Dear Parents,

At this time of the year leadership in all schools has one foot in 2013 and one in 2014 as we plan for next year. I have advertised for two teachers for next year. One is a maternity leave replacement position for 2014 while Caitlin Burgess is on leave.

The second is due to us moving to 10 classes with an additional year 3/4 class from next year, as the larger numbers in our junior school move into the middle area. Other staffing decisions for next year cannot be settled yet because we do not yet have any notification of the impact of the new funding arrangements for individual schools.

The Catholic Education Office has the information about funding for the Catholic sector and is calculating the formulas for allocation to each school. Only when we know what our wages budget is can I make final calculations for staffing. The funding for schools is directly related to the enrolment in February 2014 so it is very important that I know if any children are not returning next year.

Tonight is the parent information session for 2014 Beginning students. There are a couple of vacancies for beginners if you know anyone who is still interested.

Reminder invitation to anyone who would like to have a conversation over coffee with me about my recent educational study to Singapore and Vietnam: two sessions tomorrow Wed 16th Oct at 9.15am or 2.30pm; or Friday 18th at 9.15am or prior to the School Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday 22nd at 7.30pm.

Have a good week.

Maria McIntyre

WEEKLY PRAYER

As you walk beside me, Lord, lead me to recognise you in all those you place into my life this day.

Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off Day
TOMORROW – WEDNESDAY 16th!

Due to the poor weather forecast for Thursday, we have decided to change our Jump Off day to tomorrow, Wednesday.

Could you please ensure that your child / children wear their sports uniform tomorrow? Sponsorship forms and payment do not need to be returned for tomorrow (but if completed you may send them). Final sponsorship forms and money need to be returned by Friday October 25th.

Thank you.

Judy Harris
JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
Keep signing up those sponsors for our Jump Rope For Heart Jump Off Day. First and foremost its about encouraging the children to be active and have healthy lifestyles. The other purpose of the day is to raise funds for the Heart Foundation. The Heart Foundation saves lives and improves health through funding world-class cardiovascular research, guidelines for health professionals, informing the public and assisting people with cardiovascular disease. As a charity, the Heart Foundation relies on donations and gifts to continue its lifesaving research and health education work.

We encourage you to help your children with their fundraising efforts. We DO NOT want the children to go doorknocking, but to ask friends and family for their support.

Here’s hoping for a good day for Jump Off Day!
LAST CHANCE
ANNUAL ADULTS ONLY DINNER DANCE
SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER from 7:30PM COPOCABANA

Grab a friend, get ready to meet some new parents or catch up with those you don’t see often as we rock and roll the night away. For just $59 you can enjoy 7 courses and entertainment at this great venue, we will be booking a table based on numbers who respond by Wednesday 16th October.

Got more questions? Have a chat with Bianca.D on 0402 352 699 – our brilliant coordinator for the event! See below for RSVP slip and further details.

P&F MEETING is on TOMORROW, 7:30pm in the Staff Room. Calendar for 2014 is in draft for support and more...

Hot Dog Day – Thanks to Keshani, Janele, Jacqui and Fung for your greatly appreciated help on the day!

We are holding a Tupperware lunchbox drive in line with our rubbish free lunch policy. There will also be a Tupperware party next Thursday 24 October as we are sure there are some Christmas and birthday gifts just waiting for you inside the pages of the latest catalogue.

A preview of products will also be available this Thursday 17 October from 11am—12.30pm for a sneak peak or order. Brochure and order forms will be sent home this Friday and are to be returned Wednesday 6 November for delivery 21 November. Please consider our environment and return your brochure even if you do not wish to place an order.

If you have any questions on items, wish to see them in person or need more info, please contact Trish on 0417124324.

TOY CATALOGUE FUNDRAISERS
Spare copies of catalogues are available at the office. Thanks to the many families selecting great items already from the 3 organisations, we’re sure you’ll enjoy your selections.

The second round of orders will close Friday 1st November. Orders will start to be delivered in November – exact timing closer to the date.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

DONCASTER MOBILE UNIT
Location: Manningham Function Centre
Level 1, 699 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster.
Friday 1st November 9:30am – 3:30pm

Before giving blood:

- **drink up** - in the 24hrs before donation, especially in warm weather, and have at least 3 good sized glasses of water/juice in the 3 hours prior to your visit.
- **eat up** - make sure you eat something in the 3 hours before donating.
- **bring ID** - please bring at least form of photo identification

To secure your appointment
Call 13 14 95

St Thomas the Apostle school and parish invite you to an afternoon of family fun at our annual Springtime Fair. Taking place on Saturday 26 October, 12pm to 6pm at 67 Central Road, Blackburn. Please enjoy with us delicious food, entertainment, rides and attractions, stalls of all varieties, animals and much more.

MARKET NIGHT
STALL HOLDERS WANTED

If you are interested in having a stall or know of someone who would like to have a stall contact:
Donna – 0402 803 888 or email: kannocksrus@me.com

**Thursday, 24th October 2013**
6.30 - 9.30pm
Mont Albert Primary School Hall

Complementing the night will be wine tasting and sausage sizzle.

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