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CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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VISION
A vibrant Catholic learning community of peace, justice, respect and excellence.

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STAFF NEWS:
Tarryn McRae is currently ill and so will not return to school this term. We keep Tarryn in our prayers and wish her all the best as she continues her journey to sustain good health.

WE PRAY FOR
Lucy’s Uncle John who passed away on Sunday. Our sympathy is extended to Lucy and her family.

WORKING BEE
Saturday, 16th July
We need families to support the gardens work being done.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS for the Damiano LC take place on Thursday 14th, Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th July. To make a booking online go to: www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code – x56ez It is most important that all parents make arrangements to meet with their child/ren’s teacher during this time to ensure best learning for all.

We encourage all parents to complete the short survey about the Reporting Process for mid-year. We will keep the surveys open until 22nd July.

SUBWAY LUNCH
Subway lunch is being ordered for St James Feast day on July 25th. Subway order forms were sent home at the end of term. It is available from the school website. Orders are due by Monday, July 18th. Late orders cannot be accepted. Please send exact money.

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WELCOME to TERM 3!
A term in which we celebrate our parish feast as well as the feast days of St Clare and our first Australian saint: Mary of the Cross MacKillop. With the example of these great Christians, we look to continuing our call to build this Catholic Learning Community of St Francis. May we be courageous in standing up for justice and peace; and may we be open to learning and living the Gospel in our daily lives.
**TERM OVERVIEWS** have been sent home today. The overview provides a summary of the learning in which children will be engaged during this term; as well as some organisational details of the Learning Community. If you keep this handy over the coming weeks, it can guide your conversations with your children about their learning.

**CHILD SAFE POLICIES/PROCEDURES:**

A Ministerial Order (860) comes into effect in schools across Victoria on 1st August. This Order addresses child safe standards and expectations for managing the risk of child abuse in schools. Introducing minimum child safe standards is part of the Victorian Government’s response to the report of the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and other Non-Government Organisations (Betrayal of Trust Report, 2013). Staff are currently reviewing our policies and procedures to ensure that our positive practices are strengthened and documented. This is being supported by Catholic Education Commission Victoria & Catholic Education Melbourne as well as by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority. By 1st August we will have begun the required documentation and have a clearly articulated action plan for full compliance (as required by the Order). Consultation with parents will be incorporated into that plan.

**TERM 3 CALENDAR** is attached to this newsletter. Please note our special events throughout the term and keep this calendar in a visible place at home — We look forward to your engagement in the learning and community building this term.

**CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT**

Parents are invited to attend a **Community Conversation** to inform the development of the **sexuality component** of our Christian Education for Personal Development program. All students need opportunities to understand themselves both personally and in relationship; and the changes that occur physically and emotionally as we grow. We would like to strengthen the program that we currently offer and further support parents/carers in their role as primary educators in relation to children’s understanding of their developing bodies.

Parents of students Prep-Year 6 are invited

Monday 25th July: 7.00-8.30pm

**Psychology Services:** Parents are advised that we are no longer able to have Next Door Psychology services working from our school. Low uptake numbers for the service has meant a rationalisation and the psychologist will not be visiting the school for sessions. We will continue to recommend Next Door Psychology as a provider of therapeutic services but all sessions will be undertaken at their Werribee practice.

A reminder that Book Club orders are due back by Tuesday, July 26th.