Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who has given such positive feedback about the concert to members of staff and me. What a fantastic job Rachael Steinmann has done in her short time with us to build on the previous work of Sharyn Cambridge. Parents who have been to our concerts before already know how enthusiastic nearly all our students are about performing. In a school with this accepted culture of performance, where senior students are eager and proud to have major roles, younger students see performance as a positive and the culture continues. Having a production every second year also supports this. Thanks go to all who helped and are continuing to help by washing costumes. Without the varied work of so many, both staff and parents, it would not be possible to create such a valuable and valued experience for your children. Our performance for next year is Ballroom dancing. We have already received many orders for buying the DVD. If you didn’t receive an order envelope they are available at the office.

Yesterday was a valuable learning day for staff. We spent the day looking at helping students become more engaged in their learning by helping them understand the goal or the learning intention of each lesson and how they will know when they have succeeded in the learning – success criteria. This terminology will begin to be part of your child’s school vocabulary. Next Week our year 5 & 6 students are away at camp Wednesday – Friday. They are going to Philip Island Adventure Camp which has an outdoor education focus. Adults accompanying them are their teachers Helen Kalac and Ben Higgins, Judy Harris, former student PJ McColl and student teacher, Aisling McGing. The Library and Performing Arts timetable will change next week so that Rooms 12 & 14 won’t miss their lessons while at camp. Rooms 7, 9, 12 & 14 will have specialist lessons on Tuesday next week and Rooms 1–5 on Wednesday.

The fathers’ day stall next week will be held on Tuesday so that all students will have the opportunity to attend. On Thursday September 5th we will have our Twilight school Fathers/grandfathers/godfathers/significant male evening. This is an opportunity for working fathers or other males significant to our students to come and share an activity with the children in their classrooms and meet the fathers of other students. A sausage sizzle dinner and soft drink is provided so we need to know numbers for catering. The children will write an invitation with a reply slip but in case that goes missing there is a reply slip later in the newsletter. The evening is from 5.00 to 7.00 pm. More than one male adult or older sibling is welcome from each family.

I am away for the last three weeks of this term commencing Monday September 2nd. Details will be in next week’s newsletter. Donations for the art room: To save the washing of paint trays we would like to have a collection of polystyrene or plastic disposable trays.

A ‘Thank You’ prayer for books.

For the places they show us, and the people we meet,
We say Thank You God for books.
For fascinating facts and interesting information,
We say Thank You God for books.
For creepy tales and funny stories,
We say Thank You God for books.
For helping me with my homework,
We say Thank You God for books.
For illustrations and cartoons,
We say Thank You God for books.
For things to do on a rainy day,
We say Thank You God for books.
For all the titles I’ve yet to read,
We say Thank You God for books.
trays. These can be the trays that prepacked meat is sold on and the trays that frozen meals come in. Clean trays can be dropped off at the office or children can send them to the office via the classroom tubs. Why not egg cartons some may ask – to be sure that children with egg allergies are not exposed to contaminated cartons.

A reminder that if children are attending other schools next year please let us know as soon as possible as it can affect our planning and funding for 2014. I know that when people have moved house and that the end of year can sometimes cause you to reconsider the school travel.

**REMINDER:** P&F Meeting tomorrow night 7.30 in the staff room. As it will be a chilly night I will have a hot chocolate ready to warm you up!! Agenda items will include Election day fundraising and catering for Father’s day twilight school. With the parish hall being used as a polling booth it is a great opportunity for to fundraise from people outside the school by having a sausage sizzle and/or cake stall. Please come along to the meeting!

Have a great week!

Maria McIntyre

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**ASSEMBLY PRESENTATION**

MONDAY 26TH AUGUST, 2013

ROOM 1

**LOST PROPERTY FROM CONCERT**

We have a pair of glasses with speckled pink frames and a pink pillow found after the concert last week. There was also a mobile phone lost on the night. Please contact the school office.

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**FATHER’S DAY TWILIGHT EVENING**

Yes, we will be attending the Father’s Day Twilight Evening next Thursday 5th September from 5.00pm—7.00pm. (please return this slip to the school office.

CHILD’S NAME: ____________________ ROOM No:______________
NAME: ___________________________
NAME: ___________________________

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**FATHER’S DAY STALL**

A reminder that the Father’s Day stall is next Tuesday 27th August. Children will need to bring money and a plastic bag to put their gifts in. Prices will range from $1 to $10.

Further to the flyer that went home last week if anyone can spare an hour or two to help with wrapping this Thursday 22nd August or with staffing the stall on Tuesday 27th August please return the slip below.

- [ ] I can help with wrapping gifts on Thursday 22nd August from 9.15am
- [ ] I can help on Father’s Day Stall on Tuesday 27th August from 9.15am

NAME: ___________________________ CONTACT PH: ______________________

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**From The Library**

On the weekend I was at the Abbotsford Convent taking in the stalls and the food! I was delighted to meet and chat with Elise Hurst, the author and illustrator of The Night Garden. She had a stall at the marketplace there. Her pictures and books were for sale. We spoke about her work and a new book she has coming out at the end of this year. Judging by some of the illustrations this book is going to be lovely with lots of detail and pen and ink drawings. Check out her website: [www.elisehurst.com/](http://www.elisehurst.com/)

The Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes in September. Those children who have completed their books need to have their lists verified by me. To do this, please print off the list from the Challenge site (there is a print option). Sign the list and send it to school to me. I can then verify the books and your child will have completed the Challenge. The sooner I can have these, the better.

Kate Hole

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**Children’s Church**

This Sunday 25th August at the 9.00am Mass with Sister Lyn, our Pastoral Associate
COMMUNITY NOTICES

“Manningham YMCA opens 'The Lab' in Doncaster”

The Lab is a technology club for young people with Asperger Syndrome or High Functioning Autism focusing on skills development, such as programming, 3D, digital design and gaming.
The Lab is opening a new service in Doncaster in October thanks to YMCA funding.
- Open to ages 12-16 years
- Wednesday evenings
- Aquarena Aquatic & Leisure Centre
For more information visit www.thelab.org.au

Manningham Farmers Produce Market
-Sunday August 25, 2013
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Car park of The Manningham Club, 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen
(MEL 32D10)

Did you join us in July? Thank you to those who came for their very first market. We value your support. We look forward to seeing everyone in August.

The people who come to the Farmers Produce Market help our community.

The market is owned and operated by the Rotary Club of Templestowe. Proceeds from the market go into projects that benefit our community. There are no paid staff in the operation of our Farmer’s Produce Market. Buying direct from the grower reduces packaging, transport and waste.

There is a spot for a hot drink, or a sausage in bread (with or without onion), and you are welcome to bring your pooch (but please bring them on a lead).

Stall holders include seasonal fruit and vegetables, meat, pasta, cheeses, nuts, eggs, dried fruits, honey, jams, mustards, bread, cakes, olive oil, pate, pesto, sauces, spices, fresh flowers, plants and herbs.

For more information about the Manningham Farmers Produce Market you can contact Keith on 0412 558 066.

Come and see us on Sunday August 25 – shop and support your community.

Host Families Needed For New Exchange Students in 2014
There are girls and boys aged between 15 and 18 from exciting countries like Italy, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Brazil, Norway, Argentina, Finland, Canada and Austria hoping to come here to study for 3, 5 or 10 months from February next year and stay with a volunteer family that is willing to host and welcome them. If you feel you could do this for them for the length of their stay or even some of it, please contact Klaus Schumann on (03) 97584279 and let me know of your interest.
Klaus Schumann, WEP Community Coordinator

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