Happy Father’s Day to all the wonderful men in our community. 

May God bless you and strengthen you in your role as fathers. Let the example of your faith and love shine forth as a light for your children.

Congratulations to the Yr 3-6 students who participated in the Thomas Carr College production of Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat last week. The students enjoyed the experience of being on stage and participating in such a high quality production. Thank you to the staff of TCC and to the parents who enabled the children to be involved.

The Arts have taken on a high profile in the school as Lucy has lead the children & staff in dancing and singing. Tuesdays are certainly high energy days and we are seeing children (and staff) demonstrating wonderful skills.

Parents In Partnership: We would love to see more parents taking the opportunity to join with the leadership team at the monthly meetings. To build a vibrant community we need people to come together to discuss, advise and plan. We meet for an hour once a month. Come this Wednesday, 5th September. 2 items on the agenda: Feast day planning and Homework policy.

Preps in Pyjamas: Our second session for Prep children and their parents will be held on Thursday evening 6th September. We look forward to another evening of faith sharing.

The facts on Catholic school funding

Almost one in four Victorian students attends a Catholic school. On average, they receive 20 per cent less government funding than if they went to government schools. The families who choose to send their children to Catholic schools are pretty similar to government school families. Catholic schools tend to charge low fees, so that more families can make that choice for their children. When parent fees are included, Catholic schools operate on around 90 per cent of the cost of government schools. Many parents make big sacrifices to send their children to a Catholic school. This includes parents whose children have special needs. Special needs students in Catholic schools receive less funding from government than if they were going to a government school. Despite the lack of funding, Catholic schools continue to show improvement for their students, including their most disadvantaged. Parents should be free to choose the type of education they want for their children. When parents choose a Catholic school for their children, governments can invest more on students in government schools. Any decision to stop government funding for Catholic schools, or to reduce funding by not having school funding keep pace with government school funding, will mean that fees will have to go up. If Catholic school fees go up, parents may have to change their mind about where they send their children to school. Their only choice may be government schools, which will put further pressure on the government system. Properly funding Catholic schools now, and in the future, will help take pressure off government schools.

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Students & Staff welcomed visitors from Catholic Education Brisbane into our spaces yesterday. It was wonderful to see how engaged the children were in their learning and how eager they were to talk about their learning tasks.

STAGE 2 of BUILDING:
The diggers have been working and the outline of our new buildings can now be seen! It’s amazing to be in our spaces and to see the machines operating on the other side of the glass.

PARENT VOLUNTEER TRAINING:
Session 1: Wednesday 5th Sept. — 9:15am
Session 2: Wednesday 19th Sept. — 9:15am
These sessions are the last ones to be offered for 2012. If you would like to be involved in the learning spaces this year please come along to these 2 one hour sessions.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION NEWS
School will operate as usual on Thursday 5th September. Staff are abiding by the ruling of Fair Work Australia.

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION Tuesday 9th October. This will be another important community day in this year’s calendar. We are hoping many parents will be able to join us for some activities during the day. Details will be sent home tomorrow. Please consider how you may be involved.

Riding to School: A reminder that children leaving bikes or scooters at the bike rack should secure them to the racks.

Yr 5 Parents should be considering the options for secondary college. Thomas Carr College information session was held last night. Speak to Jan if you need information about options for enrolment at Catholic colleges.

News from Mount St Joseph Girls’ College Our next 2012 Open Morning will be held at the College on Thursday September 13th at 9 am. Come along and see our school in action, speak with the Principal and find out about our 21st century learning programs in a school that specializes in the education of young women. Please register your intention to attend with Jenny Hendricks, our College Registrar on 8398 2000

Hoppers Crossing Basketball Club Inc
The Hoppers Crossing Basketball Club is currently recruiting players for both boys and girls under 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 teams for the new basketball season commencing in October. Training takes place in Hoppers Crossing at local schools one night per week with games played at the Werribee Sports and Fitness Centre on Saturdays. No experience is necessary at all and the club supplies player uniforms. If you would like to play a great fun team sport within a family oriented club, please contact one of the people below. An information / training session will be held in September for all prospective new players and their families.

Mario Costa: Club Vice President 0412 810 190
Simon Parker: Club Secretary 0437 243 080

DATES TO REMEMBER:
Sept 5: Volunteer training 9.15am
PIP 2.30 & 7.30
Sept 6: Fundraising money due
Sept 8, 9, 15, 16: Confirmation community presentation
Sept 19: Volunteer training 9.15am
Mass for Confirmation Sponsor & Candidate @ 7.30pm
Sept 21: Last day of term 3
Oct 8: First day of term 4
Oct 9: St Francis Feast Day

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