Dear Parents,

I have been attending a training conference throughout this week therefore my contribution to this week’s newsletter is both brief and in dot point format.

I would like to highlight a number of upcoming events and activities:

- This Saturday we will be holding our first Working Bee for some time. We are encouraging the Year 2 & 3 families’ support in particular. Work commences at 8:30 am and concludes at 11:00 am.

- The St Andrew’s School Expo will be held on Thursday 29 August. The programme commences at 6:00 pm and finishes at 8:00 pm. We would encourage all students and families to attend this exhibition of the children at work.

- On Monday 9 September the Parents & Friends Committee will be meeting at 7:00 pm in the staff room. The P&F have been the backbone of most of the school’s fundraising for over 30 years. We are in desperate need of parents to support this important group. This meeting will be an information and social session for interested parents. Come along and meet fellow school parents who want to contribute to the development of our school.

- Finally, if you have not visited our new school website do so as soon as you get an opportunity and save it to favourites. It is another source of information for school families and the wider community.

Phillip Tierney
Principal

COMING EVENTS
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AUGUST

Week 5
Sat 17 Working Bee – Year 2 & 3

Week 6
Wed 21 Prep Incursion – Farm Animals
Sat 24 Year 1 Mass – 6:00 pm

Week 7
Thurs 29 St Andrew’s Learning Expo
Frid 30 Father’s Day Stall

SEPTEMBER

Week 8
Thurs 5 School Leaders Celebration Day

Week 9
Mon 9 Parents & Friends Meeting
Tues 10 Year 1 Excursion – Museum & IMAX

Week 10
Sun 15 Prep Mass 11:00 am
Frid 20 Footy Day
Frid 20 End of Term – 1:00 pm Dismissal

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In Literacy groups, Mrs. C prepares exciting activities for us each week. These activities include spelling, reading, grammar, comprehension, and Inquiry.

In Literacy there are 4 groups. Group B, C, D and E. Each day, one group reads a book with the teacher (Mrs. C).

Every Friday, we get the list words from our homework and make a spelling test out of them. The test is out of 20 words, and if you get them all right then you get a stamp on it. ☺

By Juliette, Annabel, Andrew and Marco

**Maths**

In Maths this term, 5LC have been learning about fractions and decimals. In fractions we learnt how to add and subtract them. We also have been learning how to put fractions on a number line and simplify them into decimals. We have learnt about improper fractions and converting them into proper fractions. Plus, we have learnt about equivalent fractions. In decimals we have been learning how to break up decimals and how to add them. Some games that we play in Maths are Flipper, Fraction Snap and Create Three.

By: Tania.T, Charlie, Thomas, Rethika and Ryan

**Religion – 5LC**

During term three, we have been learning about the Fifth Commandment. The Fifth Commandment means not to kill yourself, the unborn, the elderly and sick people. If you kill anyone, it is a sin.

We are also working on a project related to the fifth commandment. The topics we are researching are: drugs, smoking, diet and food, exercise and wellbeing. We have been discussing how we should take care of our bodies that God has given us.

On the 19th of July the whole school celebrated Aleisha and Emily Yang’s baptism. Baptism is when you receive the sacrament of Baptism. It is very special because you are welcomed into the Catholic Church. In our unit “Respect Life” we have learnt how to respect life and not take it for granted. We should appreciate what we have in life, even if we are clambering out of a situation.

By Leah, Carla, Jerita and Selena.
In Science we have been learning about the three states of matter which are solids, liquids and gases. A solid has molecules packed very close together. A liquid has molecules packed close together. And a gas has molecules packed far apart.

When you freeze a liquid into a solid it is called solidification. When you cool steam it is called condensation and when you heat a liquid it is called evaporation. When you heat a solid it is called liquefaction.

Davide, Marc, Harvey, Blake

### Namatjira Park
On the 5th of August the grade five’s and six’s went to Namatjira Park to learn about our Inquiry unit Biodiversity. We went there to see all the different animals, plants and insects. When we got there we walked along the path and straight away we heard a bird singing and heard splashes from the ponds and lakes. A couple of minutes later we saw ducks and some insects then our teacher said to go to the trees, so we went and I picked up a leaf off the ground and I saw that it had been bitten by an insect - awesome!

We walked more and we saw drains and lots of water. We walked all around the park and we saw more plants and animals and insects and before we knew it, it was time to head back to school. I sat down and thought about what I saw today. By Helena

### Biodiversity & Water
At school we are learning about biodiversity and water and one of the questions we are thinking about is: What are the ways in which I have used water today? So we had answers like. I washed my hands, brushed my teeth and I drank water. Later we watched a video about how much rubbish is in water.

By Aurelia & Helena

### The Water Cycle
The water cycle is very important in our world because it provides the Earth with water and without water we cannot survive. This is how it works. The water in rivers, lakes and oceans gets heated by the sun and turns into a gas called water vapour. The vapour moves up into the air. This is called evaporation. In the air the water vapour cools down and turns into water droplets. This is called condensation. You see these water droplets as they fall from the clouds. When there are a lot of water droplets in the clouds, they become very heavy. The air cannot hold the water anymore and it falls back to Earth. You can see the water as rain, hail, sleet or snow.

By Stuart & Tania.A
ICT- 5LC

In ICT we have been learning how to use Sketch Up by creating a perfect wetland. So far we have been just playing on Sketch Up and checking it out. We are also doing a description of one of the famous artists in the world, Claude Monet. We have been working on our personal portfolio. The page we have been working on is the All About Me Page. We have been learning how to write a quality comment.

In Sketch Up we have been trying to do a perfect wetland but when we first tried it, it was really tricky but in the end we got the hang of it.

In one of our projects this term we had to select one of Monet’s art pieces and we described the picture and why we chose this picture.

In our personal portfolio we have been working on a page, the page was All About Me. We included our birthday, our favourite animal, our favourite food, sport, song and book.

In ICT we have been learning how to write a quality comment. We have to include correct spelling, correct punctuation and read over it and edit our comments. The most important rule is never put any personal information about ourselves.

BY: Aleisha, Delia, Sebastian, Sarthak

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS YEAR 3D

The students in 3D have been working exceptionally hard throughout the first half of Term 3!

In our Religious Education unit, “Making Choices”, students have been learning about the responsibilities that go with making choices, and how their actions have consequences and can affect others. Students studied the life of Australia’s first saint, St Mary Mackillop, and created a timeline which highlighted some of the choices that she made in her life. The children reflected on how these choices positively impacted the lives of those she chose to help.

In Mathematics, 3D has been working on fractions and has focussed on some content specific vocabulary, such as “numerator and denominator”. Students have been learning how to represent a range of different fractions through words, symbols and numbers.
Around the Classrooms – 3D (Continued)

Our Inquiry topic, “Feathers Fur and Fins”, explores the seven factors which classify something as either living or non-living, and has a key focus on how water sustains the life of both plants and animals. Students conducted an experiment where celery was placed in coloured water, so that students could observe how plants absorb water in order to survive.

Our Literacy this term has very much been linked with our Inquiry topic. Students have been reading texts about plants and animals to grasp the main idea(s) for their Information Reports, and have been expanding their vocabulary by learning new words related to our Inquiry topic.

Keep up the great work and effort for the final half of the term 3D!

Daniela Dal Santo – 3D Teacher 😊

Religious Education News

Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. We gathered to give thanks and praise for her grace-filled and blessed life as we celebrated her crowning glory in her assumption into heaven. Students from Years 3 to 6 attended Mass and the Junior grades participated in a prayer session dedicated to Mary.

When the Angel came to Mary, her response to God’s call is expressed beautifully in her own prayer below. And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
And my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
For He has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed.”

Luke 1:46-48

As a family you might like to say our prayer to Mary, the Hail Mary.

Rachele Oliver
Deputy Principal,
Religious Education

Year 2 & 3 WORKING BEE

on Saturday 17th August
8.30am till 11.00am

GRADE 1 MASS

The Grade 1 Mass will be held on Saturday 24th August at 6.00pm. All Grade 1 children are encouraged to attend with their family and friends.
**Fathers' Day Stall 2013**

The Parents and Friends' Association will be holding our annual Father’s Day Stall on **Friday 30th August** in the glasshouse.

A variety of gifts will be available for your child to purchase from $2.00 - $6.00. Please provide a bag for your child to carry their gifts.

Any parents or friends available to help on the day are more than welcome. Please meet in the glasshouse 8.45am.

Many thanks for all your support,

*Parents & Friends Association*

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**Parent Information Sheet**

Until now, bags for school lunch orders at the canteen have consisted of a paper bag that is used once and thrown away; contributing a substantial amount of paper waste into the environment. Paper bags have no provision for money, are unstable when standing and are prone to tearing when wet.

This clever bag has been designed to replace brown paper bags for lunch orders. It is more hygienic to use because of the zippered pocket that separates money from contact with food and easily wipe clean with a damp cloth after use. This compact bag helps reduce unwanted paper waste generated from paper bags.

**Product feature include:**
- Holds a substantial amount of more food inside that brown paper bags.
- Collapsible sides and a Velcro tab that secures the bag in a closed position.
- Sturdy flat base makes them easy to pack and stack.
- Stylish design which folds conveniently to fit in every child’s school bag.
- Clear pocket to display name and class.
- The All Rounder has an insulated PEVA lining which keeps food/drinks warm or cold.

**Student Order Form:**

Simply write the quantity you would like to order then add the total amount of money. Please fill in the name and class of your eldest child below:

Name: ____________________________  Class: __________________

Don’t forget to ask family, friends and neighbours if they would like to order as well.

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**Final orders are due by August 30th, 2013**

No orders will be taken after this date. Please return this Order Form, along with your payment in an envelope clearly marked “Stickybeaks Order”.

For more information visit [www.stickybeaks.com.au](http://www.stickybeaks.com.au) where you can also print out your free name/class labels and lunch order labels.
St. Andrew’s Vinnies would like to THANK the wonderful School Families for the great support they gave us during the Winter Appeal. It has helped us to support a lot of families in the Clayton South area.

Regards,
St. Vincent de Paul Society.

LOST PROPERTY CUPBOARD
There is a large amount of unclaimed school clothing in the Lost & Found Cupboard
If your child has lost an article of clothing please check in here.

DON’T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!
From 19th to 30th August
Every purchase of Oak Milk gets the opportunity to go into a draw to win 2 movie tickets.
Special for this promotion only – Buy 1 x chicken burger plus Oak Milk for $5.00
Winner will be drawn at Assembly on 30th August, 2013.

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER?
It is important that the Office has your current phone numbers in case of an emergency.
There have been some instances where we have had to call parents only to find the number has been disconnected. Please ensure that we have your most up to date contact details.

OAKLEIGH LITTLE ATHLETICS
Do you want to keep fit, improve your speed and ability and have FUN?
Then come try athletics at

Where: Davies Reserve, Talbot Avenue, Oakleigh South
When: Saturday mornings from 9.15am to 11.30am
Who: Ages Under 6 to Under 16
Cost: $125 for Summer Season - Season starts September 14th 2013 through to March 2014
Coaching included: Every Tuesday 5pm - 7pm (with Qualified Coaches)

Registration Day
Saturday 7th September 2013, 10am - 1pm
or any Saturday throughout the season.
Register online at www.lavic.com.au as of 24/8
only $125 Season - Need more Information?
Call Victoria on 0431 485 145
email: oakleigh@lavic.com.au

Tuckshop Good Manners Award:

Vanessa 5H
| YEAR 6T | Derek – Great work in the classroom Derek. You always put in your best effort. Peter – Congratulations on the great work you are putting into your free writing. |
| YEAR 6J | Masimiliano for working so enthusiastically in your literacy group. Sharing what you know about crocodiles brought more meaning to the information report your group was reading. Well done! |
| YEAR 5/6TK | Adam - Congratulations for taking on the responsibility for ringing the school bell. Angela - For all that you have achieved through you role as School Captain |
| YEAR 5LC | Helena– For your enthusiasm and can do attitude in all areas of the curriculum. For keeping our classroom lovely and clean. You always put in 100% effort. Well done. Ryan– Well done Ryan on making an extra effort this term by showing an improvement in your spelling tests and completing your reading each week. Keep it up! |
| YEAR 5H | Lap for his enthusiastic efforts in our Inquiry Unit on “The Wetlands”. |
| YEAR 4R | Derin for excellent use of his voice in class. Christopher for a huge improvement in his Mental Maths. |
| YEAR 4T | Thomas for your great effort last week and your excellent homework. Keep it up! Rachel for always doing your best in everything you do and for your positive, happy manner in the classroom. Alice for working so well in Maths and for learning your partitions of 10 and 20 and your great counting. |
| YEAR 4M | Jaidyn for student of the week for 'his excellent narrative' |
| YEAR 3P | Georgia – for being helpful to others in class and always trying your hardest. Yianna – for putting thought and care into your work. |
| YEAR 3D | Hailey and Cruze for being helpful class members who are always willing to offer assistance to keep the classroom tidy :) |
| YEAR 3C | Thomas for beginning to share his ideas in discussions. Jaelene for presenting you work beautifully every time. |
| YEAR 2J | Kristy for trying her very best with her multiplication in Mathematics. Sam for using his manners and always showing respect. |
| YEAR 2C | Ilya for making good choices on the playground. |
| YEAR 1S | Ayden and Eric for great effort with their handwriting |
| YEAR 1L | Jonathan and Dylan for all the hard work you are putting into improving your handwriting. Keep it up 😊 |
| YEAR 1D | Congratulations to Dantee, Montana, Mariah and Elijah you worked very hard on your reading groups. Well done! |
| PREP V | Congratulations Charbel on all the hard work you are doing. Keep it up! 😊 |
| PREP J | Nina and Shawnee for their huge efforts in making their creation books. Well done! |
| PREP C | Congratulations to Seth and Dorinda for the improvement you have demonstrated in your work. Keep up the great work! |

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

| Fri 16 August | Despina Nikolitsis | Fri 23 August | Angela Belmuda |
| Mon 19 August | Debbie McKernan | Mon 26 August | Sharon Colantuono |
| Tues 20 August | Monica Dang | Tues 27 August | Hien |
| Wed 21 August | Angela Koupouzos | Wed 28 August | Filiz Anagnostopoulos |
| Thur 22 August | Fiona Reeves | Thurs 29 August | Anne Inati |
Our God

Our God is the One that we thank. We trust him. Our God is our friend. He loves me and you.

Thank you for making the sun and moon. God you are the best. Amen.

Alicia

Dear God you made the stars, the planets, the moon and sun. Thank you for making my family and me. You made the trees and the flowers.

Thank you for making my friends. Thank you for making the animals. Thank you for making the land and water. Thank you for our lovely world. You make us happy. You make us grow. God you are great. You are special. You are nice and kind. You make it rain. God you are great. Thank you. Amen.

Emily

Thank you for making everything. Thank you for the beautiful blue oceans. You are the best. You never make me sad. You always make me grow. We will always thank you! Amen!

Abbey

Dear God thank you for making trees, plants and us. You are wonderful. You made animals. You made everything. And for making sea animals like dolphins and other animals that live in the sea.

You made everything and you are the best. Amen

2c Ishikna
SECONDARY SCHOOLS OPEN DAYS

**Open Day**
Thursday 22 August 2013, 1.30pm - 5.00pm

We warmly invite you to attend our Open Day on Thursday 22 August 2013 from 1.30pm – 5.00pm.

An education at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College Bentleigh is an education of the Heart – the Heart of Learning and the Heart of Life. Everyone Welcome.

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**SALESIAN COLLEGE**

Year 7 2015 and beyond
Meet the Principal & Tours
TUESDAY 27 AUGUST
at 7:00pm

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