Dear Parents, Guardians Students and Other Parishioners,

Welcome back to term 4 and, as all of you who have been through a school year before know, this is perhaps the most action packed term of all!

Thank you for the way you managed the 2 days at the end of Term 3 when the staff were on their 2 day conference. We take 2 days at the end of Term 3 every 2 years so that we can focus on nurturing the spiritual souls of our staff and also to focus on our Faith as we live it, teach it and celebrate it.

The first day focused on the results of the survey that we conducted with the help of the Catholic Education Office earlier last term. The survey looked at the Catholic Identity of the school community. Unfortunately, we only had 14 parents who completed the survey, but we added their results to the staff results and got a good picture of some of the adult faith experience in our community.

The whole project called Catholic Identity is aimed at giving the school an overview of how adults and children view their faith so that we can tailor our programs to support growth in faith. We cannot teach faith, we can teach about our religious traditions and values and beliefs, but faith is something that grows in each individual by the grace of God. Our work is to create a space for faith to flourish.

The results of the survey are measured using a variety of scales. It is a very technical process designed by Professor Didier Pollefeyt and his assistant Jan Bouwens who have worked on this research in a partnership with Catholic Education Commission of Victoria for several years now.

The identity of the school can be measured on a scale, as being positively Catholic to almost secular. In Europe, many Catholic schools have become so secularized that they are almost totally unrecognizable as Catholic schools. Our school has a very Catholic profile. This means that we are recognized by what we do and what we say and what we value as Catholic people. Our Catholic traditions are very much evident and this is exactly what we want.

However, as a community, we are also very welcoming of others of different faiths and we respect their spirituality, their faith, their beliefs and their traditions. We work alongside them with respect and good will. This was also evident in the results of the survey and this is something we value and the Catholic Education Commission is encouraging schools to build this respectful, knowledgeable relationship with people of other faith traditions.

Another tool that was applied to the survey shows that most of our community are also very willing and able to see beyond the literal interpretation of our Faith and to seek the deep truth of the Gospels. This is also very encouraging. Faith has to be lived in our contemporary world, not kept hidden in a time warp. If we do not make our faith a way of life, then we fail our children. Faith is a sure path that we can walk for the whole of our lives, it isn’t an interesting subject to be learned at school and then discarded in adulthood. So, we owe it to our children to nurture their faith in modern language using modern stories as well as the original texts. We also looked at the use of tradition and why we as Christians are called to act justly. I will try to cover that in the next few weeks.

Enjoy the term … it goes very quickly!

Christine Ash / Principal
“Still happier those who hear the word of God and keep it!”
Luke 17:5-10

Gospel Summary
Parents often live this week’s Gospel well. Better than most people, they know what it means to “serve” without expecting a reward. For many, parenthood is reward enough. Jesus explained to the disciples in this week’s gospel that service was a requirement of discipleship. When the disciples asked how they could have more faith, Jesus explained that faith was a gift. Faith is not something we control, but only something we can appreciate as a gift from God. To show our appreciation, however, Jesus demonstrated through a lesson of service how we can show our thankfulness to God for the gift of faith. When we share our faith with others and demonstrate it by showing the love of God to those we meet, we proclaim our gratitude.

Reflection for Families
Parents often fall into bed at night declaring to the empty darkness, “No one appreciates all I did today.” Perhaps it’s a lot for parents who spend most of their years in a state of exhaustion, but when those little legs climb up to their laps and tiny hands clutch their necks in a hug, they certainly don’t feel quite so weary or burdened. The smile that crosses parent’s lips shows their true appreciation for God’s gift and the service offered is their gift in return.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family
Over the next week, think of someone you know in your neighborhood or family whose zest for life has diminished? Perhaps you know someone who is ill, elderly or worried. As a family reach out to that person with a phone call, a colourful picture or a visit. Sometimes people enjoy focusing on something other than their own problems, and your family may offer just the diversion they are looking for.

Keep the faith alive!

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CLASS LITURGIES:

Friday 1st November:
All Saints Day - Whole school Mass 9:15am

Friday 8th November:
‘Foundation Learning Community’ Mass 9:15am

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY:

‘Hail Mary, full of Grace, The Lord is with you’

As we begin this fourth term in this month of October we keep before us these words taken from the familiar prayer of the ‘Hail Mary’. Within the traditions of the Church, this month of October is the month of the Rosary. Simple prayers that invite us to reflect on the mystery and wonder of God, incarnate, born of Mary who said ‘Yes’ to God’s call in her life. I have created a wonderful interactive display of images of ‘Mary’ in the foyer. During the next few weeks, come and visit our interactive wall of wonderful images from all over the world. Shine a light on who ‘Mary’ was using the torches provided.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS:

Confirmation Reflection Day
As part of the ongoing preparation for Confirmation candidates and all Yr 6 students, on Friday 18th October they will be involved in a day of Prayer and Reflection at Auxilium College, Lysterfield. The aim of this day is to give the children the opportunity to reflect on the place of God in their lives and on the meaning of the Sacrament of Confirmation for them.

Please complete the Parent consent form and return it to the office by this FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER. Students who are not celebrating the sacrament need to complete the form and pay $10.00.

“We'll be Friends Forever, won't we, Pooh?”
asked Piglet.

“Even longer,”
Pooh answered.”
A.A. MILNE
CONFIDENCE

Confidence means believing you can do it. It means not being afraid to make mistakes, to try something new, or to express an opinion.

Types Of Thinking That Build Confidence

Accepting Myself - not thinking badly about yourself when you make a mistake or you are not as successful as you want to be, or when someone is critical of you.

Taking Risks - thinking that's good to try something new, even though you might make mistakes or you might not be the best at doing it.

Being Independent - thinking that's it's important for you to try new activities and to speak up even if other people think you are silly or stupid.

I Can Do It - thinking that even when your work is hard, you are more likely to be successful than fail.

Teaching / Encouraging Types Of Thinking That Develop Confidence

Accepting myself:
◆ Have a discussion with your child and help him/her to come up with a list of many positive qualities he/she possesses different areas of life (school, sports, music, art, personality traits).
◆ Encourage the young person to accept himself/herself and work hard at changing aspects of his/her behavior that may be leading to problems.

Taking risks:
◆ Encourage the young person to try new activities where he/she has a good chance of not being successful or the best. Discuss the phenomena of making mistakes and explain that mistakes are an important part of learning.
◆ Do not be too severe with the young person when he/she makes mistakes.
◆ Point out famous people who stumbled and fumbled their way to success.

Being Independent:
◆ Concretely explain that while it is nice to be liked, no one needs to be liked all the time by everyone. Discuss the idea that while there are some things we really need for survival (food, clothing, and shelter) being liked is not a necessity. Discuss the difference between a ‘need’ and a ‘want’ and explain that being liked is a ‘want’.
◆ Encourage the young person to speak his/her own opinions and to try new activities and not worry too much what others will think.
◆ For dependent children who are overly concerned about making mistakes and constantly ask questions use the ‘Encourage, Prompt and Leave Method’ - when they have a question encourage them for anything they know about the problem at hand, provide a next step and then leave their work area, reassuring them that they can do the rest.

I Can Do It:
◆ Discuss with the young person the difference between an ‘I can do it’ optimistic type of thinking and an ‘I can’t do it’ pessimistic type of thinking.

Nan Perazzo
Wellbeing Coordinator

Welcome back to everyone from your school holidays. Term 4 sports kicks off in a big way with the Milo In2 Cricket program beginning on Wednesday afternoons. The interest was very good at the end of term 3 and we are hoping this results in big numbers for this outstanding cricket program.

At the end of the last term we had 5 students represent our school at the Greater Dandenong Division Athletics Carnival. All 5 were successful in finishing in the top two in each of their respective events and have all qualified for the next round, the Southern Metro Regional Athletics Carnival. Alana, Joyce, Emily, Marie and Trinity will be competing in Cranbourne next Thursday and we wish them the best.

Yours in Sport
Dean Andrew
Sports Teacher

School News ...

Market Night - Friday 18 October 2013
Reminder Market Night next Friday 18th October
undercover in the PAC and Learning Link 4. Come along, enjoy the night. A great variety of stalls this year – many new stalls.u Start your Christmas shopping or simply spoil yourself. 7pm – 9:30pm.

Sausage sizzle and drinks available.

Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie & Biscuit Dough is Coming!
Keep an eye out next week for the large flyer that will be coming home next week.

School Canteen Changes to Menu
Drinks now $2.00, new drink Apple PopTop, Deleted items - Fried Rice, Sushi, Chicken Pies and Topical

Keyboard Kids Music School
Learn the Piano - “Free Trial Lesson”. Keyboard Kids Music School would like to offer your child the opportunity to learn the piano. Lessons are held during school time and also after school hours. Learning to play a musical instrument has been shown to have great benefits for a child’s development. It boosts a child’s self esteem and confidence and allows the child to connect with their inner soul.

COST: 30 minute private lesson - $28.00, 20 minute private lesson - $19.00, 30 minute shared lesson (group of 2) - $18.00.

Please email keyboardkids@bigpond.com for an enrolment form or call Shelley for more information on 0417 390 489.

Volunteer Foster Carers Needed
Do you have some time and energy to care for a child or young person unable to live at home? Wesley Mission Victoria is seeking local residents from all walks of life with a spare bedroom to become volunteer foster carers and care for children aged 0-18 years. Phone: 9794 3000 or email: cyfssouth@wesley.org.au for more details.

Thank you for your consideration. We greatly appreciate it.

Mazenod College - Open Day - Tuesday 15 October 2013
Mazenod College welcomes you to attend our Open Day on Tuesday 15th October, 2013, 9:30 am until 12 pm. Please register your attendance with the College Receptionist on 9560 0911.
Who supplied the iPads?

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90% of families chose for the school to organise purchase of the iPad and cover on their behalf.

10% of families chose to provide their own iPad and cover.

What we've learnt

- Using the same colour cover makes identification difficult.
- App prices change - sometimes lots.
- iPads must be placed securely in school bags before leaving the classroom.

Changes we made along the way

- Apps
  - Terms and Conditions changed meaning some apps were unable to be used by students due to their age.
- Passwords
  - Students have had to manage an increasing number of passwords for different apps and websites. We have tried to simplify this.
- Cloud based storage
  - Email accounts quickly overflowed with attachments so we put as many files as possible into cloud-based storage such as Box.

Just when everything is working well, Apple makes major changes to the iOS and it all changes! Our students will be very used to change in their lives!
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YEAR LEVELS: P – 4

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ENROLMENT FORM

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Address: __________________________
Phone: ____________________________
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At the completion of after school clinics, does your child? □ Go to after care □ Get collected

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Parent/Caregiver name: ____________________________
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YOUTH LEADERSHIP VICTORIA PRESENTS - ST ELIZABETH’S OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAM

Weekly Activities ...

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Ph: 0422 803 709 / 0402 133 225

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