Dear Families

I hope all of the Dads had a great day last Sunday and were thoroughly spoiled by their families. The children were very excited to have breakfast at school with their Dads and Grandfathers last Thursday and took great care when purchasing their gifts for you from the Father’s Day Stall. Thank you to all of the Mums who worked so hard to purchase, wrap and organise the gifts for the stall. You all do an amazing job.

This time of year seems to be the season for magpies to swoop. This is a behaviour they engage in as a way of protecting their territory from perceived threats. The swooping is particularly prevalent when they have eggs or young in their nests. Usually the swooping occurs over a period of 6 weeks. Many of the students walk through Westlake Park where there is currently a population of magpies. These tips from the Department of Sustainability and Environment may be of interest and use to you. Avoid the area if you can, if not move quickly through the area, cover your head, if practical and most importantly don’t try to scare or frighten the birds as this may exacerbate the situation. Further information can be found at http://www.dse.vic.gov.au.

What a shame that we had to cancel sports day last Friday. We will see about re-scheduling and let you know once we have made arrangements. When we need to alert all parents of decisions on the day we rely on sending an SMS to your mobile phone. If your number has changed please let the school office know so that we can change our records accordingly.

A reminder that on Thursday we have our Mission Fete, a note went home last week with items various classes are collecting. If you have already sent along items we thank you for your support.

A reminder also that on tomorrow, Wednesday, September 5th there will be minimal staff at school. School will still be open for those of you who are unable to make other arrangements for your children.

Best wishes everyone for a great week.

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

### Reflection - Grace

Grace is always and everywhere available to us. It is only we ourselves who prevent it from transforming us more truly into that image of God in which we were first created. God’s gracious gifts surround us on every side. It is important to remember that grace does not only travel on fine days. On wintry evenings, especially, grace is never far away. By this I mean that very often the greatest strides in holiness are made in the darker happenings of our lives.

- Daniel O’Leary

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Star Gazing

Yesterday the staff at Astronomical Society of Victoria informed us that they are unable to attend the Star Gazing Night. This is very disappointing as this was a date they chose and we were looking forward to clear skies and a night learning about the stars. Sorry for any inconvenience this change has caused.
Funding for Schools

Recently a report reviewing educational funding across Australia was released, it is known as the Gonski review. The Government announced their response to this review earlier this week. To ensure all parties are informed, the Catholic Education Office has released the following details regarding the situation on funding in Catholic Schools.

Prime Minister's Funding Response

- This week the Prime Minister delivered the Australian Government response to the Gonksi Review and outlined worthy aspirations for Australian education.
- The Prime Minister has not given specific details about how funding might change as yet, but has stated that the Australian Government's policy would include some recommendations made in the Gonski report.
- The Gonski Review recommended that all disadvantaged students should be treated equally, with equal funding through loadings. This was a very positive proposal that will help meet the significant needs of disadvantaged students, particularly students with disability.
- However, if adopted, the Gonski Review proposals would be disastrous for some Catholic primary schools. If the proposals were adopted, some Catholic primary schools would have to close and many parents would face big fee increases.
- Any changes to school funding should be about delivering funding increases to schools, not fee increases to parents.
- Catholic education is waiting for more detail on the Australian Government's future funding policy. We will keep you informed on any updates when they become available.

Father’s Day Poems

To My Dad

I love you because you care for me all the time you love me too. I love you for the things you do for me when I want you to help me if I struggle and you spend time with me. You are happy and happy I love you so much because you are my true love Dad.

Love your son, Liam

Poem about my Dad

I love you with my heart it will never break and my love has never broke Dad.

Love your son, Liam

Dad Song

"I love my Dad because he likes to tell me lots of jokes and make me laugh. I love him because he is always kind and takes me in the car and we go to the beach for fun. Dad, love you with all my heart and soul."

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I love you love you love you

Smelly Feet

I had hair day every day Dad all those you have a bad hair days and smelly feet and you love those two things I still love you because we are family. Forever and ever.

Dad

Poem about my Dad

I love you with my heart it will never break and my love has never broke Dad.

Love your son, Liam

Dad
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.

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.

Lost Property

A number of students have lost their school jumpers with their names on them, parents could you please check your child's jumper to ensure they have their correct jumper. If you have a jumper that belongs to another student can you please return it to school.

Have You Lost This Bike?............

This push bike was left in the Foyer, if it belongs to anybody could you please let the office know in order to claim it.

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 to the Office. 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: ________________________
Djerriwarrh Health Services operates a public school dental service, which is currently located at Melton Health, 195-209 Barries Rd, Melton West.

Children from preschool 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