Dear Families

What a wonderful afternoon we had last week for the Mission Fete. The children had worked hard to organise stalls for their class and everyone had a great afternoon visiting the various stalls, playing a variety of games and raising money which will be donated to Caritas Australia, an organisation within the Catholic Church which assist those most at risk both in Australia and overseas.

In one afternoon we raised $705.30, this was a fantastic achievement. Thank you so much to all of the children for supporting this event and to all of the families who donated items, we greatly appreciate your support.

Thank you to all of the families who helped collect the Coles and Woolworths vouchers. We received thousands of vouchers and now have the happy task of totalling them up and ordering the equipment with them.

Over recent weeks cyber safety has once again been prominent in the media. Social networking sites are very much a part of popular culture and can be an effective tool for remaining in touch with family and friends. The events over recent weeks are a timely reminder that we need to ensure that our children have the tools to use these technologies appropriately. Michael Grose, director of Parenting Ideas, has the following tips for helping to keep both children and ourselves safe when online. 1. Respect others, be aware that what you send can offend, 2. Think before you send, 3. Treat online passwords like your house key, 4. Block bullies or those who send inappropriate messages, 5. Don’t respond to inappropriate messages, 6. Save evidence, 7. Tell someone when you receive inappropriate messages. More information on cyber safety can be found at the Australian Communication and Media Authority website - http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx

Best wishes everyone for a great week.

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL
Final Call for Re-Enrolments for 2013

Re-enrolments forms have been sent home and we are waiting on a number of forms to be returned.

Could all parents/guardians please ensure to return these forms to School by tomorrow, Wednesday, September 12 or contact the Office staff to let them know of your child/ren’s return status.

Education Funding Review

As part of the recent recommendations regarding education funding the Prime Minister has said that the government would adopt the recommendations of the Gonski review with regards to those children with special needs. This appears to be a very positive outcome for Catholic school communities, and will help meet the significant needs of disadvantaged students. The Catholic Education Office has released the information below as an insight into funding for students with special needs.

Getting funding right for special needs students

- Governments have never funded students with special needs in Catholic schools in the same way they fund students with the same needs in government schools.
- This is despite more and more families with Indigenous, poor or refugee backgrounds, or with children with disabilities, choosing to send their children to a Catholic school.
- As part of their social justice mission, Catholic school communities welcome these students; despite the small amount of funding they receive to support them.
- Government funding for Catholic students with special needs often falls short of what students with special needs require.
- It’s about time governments fund students equally, based on their needs, and not the school they attend.

Footy Colours Day

Gold Coin Donation

Come and join us on the Friday, September 21 wearing your footy colours to participate in our Footy Colours Parade. Show your support to those with cancer and also those involved with the Fight Cancer Foundation by donating a gold coin.

Organised by the SRC Fundraising Group

St Catherine of Siena School Disco

WHEN: Thursday, September 20

WHERE: School Hall

TIME: Session 1 Preps – Yr 3 between 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Session 2 Yrs 3 - 6 between 6.45pm - 8.15pm

Note: Yr 3 students can choose either session but not both

Children will be supplied with a drink & packet of chips

Glow sticks, $1 each will be available to buy on night

Pre– Payment is essential - tickets will be issued for entry
School Fees

The 3rd instalment 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.

LOST PROPERTY

Recently a number of students have lost their school jumpers, these jumpers have the children’s name on them. Parents please check your child’s jumper to ensure they have their correct jumper. If you have a jumper that belongs to another student please return it to school.

Have You Lost This Bike?............
This push bike was left in the Foyer, if it belongs to you could you please let office staff know in order to claim it.

Sunglasses ~ two pairs of sunglasses have been handed into the Office.
These are 1 pink framed - The Eye Wear Company and 1 brown framed - in a Jasper Conran box.

Please contact the Office to claim these.

** 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.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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WE NEED CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS - CAN YOU ASSIST?

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: _______________________
TRIVIA NIGHT
Hosted by
Knights of the Southern Cross
&
St Dominic’s Primary School
Will be held on Friday 19th October at 7.30pm in the Worship Centre.
Cost is $15 per person or $25 per couple.
All enquiries to Michael Laffin on 0417 522 864 or the Parish Office 9743 6515.

CARBOOT SALE
Saturday 13th October from 8am to 12 Noon in the grounds of St Dominic’s Primary School, Church Street, Melton
Stall Holders wanted, $15 a Stall. Set up from 7.30am
“Remember your trash may be someone’s treasure”
Sausage Sizzle & Refreshments available.
All enquiries to Trevor Tully on 9743 6541 or the Parish Office 9743 6515.

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

PARENTING WORKSHOPS
TOPIC: Positive Parenting
– Understanding Mental Health
Presenter: Terese Sheedy
Ages: Primary and Secondary
Date: Thursday, September 20, 7pm - 9pm
Venue: Salesian College, Sunbury
Mel Ref: 382 E4

This workshop focuses understanding child developmental stages, building optimistic thinking and using strengths to build self-efficiency and self-worth. Early experiences and modelling can highly influence a child’s development and sense of self. Good mental health is essential in preventing the onset of mental health issues such as depression and anxiety.
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
For more information contact Ms Shirley O’Sullivan on 9464 5225

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

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ARE YOU EX NAVY, ARMY, OR AIR FORCE?
Then Carry On (Victoria) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria.
If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2013, please telephone Carry On on (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.

Carry On (Victoria) assists Secondary School students in Years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc. For those students going on to Tertiary Education a grant may also be available.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may apply. All grants are income tested and the closing date for applications is 23 October 2012.