Dear Parents,

Although it isn’t something that we would normally expect in a primary school we have now experienced the death of two fathers of students during the year. This week I have witnessed how a faith centred community can unite through shared grief and offer support through action and prayer. Many parents have already indicated that they wish to support through catering for the funeral which will be held on Friday. Mario’s life will be honoured with a Rosary at 10.00am and the funeral at 10.30 in the church. Fr Bill is returning from his holidays for the services. Attached to this newsletter is a green sheet asking for assistance with catering. If you are able to bring or send along food can you please let the organisers know via the return slip. Some staff members will be attending the funeral. If you wish your children to attend they will need to accompany you as we will not be taking groups of students. Another web site that may assist you in supporting your children deal with grief is [http://www.grief.org.au/grief_and_bereavement_support/understanding_grief/supporting_children](http://www.grief.org.au/grief_and_bereavement_support/understanding_grief/supporting_children)

In planning for next year I am able to share some decisions that have been made for 2014. As Caitlin will be on maternity leave for 2014 and we are increasing to 10 classrooms with the additional year 3/4 class we have appointed two new teachers Kristina Stephanou and Cathy Di Fede. Kristina is a teacher of three years experience while Cathy is graduating from ACU (Australian Catholic University). Both, Kristina and Cathy, will be working with Peter Lynch in the year 3/4 classes as Maureen Brown will be teaching Year 1/2 in Room 1. Sandra Hoyne has accepted a position as prep teacher at St Mark’s in Fawkner commencing next year. We are very sad to be losing Sandra but she has, understandably, been looking for a location to shorten her travel time to and from work. We are currently advertising for this position and hope to interview experienced applicants next week. Plans for graduation activities for our year six students are well underway but we are in need of someone to do some sewing of small jackets for teddy bears. Preferably this should be a year six parent. If you are able to assist please contact me.

Reminder: School is dismissed at 3.15pm on Tuesdays so staff can have a longer professional learning staff meeting on Tuesdays than the organisational meeting which is held after school on Wednesdays. Students are expected to have been picked up by 15 minutes after the end of school or they need to go to after school care. Unfortunately we are finding that there are often students still waiting long after 3.30 on Tuesdays which means that either Judy or I are often late to the meeting. Any students still waiting in future will be sent to after school care at 3.35 and fees will apply. Students still remaining on Wednesdays will go to after school care at 3.40pm and on other days at 4.00 pm.

**A BLESSING**

Go forth into the world in peace;  
Be of good courage;  
Hold fast that which is good;  
Render to no one evil for evil;  
Strengthen the faint hearted;  
support the weak;  
Help the afflicted;  
Give honour to all;  
love and serve the Lord,  
Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
Be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.
If you are supervising your children having a play on the adventure playground after school you need to vacate the grounds 30 minutes after the end of school so after school care have use of the playground.

If you have made arrangements for your children to walk home or walk to meet you elsewhere please remind them to leave the school grounds promptly. Children are not to use the school grounds or play equipment unsupervised either on their way home or as a means to facilitate late pick up by parents.

Maria McIntyre

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**ASSEMBLY PRESENTATION**

**MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER, 2013**

**ROOM 1**

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**LOST**

Sport Hoodie (size 8 or 10) has been lost—named “Wensor”. Please check that you have the correct one at home!

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**OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS**

The children are all loving Taekwando with Master Park on a Tuesday night.

A reminder that the class goes from 3.45-4.45pm.

Basketball will start this week on Thursday as we have finally found a coach!

Accounts for October will be out by the end of this week. Could all account be up to date with payment by the end of the year please. A reminder that if your child is absent you will still be charged the normal fee. You will not be charged if your child is sick and not at school or if we are given 24 hours notice. Messages can be left on the answering machine on 9841 9554 at anytime even over the weekend. You can text or call the office mobile 0457 085 784.

Please DO NOT contact my personal mobile.

The 2014 Vacation Care program will be out next week. If we get the numbers it will run from Monday 6th January 2014. Our new 2014 Beginners are welcome to commence with us at Vacation Care.

Please let me know ASAP the days you will need next year. I need to know even if they will be same as this year. If it is easier you can email me at sspossph@gmail.com

Have a great week.

Stacey & the OSHC Team

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**WE REQUIRE CLEAN POLYSTYRENE TRAYS/ MEAT TRAYS FOR UPCOMING ART ACTIVITIES PLEASE**

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The Ladies of the Drop-in Centre and Craft Group will be holding a Craft Night. Please mark the date in your diaries and make a start on your Christmas shopping!
PARENTS AND FRIENDS

**P&F MEETING** the next and final formal meeting of 2013 will be Wednesday November 20th from 7:30pm in the Staff Room.

**Visions Family Photographs** has, unfortunately, been cancelled due to lack of bookings. We will endeavour to hold another session sometime next year. If you have any questions please contact Mel on 0400 755 554 with any queries.

**Scholastic Book Club** Issue #7 has been delivered – congrats to Eliza Rm 4 who got part of her order free, and to room 7 who selected the Famous Five box set to add to their classroom supplies.

Issue #8 is being sent home tomorrow, orders due next Weds 20\(^{th}\) Nov. It’s the last issue for the year, and both room 4 and room 5 are hoping to select $100 each in freebies for their classrooms with your kind support of this activity. Stock up on quality reading for Christmas gifts and Summer fun.

**TOY CATALOGUE FUNDRAISERS**
Spare copies of catalogues from Educational Experience, Parent Direct and Chalk are available at the office. We’ll let you know as orders start to arrive.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** Tickets out soon – prize details will be published shortly...

**Veggie Smugglers** are now available! These would make perfect Christmas presents!

The Veggie Smugglers cookbooks (only $30 each) are full of healthy meals that the whole family will love.

Delicious and easy recipes
Solve fussy eating and food rejection
Stop cooking multiple meals
Practical sections for quick meals, preparing ahead and freezing


For more information speak to Kim (Lucy – Rm 3) – kimpbedford@gmail.com or 0402 041 585.

**School Calendar 2014** Colouring competition theme is - **Family**. Students may interpret this theme as they wish. Entries are due Friday 29\(^{th}\) Nov on a plain sheet of A4 paper at the office, coloured entries are preferred in any medium – entries must include a name and class number. A Junior school collage of 4 to 6 entries will be selected along with a senior and middle school winner. Students will choose their favourites in the week of the 2\(^{nd}\) of Dec to allow enough time for collation before year end. Helpers to collate on Wednesday 11\(^{th}\) Dec – 4 people take about 3 hours to complete the task. Leave your name at the office if you can help.

**ICY POLES ARE BACK!**
Along with the warm weather are stocks of Icy Poles. Icy Poles remain 50c each. Students must buy and eat their Icy Pole before heading to the play ground.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Weekly development program for young players looking to take the next step in improving their basketball skills and knowledge

Ages: All players born 2003, 2004 or 2005

Where: Slater Reserve, Grosvenor St, Blackburn

Cost: $30 for all 4 weeks

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Dates: November 8, 15, 22, 29

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