either a Monday, Tuesday or Friday, your help would be greatly appreciated. Rosters are being prepared shortly, so if you are able to assist, please return this slip by this coming Friday August 31. Thank you.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER SLIP

I can assist in the Canteen during Term four on the following days: (Please tick)

MONDAY [ ] TUESDAY [ ] FRIDAY [ ]

Name: ___________________________ Telephone No: ___________________________
School Fees

The 3rd installment of school fees is 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.

Re Enrolments for 2013
Re enrolments forms were sent home last week. These forms need to be returned to school as soon as possible.

FATHER’S DAY STALL
This Thursday, August 30th we will have our Fathers Day Stall.
There are many fantastic gifts available.
Gifts range in price from $1.00 - $5.00.
Please bring along a plastic bag to carry your gifts.

MEDICATION
If medication needs to be administered at school please supply a note, signed by a parent or guardian, with:
- your child’s name,
- name of medication,
- amount to be administered,
- time to give the medication
and provide the medication in the original prescription container.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
This Thursday, August 30 we invite all dads to come to school and have breakfast with their children.
Breakfast is available from 7am.
For catering purposes please return the flyer that went home last week. Flyers are also available from the school office.
We look forward to seeing you this Thursday August 30th.

Lost Scooter
A black scooter with pink handles has gone missing from the bike rack.
If anyone has seen it could you please come and see
Miss Marantelli

Book Club
Scholastic Book Club orders need to be brought back by this Friday August 31.
No late orders can be accepted.
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.

CDF STUDENT BANKING

Thursdays are student banking day.

Deposit books are to be handed in to class or the Office by 9.00am on banking day.

Encourage your child to save by opening up a CDF Student Banking Account.

Application forms are available from the Office.

TOPIC: HELPING CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS MAKE AND KEEP FRIENDS

Presenter: MURRAY EVELY

Ages: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY

Can parents help encourage, teach or coach friendship and social competency skills? This seminar will look at the individual needs of children and adolescents in assisting their friendship development.

Friendship and getting along with other people is an important part of any child’s development. For many children and adolescents, making and keeping friends seems to be quite effortless, but for others it can be a challenge. Whether it be shyness, difficulty relating to others, impulsive behaviour or a specific disability – repeated problems with friendship groups can lead children to feel they have no friends, and to feelings of loneliness, isolation and sadness.

Together we will explore some of the key strategies parents can use to help their child achieve greater success with peer acceptance and in making and keeping friendships.

Thursday September 6 – 7pm-9pm St Charles Borromeo Templestowe
For More Information Contact– Ms Shirley O’Sullivan– 9464 5225

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

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