From the Principal's Desk:

Opening School Mass
Thank you to all the families who attended yesterday's Opening School Mass at 5:30pm. It was great seeing so many people at the Mass. In emphasising what Fr Barry Moran's spoke about in his homily – "it is important to follow the words and actions of Pope Francis". He is changing many things in the Catholic Church in a very subtle way. Our next Parish Mass will be held on Sunday 23rd March at the 5:30pm Mass. This Mass will be organised by Years Prep – Two.

Start of the School Year
The children have settled into school this year very easily. At school there have been very few tears by our new Prep children. I am confident that this year will be a very rewarding one for all of us.
**Individual Parent Information Meetings – 27th February for Years 1 to 6**

**Joint Prep Parent Information meeting**

This year we will continue with the Individual Parent Information Meetings with each teacher. It will be a great opportunity for you to meet the class teachers and talk about important information on your child/ren. There will be school on this day from 8:55am – 1.00pm. Please note that school will conclude at 1.00pm and the meetings will start at 1:30pm. I am presently negotiating with Extend so that After Care can commence earlier on that day for students who normally attend this program. The Prep Years will not have individual interviews. Instead they will have an Information Session on this evening. It will start at 7:30pm and conclude at 8:30pm.

**School Assembly**

The school assemblies will continue this year at 3.00pm each Monday afternoon. For Semester one, they will be held in the church. All parents are welcome to join us at the start of each week. At today’s assembly the new Student Representative Council (SRCs) for Semester One were presented with their badges. They will have their first SRC meeting this week.

**Years 5 & 6 Camp**

Thankyou to Ruth Crispin, Samantha Malin, Freda Tahtouh, Jane Davy and Jeff Barnes for all their hard work before, during and after the Camp at Sovereign Hill. The children had a great time and certainly enjoyed their experiences attending school in the 1850s.

**Twilight Sports Carnival**

Our normal School Athletics Carnival which is normally held in the morning will this year be held late afternoon so that all members of our Parish School can attend. School will commence at 8:55am on this day and finish at 1:00pm. The children will be able to rest before they come back to school at 4:00pm. The athletics component will conclude at 7:00pm. You are welcome to bring a picnic for dinner and enjoy it from 7:00pm until 8:00pm. We hope that this change of time will allow more people to attend our important sports event. I am presently negotiating with Extend to see whether After Care can commence earlier on that day for students who normally attend this program.

I hope you have an enjoyable week.

*Gerard Lewis*

*Principal*

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**RE NEWS**

Thank you to all the families who attended yesterday’s Welcome Mass, it was wonderful to see you all there. The next time we gather as a faith community will be on Ash Wednesday, 5th March at 9.15am. We hope to see you all there.

*Claire O’Dowd (RE Leader)*

**STUDENT WELLBEING**

Congratulations to our newly elected Student Representative Council Leaders (SRC). Today at assembly the SRC students received their badges. These students will represent their individual classes at SRC meetings. They will be attending their first meeting this Tuesday.

Our members for First Semester are:

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*Therese John (Student Wellbeing Leader)*
ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
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 25th March
Information will go home regarding the school photos next month. 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 next week.

MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)
The form has been sent home via your child for the 1st instalment for this year. This form must be completed and returned no later than Friday 21st February to claim the 1st instalment. Parents who are holders of a current Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Health Care Benefit Card or are a Veterans Affairs (TP1) Pensioner Card or be a foster parent as of the first day of Term 1 (1st February, 2014) are eligible for Education Maintenance Allowance.

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR
We would like to welcome back our experienced School Counsellor, Fiona. She specialises in providing high quality school counselling services that include: self-esteem, bullying challenges, grief & loss due to parental separation and anxiety including a range of other issues that are specifically tailored to our child’s needs. Fiona’s mission is to empower young people with the knowledge and confidence to work through issues in their own lives. Each child can have up to 10 individual sessions as well as 10 group sessions per year with a Mental Health Plan from their GP. This is at NO cost to the families. All members of the family can access these counselling services via the school. Please see Paula Incretolli.

STUDENT BANKING
Student Banking will commence on Thursday 28th February and new members are welcome. Student banking will be processed on the last Thursday of each month with a minimum deposit of $10.00.

BEFORE & AFTERCARE
Our School Care Program is operating again. Forms must be filled out with student’s details before they are able to use this service.

PARENT & FRIENDS COMMITTEE UPDATE NEWS

P & F Mission Statement
Encouraging and strengthening the school community and coordinating social and fund raising events for additional educational resources for our children.

Volunteer Class Representatives for 2014
The Community Leader, Lisa McCarthy, and teachers are working with parents to finalise the Class Representatives and hope to conclude this activity shortly. If you have questions or wish to discuss the class representative role please speak to your child’s class teacher or contact Lisa via email - schoolcommunityleader@smstkildaest.catholic.edu.au. More details on the Class Representative Role can be found on the school’s website located under School Community and then P & F.

P & F Committee Fundraising Goals for 2014
This year, the P & F Committee are aiming to raise $15,000 that will go towards:
1. Purchasing hand held devices (for example iPads, tablets) for students
2. Improving the school’s wireless network to accommodate the hand held devices
3. Supporting the Year 6 Graduation
4. Contributing to the use of the Parish Hall

P & F Calender of Events for Term 1 – February 2014

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To all Year 2 Parents/Guardians: Any support you can offer to your Class Representatives that contributes to its success is always appreciated. Your Class Reps will provide you with more details.
Event: Second Hand Uniform Stall
Organised By: Sharyn Clarke
Where: school on the main campus outside
When: Friday 28th Feb. 8.55am to 9.45am

To all Parents/guardians: in order to give more time for parents/guardians to donate uniforms, the uniform donation date has been extended to the 21st February and the Second Hand Uniform Stall date has changed to the 28th February. Please refer to the email sent out by Erica last week for more details.

P & F Events to look forward to in March 2014
(more detail to come from your Class Representatives):
- First P&F Committee Meeting Thursday 6th March 7:00pm
- Year 1 Easter Egg Raffle ticket sale begins 11th March
- Year 3 Cake Stall 23rd March
- Year 6 Twilight Sports Carnival 28th March (the Year 6 P&F fundraising event TBA)

Extend OSHC at St Mary’s - Primary School

OUR RECAP
We have been busy! We’ve had a tour of our new area and played some fun games for the new students and teachers to get to know each other. The children also enjoyed playing lots of games outside in the warm weather. Last week we painted some self-portraits and made cellophane bags and clothes. The children played a basketball match together and had fun lots of fun outdoors skipping and playing various ball games. As both Janelle and myself have taken over the team leading roles from Debbie this semester, we have been spending extra time getting to know all of the children with some fun getting to know you questions and activities. - Melissa

Next week’s activities:
Monday 17 February: Birthday charts, free choice ball games, tiggy, and card games.
Tuesday 18 February: Free art time and a ball game tournament
Wednesday 19 February: Basket/netball game and getting to know me charts
Thursday 20 February: Collage making and free outdoor time
Friday 21 February: Getting to know me charts, cricket and a chess competition

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

What can parents and carers do to help their child’s asthma at school?
- If your child is self-managing their asthma, or capable of taking their asthma medication independently, ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication (e.g. Ventolin, Asmol, Airomir and Bricanyl) as well as a spacer while at school
- Ensure that you have provided your child’s school/preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan
- Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early symptoms of an asthma attack and check to make sure they are using their reliever medication properly
- Ensure your child will seek help from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms
- Ensure that your child’s asthma is being well managed and that their medication and management is reviewed annually by your GP (this is a good opportunity to also update the Asthma Action Plan required by your child’s school/preschool)

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au

Respiratory experts talk to parents about asthma
Ever wondered what the experts would say about a cure for asthma? Or how to get your teenager to take their medication? If you want to find out the answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about children and asthma, watch The Asthma Foundation’s new video series – available from http://forum.asthma.org.au/

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au
Open Day
Main Campus
11 Westbury St, St Kilda East
Sun 23 Feb 2014, 12.00pm - 3.00pm

Year 9 Campus
295 Carlisle St, Balaclava
* Tour bookings essential

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Visit our website or contact our registrar on 9520 8589
to visit our Open Day or to attend one of our
monthly Talk & Tour events.

Applications for Year 7, 2015 close on 28th Feb
2014, but may be accepted throughout the year
if places are still available.

www.cbcstkilda.com
OPEN DAY
Sunday
23 February 2014
1pm - 4pm

Contact us to discuss enrolments and school tours.
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187 DANDENONG ROAD, WINDSOR, VIC 3181
pcw.vic.edu.au
The program is designed for children with and without experience of playing soccer. We’ll introduce some of the basics of ball skills, team playing and coordination, all in a non-competitive, fun environment. Each session will include basic skills training and a game to enjoy.

WHO: Boys and Girls aged 4 to 7 years
TIME: (3.45pm for) 4pm start - 5pm
DATE: Every Wednesday during Term 1: 19th February - 2nd April 2014 (7 weeks)
LOCATION: Fawkner Park, behind South Yarra Primary School
COST: $10 per session = $70 for the program

For further information please contact:
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Specialised Soccer Training
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aderoune@southyarrasc.com.au
W: www.southyarrasc.com.au
Hear what past Saver Plus participants had to say:

"I've had a huge attitude change towards money."

"The money we saved, plus the matched savings, meant we could buy equipment for my daughter's course that we couldn't have afforded otherwise."

"I was surprised that the workshops were as fun and supportive as they were and I learned a lot more than I anticipated about my attitudes towards money, spending and saving."

"I used the program to teach my son about saving and we worked together to save the monthly amounts towards his laptop for high school."

How do I find out more?

Call or SMS your postcode to 1300 610 355*

email saverplus@bsl.org.au

Read more at www.anz.com/saverplus

*Call costs may apply

1 Terms and Conditions and eligibility apply to Saver Plus. Contact 1300 610 355 for more information. Details correct as of 28/02/13. Rates and fees may change at any time.

2 You should consider if this product is appropriate for you. ANZ recommends that you read the Terms and Conditions before acquiring the product. For more information about the ANZ Progress Saver account please contact ANZ on 13 13 14.

Who is involved?

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society, The Smith Family and other local community agencies.

The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Service and Indigenous Affairs, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants.

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What is Saver Plus?

Saver Plus is a free ten month program that provides financial education, budgeting and savings tips to assist you:

- build your skills around managing money
- become a regular saver
- reach a savings goal

Once you finish the program ANZ will match your savings, up to $500, which goes towards education costs for you or your child including:

- school and sporting uniforms
- computers, tablets and laptops
- TAFE and apprenticeship costs
- sport fees, dance and music lessons
- text books and school stationery
- and much more.

Can I join?

Saver Plus is offered by community organisations in over 60 locations across Australia. You may be eligible to join if you:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 16 years old
- have some regular income from work (yourself or your partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal work, and
- have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

To find out more, contact your local Saver Plus Worker. Call or SMS your postcode to 1300 610 355 or email saverplus@bsl.org.au

How does Saver Plus work?

1. Meet with your Saver Plus Worker

Find out more about Saver Plus and talk about your eligibility. If you join, you will set a savings goal and your Saver Plus Worker will help support you to achieve it.

2. Open your account and save

Open an ANZ Progress Saver account and make regular deposits over ten months towards your savings goal.

3. Attend financial skills workshops

Share and learn money ideas, tips and strategies for budgeting and planning for the future. Run by your Saver Plus Worker, the workshops are fun, free and conveniently located.

4. Receive up to $500 in matched savings

When you reach your savings goal after ten months, ANZ will match your savings dollar for dollar, up to $500, to help pay for education costs for you or your child.
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