From the Principal’s Desk:

Pope Francis
Last week the announcement that Argentina’s Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio is the new Leader of the Catholic Church has been met with hope for many Catholics in the world. In his first few days as Leader, Pope Francis has displayed humility with an emphasis on the poor. We hope that he leads much anticipated change in the Catholic Church in the twenty first century.

Year 3 First Eucharist Night
On Tuesday 14th March we celebrated a First Eucharist night with parents and children who are making their First Eucharist in May. Thank you to Claire O’Dowd and Bernadette Milne who organised the evening and Therese John and Simon Raines who are preparing the children for their First Eucharist. It was lovely to be joined by two extra children from the parish, Ted Perton and Eliza Motion (and their parents) on the night.

Contemporary Learning in a Catholic School Project
The second day of professional learning enabled us to reflect on the Ben Willikens picture of the Last Supper (below).
Using this picture as a metaphor enabled each person to reflect on – “How does Williken’s picture guide you to think about aspirations for learners within your school”? This was a very insightful session which enabled us to think broader in the context of the Catholic School. In the program each school is asked to nominate an emphasis within the school for the year. From Term 2, Our Inquiry Units will have an extra Catholic dimension added to them. I will keep you informed as to what this extra dimension looks like.

**Divisional Swimming Carnival**
Congratulations to Alessio Macali, Eva Hamilton and Alex Panek-Hudson who represented St Mary’s at the Divisional Swimming Competition on Friday 8th March.

**Easter Celebrations /School Assembly**
The next two school assemblies on Monday 18th March and Monday 25th March are replaced by Easter celebrations. Today we celebrate a paraliturgy on Palm Sunday and next Monday we will celebrate a paraliturgy on Good Friday. Both of these celebrations will be held in the church. This Friday we will be celebrating Holy Thursday with a Paraliturgy in the Church commencing at 2.45pm. All parents are welcome to join us for these celebrations.

**Presentation College Windsor (PCW)**
The Year 6 girls attended the PCW 140th Anniversary Welcome Mass on Tuesday 12th March. Everyone attending the Mass received a commemorative badge which many of the girls are still wearing. It was a wonderful Mass, highlighted by the singing by the school choir and the re-enactment of the Presentation Nuns agreeing to move to Australia from Ireland.

**St Patrick’s Day Mass**
Last Thursday some of our Year 6 Leaders represented the school at the St Patrick’s Day Mass. Congratulations to Jarrod Daniels, Lucia Zimbardi (School Captains), Laura Smith, James Henderson (Vice Captains), Grace Boyd-Quinn, Isabella Aban (Education in Faith Leaders), Lim Nguyen, Nicole Vasilev and India Nash (Student Well Being Leaders) who demonstrated exemplary behaviour at the Mass and the concert afterwards.

**Easter and Term 1 Holidays**
School concludes at 1.00pm on Thursday 28th March for the Easter and Term 1 holiday’s. I hope you have a wonderful Easter and a very relaxing holiday. School recommences at 8.55am on Monday 15th April for Term 2.

I hope you have an enjoyable week.

Gerard Lewis
Principal

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**ENROLMENTS FOR 2014**
We are currently taking enrolments for next year. If you have a family member who is scheduled to start next year please come to the office and obtain an Enrolment Form or download it from our website, as places are filling up quickly and numbers are limited.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS - Tuesday 26th March**
Please remember to return your photo order envelope by this Friday 22nd March. We ask that the children wear their correct school SUMMER UNIFORM - no coloured ribbons or socks. Girls navy socks and boys grey socks are the uniform colour. Family portrait envelopes can be collected at the office.

**WINTER UNIFORMS**
All children are to be wearing winter uniform by Monday 29th April. Hats do not have to be worn then. The Winter Tunic (T005) and long grey pants are available from Primary School Wear at 15 Mills Street, Cheltenham – 9583 3287. **Note** School Jumpers are purchased at the school on Thursdays between 9:40am – 9:00am and 3:00pm to 3:20pm.

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**Skivvies** can be purchased at SKS Leisurewear, 10a Simpson Street, Moorabbin 9555 7855 or Online at Blank Clothing [www.blankclothing.com.au](http://www.blankclothing.com.au) / Kids - long-sleeve-roll-neck-skivvies
**SCHOOL FEES**
Thank you to those who have promptly paid fees. The Term 1 fees are overdue. Please arrange for payment if you have not already done so. Parents paying by instalments need to remember their payment dates; the office cannot be responsible for remembering everyone’s payment dates.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
Thanks to all those students who have enrolled in the Challenge. We have over 100 students who are ready to read up to 30 books to meet the Challenge. You will receive your information, log in and passwords to commence your recording by the 20th March. You can start recording any books you read from now on, on a notepaper till you receive your login details. If you have any questions please come and see me.

**Library Classes**
Each Grade has been enjoying their library classes. They have been researching various authors and completing many activities. You are very welcome to come in and see their work in the last week of Term either before or after school. They have worked very hard and would love you to see what they have achieved.

**Library Helpers**
I am looking for some help with book covering and library organisation. If you are free for a half an hour or more to help in the library with shelving, or would like to take some books home to cover please see me. We will be holding a book covering day on Wednesday 20th March between 2:30pm to 3:30pm in the Berchmans Centre. Love to see you there!

**Library Blinds**
The library is now very cool with the addition of blinds. We can now enjoy our time in the library without the hot sun making it difficult to work. The blinds are also great protection for the library from sun damage. Many thanks to Mr Lewis for arranging these blinds.

**Chess Club**
Chess Club will commence in Term 2. All children from Years 1 to 6 are invited to join the club. More news will follow.

**STUDENT WELLBEING**

**The Benefits of the Woolworths ‘earn and learn’ program**
We have just received $3,888 worth of mathematics equipment and listening posts for our twelve classrooms. Thank you for all your support.

**Ride 2 School Day and Harmony Day**
We will celebrate these two special events on 22nd March.
National Ride2School Day is on the 22nd March. This day encourages students and their families to leave the car at home and get a taste of the benefits, ease and fun involved in choosing to walk and wheel to school. There will be raffle tickets given out at the gate for children who participate and some great prizes will be raffled. Children have been encouraged to enter a poster competition to advertise the day. This will be judged by the committee from Ride2School. Good luck to everyone.

**Harmony Day**
Is also on this day. The children are encouraged to wear a touch of orange as an expression of friendship. We will all sit together for lunch and one representative from each class will read their piece of writing on the theme ‘Many stories-One Australia’. All children will be offered an icy pole to celebrate Ride2school & Harmony Day; if you have a concern about this please let your class teacher know.

Anna Borella (Librarian)
ST MARY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDING FUND UPDATE – MARCH 2013

It is with much thanks that we acknowledge the contributions that have been made to the St. Mary's School Building Fund. The balance of the fund is $12,689.

We are on the way to our annual target of $30,000. This is a significant amount of money that is now, not being taken out of the school's general budget, thereby enhancing the school's ability to fund other necessary programmes and projects – such as support teachers, teacher aides and other resources.

It is worth remembering that this is an on-going requirement and when we are organising ourselves to pay school fees it is an opportune time to consider the contribution to the school building fund that we are able to make. To make an ongoing commitment easier to manage, we are providing an automatic payment facility. To take advantage of this, please complete the insert form and return it to the office at your earliest convenience. This commitment may be cancelled at any time, should you desire to do so.

LOST PROPERTY
Please go through the basket to see if any of your child’s missing items of clothing are there.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
Forms can be collected at the office foyer.

LEADERS NEWSLETTER

In Year 6 we have been very busy this term. Firstly, we began our year with ‘Camp Rumbug’
Year 5 and 6 travelled to Wilsons Promontory and Foster for three days of mud, sweat and tears of joy. We canoed, capsized, abseiled, learnt archery, hiked and conquered our fears of the giant swing! The adventure bridge was muddy but awesome. The bridge was part of a huge obstacle course that we all participated in. Under the bridge was a mud pit…so by the end of the course almost everyone was covered in mud! We learnt many life skills like teamwork, having a go even if you’re scared, resilience and persistence. All of this gave us self-confidence.

Since Week 3 we have been attending swimming lessons at Christian Brothers College (CBC). Some of our class, competed in the Holt District Swimming Carnival at Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC). Alessio went on to compete in the District Swimming Carnival. Well Done Alessio! Next came the Welcome Mass. At this whole school celebration, Father Moran blessed and we received our leadership badges. This was a special time for us as Miss Crispin read out our names and Mr Lewis gave us the badges we wear today.

One of the privileges of being in Year 6 is that we have the opportunity of helping, supporting and working with the new Prep children that have just started at St. Mary’s. We have Buddy Reading Time each week, share our Recess time with them and work with them to complete an art activity. It is a time when we can help the new children settle into the school.

On Tuesday, the Year 6 girls went with Ms Robertson and Mr Lewis to help celebrate the 140th year of Presentation College Windsor (PCW). The Presentation College Windsor with representatives from CBC, Father Moran and us all gathered together to celebrate a special Mass. Natasha and Therese presented the St. Mary’s banner to the PCW community at the beginning of the Mass. The PCW choir were amazing. The voices and music were beautiful. After the Mass, the PCW community handed out commemorative badges highlighting 140 years. We wear them proudly on our uniforms.

The School Captains, Vice Captains, Education in Faith Leaders and the Student Wellbeing Leaders went to St. Patrick’s Cathedral to celebrate the St. Patrick’s Day Mass. Archbishop Hart and Bishop Elliot joined with other priests, Principals and schools in Melbourne to bless the year ahead, inspire strong leadership in our schools like St. Patrick and to welcome the announcement of the new Pope, Pope
Francis. After the Mass, there was a party where ‘Code One ’who were members of the Victorian police force played all our favourite songs. It was a great day.

As you can read, we have had an exciting first term and we are looking forward to next term with great anticipation!

R.E NEWS - Project Compassion 2013

Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice. Donation boxes can be found on the prayer table in every classroom and in the entrance foyer. You can also donate online via the website at www.caritas.org.au

The story of Bernard. Project Compassion, Week 5
Bernard lives in Australia. When Bernard was little, he lived with his mum. He loved his mum very much but his dad was never there. As Bernard grew older he missed his dad even more. He became sad and angry. One day Bernard became ill and was taken to hospital. Bernard’s dad heard and came to visit him. It was the first time Bernard had ever seen his dad. He was not sure how he felt. Then Bernard met Tom who works with a group called ‘Red Dust Healing’, supported by Caritas Australia. Tom helps people, especially Aboriginal people, who feel sad or angry. Tom spent lots of time with Bernard. He helped Bernard to understand his feelings and to forgive his dad for not being there when Bernard was growing up. Now Bernard and his dad are good friends. Bernard has his own little girl and says he will make sure he is always there to help her.

The story of Rollen. Project Compassion, Week 6
Rollen lives in a small village called Kerenga in Papua New Guinea. She lives with her mother and two brothers. When she was little, life was hard for Rollen. She did not go to school. Instead, she looked after goats. She also helped to pull up wild cane roots so that her family could grow food on the land. Sometimes her hands would be covered in blisters. Rollen decided that she wanted to go to school. The head teacher gave her a pencil and exercise book and let her attend primary school. But children in Papua New Guinea have to pay for school after Year 8, and Rollen had no money. Soon after, Rollen met Caritas Australia’s partners called ‘Mercy Works’. They supported Rollen so she was able to study until Year 10. After that, they helped her to train in Tourism and Hospitality. Mercy Works also showed her how to spend money carefully so that she would have enough to last. Now Rollen has a job at a hotel. She says nothing is impossible!

Please put your compassion into action this Lent by supporting the Project Compassion 2013 appeal.
Extend OSHC at St Mary’s - Primary School

**Early Release last day of Term – 28th March**

Please note After School Care will be available on the last day of term, Thursday 28 March from 1.00pm.

This will be charged as a separate session to the regular After School Care session, so parents have the option to book their child(ren) in for the Early Release session ONLY, or both the Early Release session and regular After School Care session.

Please contact our office to book or to find out what your out of pocket expense will be.

**ONLINE BOOKINGS:** extend.com.au

**CALL OUR OFFICE:** 1300 366 437
ST MARY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDING FUND
214 DANFENONG ROAD, ST KILDA EAST VIC 3183
PH: (03) 9510 7420

Direct Debit Request (DDR)

We request and authorise St Mary’s Primary School St Kilda East, User ID 444361 to arrange, through its own financial institution, to debit funds from my/our nominated account at the financial institution shown below according to the details specified.

Name(s) or Company Name and ABN/ARBN:

Address: ..................................................................................................................

Postcode ..........................................

Telephone: ............................................. Facsimile: .............................................

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Please deduct money from my/your Financial Institution account:

This debit will be made through the Bulk Electronic Clearing System (BECS) from your account held at the financial institution you have nominated below and will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Direct Debit Request Service Agreement.

Name of Bank Account: ..........................................................

BSB Number: ............................................. Account Number: .............................................

Please debit $…………………… from the above account each:

Week ☐ Fortnight ☐ Month ☐ Commencing on: ____/____/____

Signature(s): ..........................................................

Date signed: ____/____/____

(To be signed by both parties for joint accounts. If signing for a Company, sign and print full name and capacity for signing eg. Director.)

Direct Debit Request (DDR) Service Agreement

Our commitment to you

This document outlines our service commitment to you, in respect of the Direct Debit Request (DDR) arrangements made between St Mary’s Primary School St Kilda East (User ID 444361) and you. Direct Debit arrangements pertain to requests to deduct money from your financial institution account. The agreement is designed to explain what your obligations are when undertaking a Direct Debit arrangement with us, and also details what our obligations are to you as your Direct Debit Provider.

We recommend you keep this agreement in a safe place for future reference. It forms part of the terms and conditions of your Direct Debit Request (DDR) and should be read in conjunction with your DDR form.

Drawing arrangements

- The first drawing under this Direct Debit arrangement will occur on the nominated date.
- We will only arrange for funds to be debited from your account as authorised in the Direct Debit Request.
- If the due date falls on a day that is not a banking day, we may direct your financial institution to debit your account on the following banking day.
- We may vary any details of this agreement or a Direct Debit Request at any time by giving you at least fourteen (14) days written notice to the address you have given us in the Direct Debit Request.
- We will keep any information (including your account details) in your Direct Debit Request confidential. We will make reasonable efforts to keep any such information that we have about you secure and to ensure that any of our employees or agents who have access to information about you do not make any unauthorised use, modification, reproduction or disclosure of that information.
- We will only disclose information that we have about you to the extent specifically required by law, or for the purposes of this agreement (including disclosing information in connection with any query or claim).

Your rights

Changes to the arrangement

You may change, stop or defer a payment, or terminate this agreement by providing us with at least fourteen (14) days notification by:

- telephoning us on 9510 7420 during business hours;
- writing to: 214 Dandenong Road, St Kilda East; or
- arranging it through your own financial institution.

Enquiries

You may enquire about anything relating to your Direct Debit arrangement by school office 9510 7420.

Disputes

You should check your account statement to verify that the amounts debited from your account are correct.

If you believe that there has been an error in debiting your account, you should notify us directly on 9510 7420 and confirm that notice in writing as soon as possible so that we can resolve your query more quickly. Alternatively you can take it up with your financial institution directly.

If we conclude as a result of our investigations that your account has been incorrectly debited we will respond to your query by arranging for your financial institution to adjust your account (including interest and charges) accordingly. We will also notify you in writing of the amount by which your account has been adjusted.

If we conclude as a result of our investigations that your account has not been incorrectly debited we will respond to your query by providing you with reasons and any evidence for this finding in writing.

Your commitment to us

It is your responsibility to ensure that:

- your nominated account can accept direct debits (your financial institution can confirm this) and
- your account details which you have provided to us are correct by checking them against a recent account statement.

and

- that there are sufficient clear funds available in your account to allow a debit payment to be made in accordance with the Direct Debit Request.
- if there are insufficient clear funds available in your account to meet a debit payment you may be charged a fee and/or interest by your financial institution. You may also incur fees or charges imposed or incurred by us; and you must arrange for the debit payment to be made by another method or arrange for sufficient clear funds to be in your account by an agreed time so that we can process the debit payment.
St Mary’s Parish
208 Dandenong Road, East St Kilda
Tel: 9510 7744 Fax: 9510 5607
email: stmarys_estk@optusnet.com.au
Website: http://home.vicnet.net.au/~stmarys/

Times of Services:
Sunday – Mass 9.00am, 10.30am, 5.30pm
Weekdays – Mass or Morning Prayer 9.15am
Saturday – Mass or Morning Prayer 8.30am
Reconciliation: Saturday - following Prayer or Mass
Adoration of the Lord – Sacred Heart Chapel every Wednesday from 9.45am

17 March 2013

Morning Cuppa in Pottery Room Sundays after 9.00am Mass all welcome.
Thursdays 7.00pm – Legion of Mary.
Second Tuesday of Month 7.30 - 9.00pm – St Vincent De Paul Society - Currently to be in Pottery Room
Pastoral Worker – Bernadette Milne – Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
Bernadette co-ordinates Communion Services for Central Park, Villa O’Neill & Bupa Nursing Homes.

Feastdays
Mon 18 March St Patrick
Tue 19 March St Joseph
Readings
Next Sunday Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-7; Phillipians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56
Hymns
Entrance
9
Kyrie
Gospel Acclamation
2
Pres. of the Gifts
5
Eucharistic Acclamation
Dying You destroyed...
Amen/Lamb of God
M Haugen
Communion
7
Recessional
3
We will be using the Hymn Sheets – Please pick up a copy of the Bell & a Hymn sheet & return the Hymn Sheet at Mass end.

Thanksgiving Rec’d Mar 10 $996 Thankyou

We pray for Irene Chojnowski who died recently and for those whose anniversaries are at this time.
We pray for restored health to Paris Vivani – 7 y.o.

The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves. LENT 2013. Mgr Greg Bennett Vicar General.

“Seeking accommodation – A responsible and trustworthy Catholic woman in her 30’s moving to Melbourne in April, Catherine on 0416 132 844.” See Board

Rosters
Readers
17 March
24 March
9.00am Charlotte Cullity Marie Emmitt
Chris Cullity
Suzan Campbell
10.30am Cecilia Tran Donna Martin
Cathie Maloney Justin Samy
5.30pm Peter Slavinskas Alicia Fraser
Lynda Slavinskas Ollie Loughlin

Ministers assisting with Communion
9.00am Suzanne O’Hara Chloe Williams
10.30am Les Marno Mary Hickman
5.30pm David McNally Carmen Kamus

Welcoming Ministry
9.00am Kath Cassar Pat Mulcahy
10.30am Volunteer Volunteer
5.30pm Volunteer Volunteer

Lent for Families
Parishioners are invited to take Purple Leaflet to reflect on each week of Lent as a family.

Choir Practice St Mary’s Church
This Tuesday 19 March 7pm All welcome.

Holy Week Roster
We still need some Volunteers for the Holy Week Ceremonies. If you can assist please write your name next to “Volunteer” for whichever Ministry or day is convenient. Thankyou!

Penance Service/ Communal Prior to Easter Tuesday 26 March 7.00pm

See Board also Vincent Pallotti Scholarship for Lay Ministry, Holy Land Commissariat – To the People of the Church in Australia on Good Friday 2013, Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students Mercy Connect Project 9326 1895.

Melbourne Bach Choir Presents Mozart Great Mass in C Minor Bach Concert BWV 1 Overture & Air from Orchestral Suite No 3 in D Major All Saints Anglican Church 2 Chapel Street St Kilda East 24 March 3.00pm tickets may be available at the door 0477 087 593

Stewardship Corner: “For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ...” (Philippians 3:8) Learning to detach ourselves from material possessions and seeing them as “rubbish” is an important step in growing closer to Jesus Christ. Then we are able to give more freely and joyfully.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading  Isaiah 43:16-21
Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:
No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.
The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
Will sing when they reap.

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

Second Reading  Philippians 3:8-14
I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh
the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus
my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of
everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish
if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him.
I am no longer trying for perfection
by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from
the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes
through faith in Christ, and is from God and based
on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the
power of his resurrection and to share his
sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death.
That is the way I can hope to take my place in the
resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become
perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still
running, trying to capture the prize for which
Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my
brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already
won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I
strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing
for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us
upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation  Joel 2:12-13
No one lives on bread alone but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.
With all your heart turn to me,
For I am tender and compassionate.
No one lives on bread alone but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.

Gospel  John 8:1-11
Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak
he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the
people came to him, he sat down and began to
Teach them.
The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman
along who had been caught committing adultery;
and making her stand there in full view of
everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this
woman was caught in the very act of committing
adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to
condemn women like this to death by stoning.
What have you to say?' They asked him this as a
test, looking for something to use against him.
But Jesus bent down and started writing on the
ground with his finger. As they persisted with
their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is
one of you who has not sinned let him be the first
to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and
wrote on the ground again. When they heard this
they went away one by one, beginning with the
eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman,
who remained standing there. He looked up and
said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one
condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied.
'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away,
and don't sin any more.'
The Gospel of the Lord.
ASPECT POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT WORKSHOP
For Parents and Carers of Children and Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder
(see eligibility criteria below)

Aspect Victoria is pleased to offer our highly successful, contemporary, evidence-based three (3) day Autism specific Positive Behaviour Support Workshop in the Eastern Region of Victoria.

More than 1200 families have participated in Aspect’s Positive Behaviour Support workshops. Post workshop evaluations showed an effectiveness of the workshops, with participants reporting decreases in challenging behaviours and increases in confidence and capacity to support their children and young adults.

When: Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th & Thursday 28th March 2013
Where: Camberwell Library – Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
340 Camberwell Road, Camberwell, Vic, 3124
Time: 9:30am-2:30pm
(9:15am for Registration)
Cost: FREE (Morning tea included~ participants to bring own lunch)
Register: Online registration at www.autismspectrum.org.au

Eligibility to participate in this Workshop:
- Parents or carers of children and young adults aged between 6 and 25 years, diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- The individual with ASD must be living at home
- Participating families are encouraged to invite professionals or service providers working with them to attend the workshop

Families participating in this workshop will:
- Develop an understanding of autism and how an ASD impacts upon learning and behaviour
- Learn how to be proactive by creating an autism friendly environment at home
- Learn how to write an autism specific behaviour support plan for one of their child’s behaviours
- Learn how to write a plan to respond confidently when challenging behaviour occurs
- Learn how to teach new skills to promote their child’s independence and quality of life

Enquiries:
- Contact Amber Day or Heather Kirkhope
  Phone: 03 9377 6500 or email aday@autismspectrum.org.au

What participants say about Aspect Positive Behaviour Support Workshops:

“Brilliant information and concrete strategies to use, thank you. I have learnt very important self-reflection, being able to step back and really look at and examine behaviour, so valuable. I really value the focus on being positive and improving my child’s, my own and my family’s quality of life. Great workshop – I will highly recommend it to others.”

“Fantastic presentation. Very interactive, affirming & capacity building. Ideas not just discussed but taught how to follow through on.”

“Best information session on Autism I have been to. So much clarity about getting to the core behaviour, unpeeling the onion. Enjoyed all the visuals. Thank you so much.”