Dear Parents,

Last night we conducted a very informative session for parents around Cyber Safety. Thank you to all of the parents who attended making the evening a very successful event and a special word of thanks to Marie Gamwell and Greg Woolford for organising the evening.

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

Last night the School Advisory Board met for the first time for the year and we welcomed new Board members Missagh Mahoney and David Nelson. A separate bulletin will be sent home informing you of who is on the Board and it will give an overview of Board business.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before and after school care is now available. We are still struggling to get the numbers to make this a viable proposition. I would encourage families using other providers to consider switching to OSHclub at our school. Users of the service are giving us very positive feedback about it.

Families must register before accessing this service. Information about how to do this is available from the office. Parents using this service are asked to enter via the pedestrian gate in Adelaide St and the external door to the Multi-purpose room.

CHILDREN NOT ENROLLED IN BEFORE SCHOOL CARE SHOULD NOT BE LEFT AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE SCHOOL OR ENTER THE SCHOOL GROUNDS BEFORE 8:30 A.M. PARENTS WHO DO THIS ARE PLACING THEIR CHILDREN AT RISK OF BEING UNSUPERVISED.

PALM SUNDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES

As part of our commitment to Social Justice, members of the school and parish community are participating in the Palm Sunday Rally in support of Refugees. Participants will travel to the city together. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join in. Here is a link to the Archdioces's website with more information http://www.cam.org.au/News-and-Events/News-and-Events/Melbourne-News/Article/18886/Palm-Sunday-Walk-for-Justice-for-Refugees#.Vtd1Lvl95D8. I will send home more info later.

Please keep our Grade Three children in your prayers as many of them are preparing to receive their First Reconciliation on Thursday the 10th of March.
St Theresa’s Parish is looking for parents to join its Leadership Team. The Team meets once each month for an hour and discusses ways in which the Parish can be more effective in providing outreach, formation and opportunities for prayer and worship. It also discusses the administration of the parish and its resources such as its schools and churches. If you are interested and want more information see me or Fr Barry.

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DENTAL VAN

Next term we have organised for Alpha Mobile Dentistry to visit St Theresa’s to provide free dental treatment to eligible children under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). Students who do not qualify for treatment under this dental scheme can also be seen but as private patients and be billed at the equivalent Medicare dental rates. Further information will be sent home later this term.

Next Monday we will be conducting an evacuation drill.

DATES AND EVENTS

MARCH

4th Grade 3 Peace day
4th Interschool Sport
10th 1st Reconciliation 6.00 p.m.
11th Assembly
14th Labour Day – No school
20th PALM SUNDAY
24th Term One Finishes at 1.30 p.m.
24th HOLY THURSDAY
25th GOOD FRIDAY
27th EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL

11th Term 2 commences
13th SCHOOL PHOTOS
17th FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
20TH – 22ND Grade 5 & 6 camp
25TH ANZAC DAY

As we continue our journey through Lent perhaps a focus for families next week might be to spend some time to pray together.

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Macklin

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Over the next few weeks we will be inviting you to a community conversation where a number of important issues regarding the school and your child’s education will be discussed. These are informal meetings that give us a chance to have a chat with our parents and provide us with valuable feedback that we can use to improve.

Prep & Year 1 community conversation: Friday 11th March at 9am
Gr1/2K & 2/3P community conversation: Friday 18th March at 9am
Gr 3/4D & Gr 3/4B community conversation: Wednesday 16th March at 9am
Gr 5 & Gr 6 community conversation: Tuesday 22nd March at 2.15-3.15