From the Principal’s Desk:

**160 Years of Catholic Education in St Kilda**

On Sunday 15th June we will be celebrating 160 Years of Catholic Education in St Kilda with a Parish Mass at 10:30am. The three schools connected to the Parish, Christian Brothers College (CBC), Presentation College Windsor (PCW) and St Mary’s will participate together in this celebration. We extend an invitation for all families to attend this important Mass.

**School Reports**

Mid-Year School Reports will be sent home on Monday 23rd June. There are some changes to the reports for this Term. Whilst the reports will be similar in length to previous reports, the main change is that the specialist teachers will also have a more personalised comment. To further assist with the reporting process we will be having Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday 26th June from 1:30pm – 8:00pm. **Classes on that day will conclude at 1.00pm.** Extend will be open from 1:00pm on this Thursday for students who are enrolled and attend the After Hours School Care.

**Cross Country Beachside Division**

Congratulations to Gigi Maccagnini, Solomon Deng, Amelie Nash and Sebastian Feile who participated in the Beachside Interschool Cross Country Championships last week. Well done to Gigi who won her race.
2014 Schools Short Story Competition
Congratulations to Eleni Zapantis who was recently judged a finalist in the Write 4 Fun Schools Short Story and Poetry competition. Eleni was one of fifteen finalists out of 11, 500 entries.

Car Parking
I have been advised by the Owners Corporation of Ardoch Village Green (situated next door to the school on Dandenong Rd) and the block of flats next to the school in Westbury Street that parents dropping off and collecting their children from St Mary's are parking within the gates of these two premises in the visitors car spaces. These spaces are private property and these parents are trespassing. I ask that you cease this action immediately. Please park in the allocated areas within St Mary's.

I hope you all have an enjoyable week.

Gerard Lewis
Principal

STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS
This year marks the 160th Anniversary of Catholic Education in St Kilda. In 1854, at a time when education was not widely accessible, families in the St Kilda area banded together to see that their children received a Catholic education.

Melbourne was only a young city then with a population of about 80,000 people. However, it was a time of growth and opportunity with ship loads of people arriving in Melbourne in search of a better life and to seek their fortune on the goldfields. We can only imagine how hard it would have been for things to get done then.

However, thanks to the dedication of a few lay teachers and a gift of land from the Government of the day to the Catholic Church, St Mary's Parish School took in its first students in 1854 in a humble church building on the site of the roundabout near our Senior Campus.

Our children follow generations of other children who have benefited from the efforts of those early pioneers and the generosity of St Mary’s Parish.

The 10:30am Mass on Sunday 15th June is our opportunity to join with the wider Parish community in celebrating this rich legacy and to recognise the part we all play in ensuring that future generations continue to have access to a quality education in the Catholic tradition.

Written by Donna Martin (Ella 5T and Thomas 2O)

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – Thursday 26th June (1:30pm – 8:00pm)
Notes regarding the times available will be sent home this week. All parents are expected to come along and have an up-to-date report on how their child is progressing. Teachers will have your child’s work and their assessments available on the day. Children must attend their relevant interview. Classes on that day will conclude at 1.00pm.

RE NEWS - PRAYER
Confirmation
Preparation for Confirmation has begun in the classroom. On Sunday 15th June at 10.30am, the Confirmation candidates and their families are invited to attend Mass at St. Mary’s Parish. At Mass, the candidates will be presented to the Parish community and the Parish community will be asked to support the candidates as they take the next step in their faith journey. It is important that the candidates publicly acknowledge what they are undertaking and we ask for your support in this matter. This special occasion has been scheduled to coincide with the Parish’s 160th Anniversary Mass, so we hope to see you all there.

On Tuesday 17th June at 6pm the children will be participating in a Confirmation workshop with Helen Carboon from the Presentation Family Project. They will unpack the Confirmation Ceremony to discover how it is lived out in their day-to-day experiences and situations.

The celebration of the children’s Confirmation will take place on Sunday 27th July at 10.30am Mass. Bishop Peter Elliott will confer the Sacrament. He is yet to confirm a time when he will visit the candidates at school, but is expected to do so in the first week of Term 3.

Please ensure you complete your Confirmation Card details and return to Miss Crispin before Monday 23rd June.

Finally, if anyone knows where to buy some pure lemon essence, could they please come and see me or leave their details in the office. We are looking for a 1L container to be used for the Mass of Confirmation.

Claire O’Dowd – RE Leader
LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair
Well done! An amazing effort, we sold just on $5,000 worth of books. Thank you to all the volunteers.
Mrs Anna Borella (Librarian)

LOST PROPERTY
There are currently many items in the lost property tub (located in the office foyer). If you are missing any item/s of clothing please come and have a look in the tub. All school items which are not collected by Thursday 19th June will be put into the second hand uniform cupboard and all non-school items not collected will be donated to St. Vincent De Paul. Lost property items include – school jumpers, school windcheaters, school hats, school sports t-shirts, jackets, scarves, bathers, goggles, drink bottles, wallets, runners, thongs, socks, casual clothes, towels, sunglasses and hair ties.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Netball Lightning Premiership
Year 5 & 6 students will compete in the Netball Lightning Premiership on Thursday 19th June.
Football Lightning Premiership
Years 5 & 6 students will compete in the Football Lightning Premiership on Friday 20th June.

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR
Our experienced School Counsellor, Fiona 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 specifically tailored to the 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 ten individual sessions as well as ten 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 be processed on the last Thursday of each month with a minimum deposit of $10.00.

LOST PROPERTY
Please check the basket for any lost items of clothing this week.

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

SCHOOL BREAK-UP Friday 27th June
Students break-up at 1pm
Aftercare is available; however places need to be booked in advance.
Term 3 begins on Monday 14th July at 8:55am

Extend OSHC at St Mary’s -
Primary School
Winter School Holiday Program bookings NOW OPEN at a School near you! Monday 23 June to Tuesday 15 July 2014*. We have heaps of jam-packed activities and incursions ranging from Arts & Crafts, Cooking, plenty of games and sports and lots of Winter activities! We are also now offering Excursions! Visit the Extend website at extend.com.au for program timetables, booking forms, and activity descriptions. Bookings close Friday 13 June – book now to avoid disappointment. *Dates vary according to program

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437
Parent & Friends Committee Update

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

Thank You to the St Mary’s Primary School Community for the generous gifts being donated so far for our main fund raising event for 2014 – the Junofest Trivia Night. Please keep them coming into Erica. The more we have the more variety you have to purchase on the night and the more money we can raise for our school.

Join us in having some fun on the night. You don’t have to get dressed-up in your best German costume, but we will be so you won’t be alone if you decide to dress up for the occasion too! If you haven’t already purchased your tickets, please do as you don’t want to miss out on the fun! Speak to your Class Rep for more details or to your P&F Management Committee (Bernie Curtis and George Dallas; that’s us in the picture!).

If you have not already done so, please organise payment by the 13th of June so we have a good idea of the numbers for the evening.

What does your ticket include? A fun night of trivia hosted by Funky Bunch Trivia, an awesome venue at the Tivoli, the German club, hence our take on the theme Junofest – to have a fun social night out with a German twist, light snack/finger food, a chance to win a great door prize and raising money for our school.

A reminder for the Junofest silent auction: We will be accepting either cash or cheque on the night, so please be prepared. We are looking forward to a great evening. See you there!

Class Rep Update: We would like to welcome Helen Wong as the new Class Rep for Prep B who is taking over from Christine McCorkell who needed to step down for personal reasons. We would like to thank Christine for her ongoing contribution to the P&F Committee and serving Prep B.

Year 6 Graduation fundraising amount correction. We would like to correct an error that was made in the last P&F update. The Year 6 Graduation Committee had actually raised $2,926.90 from the following events $1308.80 sausage sizzle; $251.25 money box; $356.00 casual clothes day; and $1010.85 cake stall. Our apologies for this oversight. We wish the Year 6 parents all the very best as they work towards the Graduation goals for their children.

P & F Calendar of Events for Term 2: May 2014

The Year Prep Cake Stall is organised for Friday 13th of June at 3.00pm. Enjoy the yummy cakes, savouries and treats prepared by the Year Prep parents/guardians that will be available to purchase on the day.

P & F Committee Meeting and Junofest Trivia Night Update Meeting
The fourth P&F Committee meeting for 2014 will be held on Friday 13th June at 9.15 am at the Berchman Centre Kitchen. All parents and friends are welcome to attend these meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

The P&F main social fundraising night for the year: “Junofest Trivia Night” at the German Club (the Tivoli), St Kilda East on Friday 20th June at 7.00pm. Get yourselves ready for a fun night out!

2014 Fundraising Goal $15,000
We are approaching the halfway mark!
$7,289.30
TOORAK PRAHRAN CRICKET CLUB SPORTING CAMPS

Details of Toorak Prahran Cricket Club sporting camps which we are running in July school holidays.

We have run these camps for the past four years.

All participants to register online and not just turn up on the day

The proceeds go to our community fund which in turn funds school sports clinics, boys and all soccer outdoor and indoor soccer as well as sporting clothing and footgear for those children who are financially and socially disadvantaged. We promote participation in South Yarra Soccer Club, all girls’ futsal and mixed futsal (indoor soccer), Prahran Junior Football Club, Toorak Prahran Cricket Club and Kickstart community soccer.

The focus of the Toorak Prahran Community Fund is to provide opportunities for financially and socially disadvantaged youth within the South Melbourne/South Yarra/Prahran/Windsor area to participate in organised club based sporting programs as well as provide after school activities at the Horace Petty public housing commission estate. In doing so, we have increased the cultural and socio economic diversity of membership of sporting clubs within the area.

The details of the camps may be found by following the attached links:

A. **TPCC netball camp** - 2 to 4 July 2014
   Please follow the attached link:

B. **TPCC AFL and soccer camps** - 30 June to 11 July 2014
   Please follow the attached link:

C. **All girls futsal every Friday night 7 to 8pm**
   This program is free to all girls – Friday nights from 7 to 8pm (every Friday)

If you have any queries, please contact the TPCC community fund Coordinator Jim Hallam 0414 965442 or jendix@onthe.net.au

Regards

Jim Hallam

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**R (Relationship) Day**

**CatholicCare Marriage Enrichment Program**

**Saturday 14 June**

Relax, Renew, Recall, Romance, Revisit, Revitalize, Rejuvenate and Rejoice! This one day workshop for couples is based on the 7 Principles of a Sound Relationship House developed by relationship expert Dr John Gottman. During the workshop you will explore ideas for deepening connection, friendship and intimacy in your relationship. Educators from CatholicCare’s Marriage and Relationship Education Team will run the workshop.

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