Dear Parents,

We have almost finished week three and the children have really settled in well. The preps are in to a good routine now but I know that they and you are appreciative of the Wednesday at home. It was terrific to see parents as they came in for their chats with teachers this week and the information that you were able to provide the teachers is yet another source of data that can be used to assist in providing the best possible education for your child.

Swimming carnival
Last week we had children try out for the swimming carnival coming up on the 28th February. This carnival has traditionally been a twilight event and is a real community evening. There has been some talk around that due to the industrial action being taken by some schools that we may have to hold the carnival during school time but I hope that this is not the case. As soon as I know anything for certain I will let you know.

School Review
This year we will be taking part in the cyclical review that comes around every 4 years. It is a great opportunity to take stock of how things are going and then we set goals for the next four years. The actual week of the review is the week of the 26th of August and during this week the reviewer, Jan Hayes, will meet with focus groups from all of the community. She will meet with parents, students, teachers, admin staff, aides as well as Father Kevin in an attempt to gain as much data as she can in order to assist us with the goal setting. Throughout the rest of the year we will be working with a variety of staff from the Catholic Education Office as we investigate the five spheres of learning: Education in Faith, Wellbeing, Learning and Teaching, School Community and Leadership and Management. Today members of the RE team from the Catholic Education Office (CEO) met with the School Leadership Team, this will be followed up at a staff meeting next week run by the CEO staff. A date for your calendars: We will be having back to back school closure days on the 9th and 10th May as part of the review process.

PTFA meeting
On the 25th of February we will be having our first PTFA meeting. Again I would encourage you to consider coming along to this night. It is very informal and the work that the PTFA does is very important in providing funds and well as social activities for families.

Uniform Shop
This week the ladies in the uniform opened up on Monday and all seemed to work well. In last week’s newsletter I mentioned the ladies who help out in the uniform shop and I left one very important name off the list. I apologise to Danielle Chatfield who has been a wonderful worker in the uniform shop for years and I know that she will continue to do so in the years to come.

Working Bee.
I would like to have a working bee on Friday 1st March from 4.00–7.00pm followed by a BBQ, but there are a few areas of the school that need attention. I hope to replace the sleeper seats near the Year 1/2 area as well as rejuvenate the gardens near the entrance to the school. The gutters on the LRC need cleaning as well as the sports shed. While speaking of work around the school, I would like to thank Rob Riddington for cutting down and chopping up the tree that came down over the weekend.

Skateboards
We have a number of children riding skateboards to school and while I think that it has some value in providing exercise for the children we have had a number of children fall and injure themselves on the way to or from school so I am going to have to ban them in the interests of safety.

2013 Premiers Active Families Challenge
It seems that almost every day I get information about various charities and causes asking for support. One such cause that caught my eye is the Premiers Active families Challenge. From the 4th March –14th April families are encouraged to do 30 minutes of exercise every day for 30 days. Its fun and free and seems like a good idea to me. There are prizes for those who register and registration is easy. Simply go to www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge and follow the prompts. Mr Healy will talk to the children more about this during PE.

Take Care
Paul Hogan
**2014 PREP ENROLMENTS**
- Enrolments open Wednesday 13th March. Enrolment packs and further information available from the school office
- Wednesday 13th March: Prep Information Sessions, Parish Centre 2.00pm & 7.30pm
- Wednesday 20th March: Our Lady of Mt Carmel Open Day 9.30am & 2.00pm
- Friday 19th April: Enrolments close

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**FIRST COMMUNION 2013**

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION SESSIONS
2.00PM AND 7.30PM
Tuesday, 19th February, 2013 will be held at the Parish Centre.
All Parents of children wishing to make the Sacrament of Eucharist this year are required to attend.

EMA is due by 28th February, 2013.
Any families who hold a current Centrelink Health-care or concession card please pick up a form from the office.

**CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE**
Forms are available from the office now.

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**Uniform Shop Opening Hours**
- Monday: 8.40am - 9.15 am & Friday: 2.45pm - 3.15
- Order forms/list available from the office

**Reminder:** Keep informed and up to date with school events by downloading tiqbiz to your phone, tablet or computer. Further information available from the office

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**SCHOOL BANKING IS NOW EVERY TUESDAY, SEND IN YOUR BOOKS AND WATCH YOUR BALANCE GROW!**

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**Terrific Kid**

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Thank you for volunteering to help in the Canteen, it would be impossible without you!

Please arrive at Canteen at approximately 11.15, and your assistance will be required until around 2.15pm. If you have long hair, please tie it back, and remember to sign in at the office before coming to the Canteen. Your lunch will be provided on the day.

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day please ring Sally on 0400 384 403, as soon as possible so a replacement can be arranged.

**LOST PROPERTY**

Please check the lost property cupboard located in the multi purpose room for missing clothing and other items. Also a timely reminder to label all items with your child’s name.

**FREE PRE-LOVED SCHOOL CLOTHES.** The school office has received donations of school clothing from ex school families. We have placed these in a tub in the MPR for families to take if needed, on a first in first served basis. We do ask that you keep this space tidy by keeping items in the tub. Thank you.

**SHROVE TUESDAY AND LENT**

Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) marks the start of Lent. Lent is the 40 days leading up to the glorious Resurrection of Christ.

As Catholics we do three important things during Lent:
1. Be generous and give to people less fortunate than ourselves e.g. – Project Compassion,
2. Offer increased prayer and
3. Is exercise discipline through abstaining from some foods, luxuries etc. Those of us over 14 years are also asked to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The demonstration of faith and our love for God during Lent is also a time to be patient with others, to live out the gospel message of loving one another and to exercise forgiveness.

Colin Healy (REL)

**Info and Registration Reminder** - Next week: Year 4 parents - First Communion Info and registration evening.
Parish Centre - 2:00pm and 7:30pm.

**Gospel challenge: Week 3 Term 1**

One day Jesus was standing by the Sea of Galilee. The people crowded around him and listened to the word of God. Jesus saw two boats at the edge of the water. They had been left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into the boat that belonged to Simon. Jesus asked him to go out a little way from shore. Then he sat down in the boat and taught the people.

When he finished speaking, he turned to Simon. He said, “Go out into deep water. Let the nets down so you can catch some fish.” Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

When they had done so, they caught a large number of fish. There were so many that their nets began to break. So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees. “Go away from me, Lord!” he said. “I am a sinful man!”

He and everyone with him were amazed at the number of fish they had caught. So were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who worked with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid. From now on you will catch people.”

Our challenge: There are times we are exhausted, either physically, mentally or emotionally. We have worked hard to make things right and tried to please others. In this instance Peter who has fished all night and caught nothing is asked, even in his weariness, to go out again. Christ asks the same for us. It is our commandment to build community and worship our God at weekend Mass.

Our children will be the faithful leaders of their generation – a generation who needs to be knowledgeable about the faith and live out the message of the gospel in their daily lives. If we are weary let us get to Mass to receive the power of the Holy Spirit and the nourishment of the Eucharist and be reenergised.

Colin Healy
COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

RUPERTSWOOD FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUBS are now taking football registrations for 2013 season. We invite anyone interested in playing to register from our website: www.rupo.com.au New players welcome! We are also seeking expressions of interest for the introduction of Junior netball in Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16.5 age groups. Further brief details can be obtained from the Junior page of the club’s website: www.rupo.com.au Please contact Allison on 0425 842 546 for more information.

SUNBURY UNITED JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB INC 2013 SEASON REGISTRATION / ‘COME AND PLAY’ DAY
Sunday 24th February 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Langama Park, Mitchells Lane, Sunbury (Mel Ref 381 K6)
Free BBQ 2013 playing opportunities exist for boy and girls, men and women. Enquiries :Mick Gilligan/ President, 0405 177 379 Gerard Feain/Committee Member 0499 046 644 or E-mail sunburyjsc@hotmail.com

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH—ST PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION
Saturday March 16, 2013 held at the Parish Centre 101 Riddell Rd Sunbury $20 per head Live band “Ripchords” Contact Parish Office on 9744 1060 for further info and bookings

ST ANDREW’S KINDergarten SUNBURY are holding an opening ceremony for their new kinder room to be held on Sunday February 24, 2013 at 11:30am. An invitation is extended to past and present families and members of the community.
Should you have any questions please call me on 0400 140 579.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
Married couples, we encourage you to prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for each other.
Our next weekends in 2013 are on: 19-21 April, 14-16 June and 9-11 August in Melbourne. For further information and bookings contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03) 9733 0997 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

SUNBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE—contact Phone: 03 9740 6978
Email: reception@sunburyhouse.com.au
Neighbourhood House is running various programs please contact the Angela Burgess on the above number.
Buzz Art - Art Therapy 9-12 year olds, Neighbourhood Art Club or Wednesday Afternoon pram walking group.

OSH CLUB

To all new families, welcome and to returning families, welcome back. All of the OSHClub staff hopes the summer holidays offered everyone the chance to have a break and relax.

To all families already enrolled at OSHClub, I’d ask you to take a couple of minutes to make sure all the enrollment details are correct, including phone numbers and email addresses, emergency contacts details and children’s year level.

For families wishing to enroll, simply go to www.oshclub.com.au and follow the simple enrollment process to make permanent or casual bookings.

Any questions please feel free to drop by our OSHClub room, or call the Program Coordinator, Kim, on 0401850518
February 2013

Dear Parents And Friends,

Welcome to the 2013 school year. You are to be congratulated for ensuring that your Grade 5/6 child attended their assessment interview and thank you to our students for trying their best. The data collected will be used for planning lessons for your child.

During the first couple of weeks of the school year we will be participating in a Social And Emotional Learning program where our students will participate in activities with a focus on the skills and strategies necessary for cooperative learning and successful social interactions.

Grade 5/6 students are required to wear their full school uniform on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and their sport uniform on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please check the uniform policy for specific details.

The teachers taking specialist classes this year are as follows:
Mr Gleeson: ICT
Mr Healy: Sport
Mr Osborne: Japanese
Mrs Tighe: Performing Arts.

The classroom teachers for the 5/6 area are:
5/6D Mrs Douglas/Mrs Cairns
5/6S Ms Sfyris/Mr Healy
5/6E Mrs Ellis/Mrs Scully Term1, Mrs Ellis/Mrs Young Term 2, 3 & 4.

The classroom teachers will be conducting library lessons where your child will have the opportunity to select more reading material from our rapidly growing resources. Grade 5/6D and Grade 5/6E have been timetabled to visit the library on Thursdays, and Grade 5/6S will visit the library on Fridays. Each child is required to have a library bag for borrowing books. We appreciate the prompt return of borrowed books.

Students have been asked to read for five nights a week and to record the title, author’s name and pages read in their diary. We ask that you sight and sign your child’s diary at least once a week. Students will be given a laminated card to keep in their diary with a list questions to encourage students to develop self-management strategies to improve their reading comprehension. You could guide your child to answer or discuss at least one question in each of the Before Reading, During Reading and After Reading list.

Other homework will be explained and distributed on Wednesdays and be expected to be returned the following Wednesday.

Your child also needs an art smock to be able to participate in art lessons.

We again require the donation of two boxes of tissues per child for classroom use. One box of tissues shared among twenty-eight people doesn’t last for very long especially during the colder months.

Please let your child’s teacher know if you are interested in helping out in the classroom in any capacity.

Thank you,

Grade Five/Six Teachers