Dear Parents,

Each term the school tries to offer parent information sessions to assist parents in either finding out what is happening in education and in the school, or in issues that affect families at home. During this year, we have offered parent information on the following.

Term 1:
- Parent information for each level
- Reconciliation information night
- iPad sessions
- Family Life Night.

Term 2:
- Confirmation information night
- Eucharist information night
- 3-way interviews
- iPad sessions
- Dealing with angry children
- Assessment & reporting session.

Term 3:
- Maths sessions
- iPad sessions
- Cybersafety meeting.

Some of these sessions have received a very good response and others only a few attended. In order to better cater for parent needs, we are asking you to let us know what information you would like to hear about and what time best suits, i.e. morning, afternoon or evening.

Please fill out the slip below or follow this link to complete the survey online, by next Friday 19th September.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LXZ69NQ

We will endeavor to offer one or two parent sessions in Term 4.

Vinnies School Sleepout
Thank you everyone for your amazing support. We raised $2,351.25. This amount has been forwarded to St. Vincent de Paul Society, and I am sure it will do a lot of good in their hands.

NAPLAN Results
The NAPLAN reports are going home today with Year 3 and 5 children who completed the tests. If you wish to discuss your child’s results, please talk with their classroom teacher.

School Production
Our Year 6 students are working very hard in preparation for the show, Hoodwink, being held next Wednesday and Thursday evening. For a good night out, go online to purchase tickets. More information on page 2.

Footy Colours Day
Next Friday 19th September is Footy Colours Day. Children may wear footy jumpers, tops, shorts, scarves, beanies etc. If children do not have footy apparel, they may choose to wear clothes of the team’s colours. A gold coin donation will go towards our sponsor child through the Presentation Sisters in the Philippines.

End of Term
Term 3 finishes next Friday 19th September at 1pm.
Term 4 will commence at 9am on Monday 6th October.
There is a lot of sickness across the school, and across society in general at the moment. We are all looking for the consistent change in weather.

Have a happy week ahead.
Mrs. Pat McConville
Principal

Parent Information Sessions
I am interested in finding out about __________________________________________________________

The best day of the week is:  Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

The best time of day is:  After 9am drop-off  Before 3.30 pick-up  Evening

Calendar

September
10—Preps Prayers in Pyjamas, 6pm
11—Year 3/4 Excursion
12—School Liturgy at 12.15pm, led by Preps
17—Year 6 Production
18—Year 6 Production
19—Footy Colours Day
19—End of Term 3, at 1pm.
Parish CAR BOOT SALE - 15th November 2014
Major fundraiser for the Parish this year
Join in the fun:
Book a site - make some money, have a clear out and make space for Christmas!
Volunteer to – be a parking attendant, Sell raffle tickets, or Cook sausages
All enquiries to: Anne-Marie Hyde 0409020120 amr28@bigpond.com
Maree Taverna 0425721207 mareetaverna@hotmail.com

cyber Safety Evening
On Tuesday evening we held a Cyber Safety evening. Although numbers were disappointing the message and discussions were very worthwhile. Some of the key messages to come from the evening were:
talk as a family about safety online
how your children see you behaving online will heavily influence their behaviours
stay involved in your child’s use of new technology
encourage children to think before they post
check age restrictions on apps
make sure social networking settings are on private
children should tell an adult if they see or are involved in something that makes them feel uncomfortable
be very careful when making new friends online
seek help
We recommend all parents look at the cyber evening presentation found on the school website. http://www.stmmtlza.catholic.edu.au/
Look in the ‘Parents Lounge’ and under the ‘cyber safety’ tab. It contains many links that families can look at and discuss.

East Timor Backpack Project:
Each year the school community supports our school in East Timor. This year the focus is to provide backpacks for the students. At our meeting we discussed the fact that the students in East Timor have very few personal belongings or materials to use at school. Our school community is encouraged to provide resources for the students to use at school.
The following is a list of things which will make up the contents of a backpack.
Backpacks may be new or good quality second-hand suitable for (5-14 year olds)
1 x lunch box 2 x writing exercise books, 1 x Scrap book, 1 x Pencil case, 2 x black ball-point pens, 2 x blue ball-point pens, 2 x black lead pencils, 1 x packet coloured pencils, 1 x packet coloured textas, 1 x packet crayons, 1 x pencil sharpener, 2 x erasers, 1 x scissors, 1 x ruler, 1 x glue stick, 1 x hand towel, 1 x soap box, 1 x cake of soap
Include a small clean soft toy (teddy)
EITHER
3-6 tennis balls or a Frisbee (boys) OR 1 X skipping rope or a Frisbee (girls)
Please LABEL THE OUTSIDE OF THE PACK ‘BOY’ or ‘GIRL.’
Each family is asked to donate some of the above items or team up with another family to put a backpack together.
Thank you in anticipation. We would like to load the backpacks into the shipping container before the end of this term, so please send them in as soon as possible.

Hoodwink......Year 6 Musical Production…..a medieval musical based on The Legend of Robin Hood!
It’s a very exciting time for our Year 6’s as they enter the final preparations for their musical production Hoodwink. The cast of 2014 has been open and ready to take on all the challenges that musical theatre involves. They all have a lot to be proud of … the personal growth they have shown, the talents they have uncovered and strengthened, the encouragement, support and care they have shared. They are an enthusiastic cast … and they are very excited about their up-coming performances.
We hope that children, families and friends across all year levels … and beyond … will be able to join us on one of the performance nights and be a part of the exciting atmosphere that our Year 6’s will create. We are really looking forward to sharing the musical story of Hoodwink with you all. There will be a coffee van at the theatre one hour prior to the performance starting times and lolly bags will be available for purchase in the foyer area.
Welcome to the excitement!
K. Shaw

Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th September – 7:30pm
Ticket booking online from Wednesday 3rd September.
Mastercard/Visacard bookings can be made online via the following website
www.trybooking.com/FTZI
Parents Association

All Welcome! - Parents Association Meetings
The PA meets on the first Tuesday of every month, with School holidays being an exception. Anyone and everyone is welcome. Meetings begin at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Contact talk2josie@hotmail.com for more information.

Crockery
Do you have a party or event coming up? Did you know for a small donation the crockery at STM is available for any school family or parishioner to hire. Donations assist to replace damaged pieces and purchase items that could be useful. You could comfortably cater for about 90 people with all crockery and cutlery, salad bowls, platters, carafes, salt and pepper shakers, vases etc all in white. Great for communion/confirmation parties. Contact the office for more info.

Cadbury Chocolate drive!
Peter Whyte and Josie Palancian are still chasing a few families. Any last minute outstanding money, please hand it in ASAP

AVER & LINE FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER - LIMITED SESSIONS AVAILABLE.
Sunday 19th October 2014 - Outdoor session on the school grounds. Cost: $15 donation - What you get: 20 Minute Session, Free 8 x12” Print, Petite Bottle Frame and Best Value Packages. Bookings online only - www.schoolinterviews.com.au Code: EUWJ8 Booking is not confirmed until payment is received. Please place cash in an envelope with your name and booking time and return to the school office. Any questions please contact Leonie 0434 852494

Cinema Night on the Oval!! - RIO 2!
Join us for a fun night under the stars to watch Rio 2 on the big screen! Bring your family and friends and a picnic blanket at 7pm (after 6pm Mass) for a Sausage Sizzle followed by the movie at dusk. Candy Store open with Choc Tops, Popcorn and Drinks plus Coffee Cart for Hot Chocolates and Coffee. Family tickets available for pre-purchase online for $25 @ www.trybooking.com/FWHN or on the night for $30. Single tickets $10. See the attached flyer.

STM Business Owners: For just $25, you can advertise your business on the Big Screen before the movie! Please contact Sally Schultz for more information. Sallys@insightsystems.com.au.

Entertainment Book – NOW ON SALE!

Don’t Forget! - Victorian Catholic Schools Parent Body
In the Parents Lounge on the STM website we have a link to the above site, which you can also find at www.vcspb.catholic.edu.au

The purpose of the VCSPB is advocacy, enabling the voice and views of parents as stakeholders in Catholic education to be heard. VCSPB is relatively young but has an important role in the Victorian Catholic education landscape representing parents. They have a close relationship with the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) and four Victorian Catholic Education Offices.

The VCSPB website also has a forum in which parents are able to chat to other catholic school parents and answer any questions they may have regarding education and catholic schooling in Victoria. It also has some great information regarding bullying, parenting, funding and cyber safety.

If you would like to get involved more with the VCSPB, please email talk2josie@hotmail.com

Want to know what’s coming up?....

Parents Trade Night – Early November. Do you sell a product, good or Service? We would love to hear from you! We are inviting all consultants or retailers to come along on the night, set up a table and promote their goods. We have now opened stalls up to outside the school community, if you know someone that would like to come along on the night and have a stall, please have them email Josie. We have a wine and cheese merchant coming along, it is going to be a great night! Also, If you are able to assist us in putting the night together, we would like to hear from you. Email talk2josie@hotmail.com. Please note, Thermomix and Arbonne stalls are already taken.

"STM Dad's Golf Day" - Save the date: Sunday October 26. Kingswood Golf Club—more details to come.

Annual Fun Run – Back by popular demand! If you are able to assist with this please email Josie

Christmas Ham Fundraiser - Need a ham for Christmas?! We will be running a ham drive from an award winning free range peninsula butcher. They won Best ham on bone 3 years running at the Melbourne show! 2 sizes available. Look out for information coming up soon on how and when to order – don’t miss out!

Sincerely
Josie Palancian
President
STM Parents Association
Mornington Racecourse Market Car Park Duty

Please find the car parking rosters for the coming markets here. Together, this small contribution of our time is raising approximately $14,000 annually for the continual improvement of our school and the programs provided to our children.

PLEASE ADVISE DANIEL FERLIN ON 0410 184 494 WITH YOUR CONFIRMED ATTENDANCE VIA TEXT (INCL YOUR NAME) ASAP.

IF YOU ARE UNAVAILABLE FOR YOUR ROSTERED MONTH, PLEASE ORGANISE ANOTHER FAMILY TO TAKE YOUR PLACE AT LEAST A WEEK IN ADVANCE OF THE MARKET, AND ADVISE DANIEL OF THE CHANGE ASAP.

All Markets:

• Arrive at 7:45 am (all weather event)
• You will be told by the Market Leader when you can leave. This is typically around 12:30pm but can alter depending on how busy the market is.
• Enter via the main gates of Racecourse on Racecourse Road, Mornington
• Park in the designated area (Market Staff will be at the gate to assist you)
• Sign in with the Team Leader (for record keeping and Work Cover). Team Leaders must collect a black folder from the school office the Friday prior to attending the market, and return it the following Monday.
• Receive your safety vest
• Market Staff will take you to your location in the car park where you will direct cars accordingly and finish at approximately noon.
  (On slower days Market Staff will advise if you can leave earlier)

Daniel Ferlin
0410 184 494
daniel_ferlin@hotmail.com

**Please confirm attendance ASAP**

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