Dear Parents

As a teacher and even now in my role as Deputy Principal I often have parents ask me. “How can I help my child develop a love of learning?” Often my first question in reply is “do you love learning?” “When was the last time you talked to your child about something you learnt?”

As parents you know your children learn from you every day. We know that as teachers as well - it is funny when we hear children ‘pretending’ to be the teacher and mimicking the way we speak - “Is that what I really sound like?” is usually the first thing that goes through our minds! However on a serious note your role as the first educators of your children is crucial. The messages you send your child about things like reading, maths and general knowledge are so powerful. If you want your child to be a successful learner one of the most powerful things you can do is to learn with them and talk to them about things you learn at work or a new sport or skill you might be learning. This way children can see that learning is really a life long endeavour…not something that is restricted to a school environment!

One of the important facts we know about learning is that to learn something you require repetition. As a child I remember having times table races and learning some things by rote.

We know now that it is really the repetition and not the rote way of learning that brings about the acquisition of new knowledge.

As adults we know that if we haven’t done something for a long time like tuning the TV it can take a while to remember the steps required - even though you have done it before.

Repetition is an important key to learning - children need to read every night and be read to, be quizzed and practise their times tables in context, learn maths facts so they are automatic - eg 4 and 3 makes 7. There are many websites that can make this more fun! If we can do these simple activities with our children every night it will certainly help their learning journey.

As the school holidays are nearly upon us look for in context learning experiences you can give your child over the holidays - taking them on a train journey and letting them work out which stop comes next and for older children read the train timetable, at a shopping centre get your children to read the signs and perhaps get them to weigh things in the supermarket. For those children who love sport the MCG museum is a great place to go! The local library often has activities for children - and a bit further afield the state library is an amazing place to see! Learning isn’t just confined to school - enjoy the some of the learning experiences you can share with your children during the holidays….

Danielle Casey
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - TEACHING AND LEARNING
Websites are a fun way to reinforce and have repetitive practise with basic maths and literacy facts. Here is a collection of some great learning websites you might like to try!

**Maths**
- [http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize/numeracy/multiplication/index.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize/numeracy/multiplication/index.shtml)
- [http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/)

**Literacy**
- [http://www.storylineonline.net/](http://www.storylineonline.net/)

**Prep/Junior**
- [http://www.abc.net.au/countusin/default.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/countusin/default.htm)
- [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)
Thur 15th Sept  School Board meeting 7.30pm
Fri 16th Sept  Grade 5 & 6 interschool sport Lightning Premiership
Sat 17th Sept  Sacrament of First Eucharist 6.00pm
Sun 18th Sept  Sacrament of First Eucharist 11.00am
Mon 19th Sept  First Eucharist Parent info meeting 7.30pm

Fri 23rd Sept  **TERM 3 ENDS 3.15pm**
Sun 2nd Oct  Daylight Savings begins

**Mon 10th Oct**  **Term 4 Begins 8.45am**
Sat 15th Oct  P & F Shopping Tour
Sat 15th Oct  Sacrament of First Eucharist 6.00pm
Sun 16th Oct  Sacrament of First Eucharist 11.00am
Tues 18th Oct  Grades 3 & 4 excursion
Thur 20th Oct  Sacrament of First Reconciliation 7.00pm
School Board meeting 7.30pm
Sat 22nd Oct  Sacrament of First Reconciliation 10.15am
Wed 26th Oct  Grades 1 & 2 Excursion

**Thur 27th Oct**  **Extension Students—Showcase**
Fri 28th Oct  World Teachers day

**Mon 31st Oct**  **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS STAFF P.D. DAY**
**Tues 1st Nov**  **NO SCHOOL—MELBOURNE CUP DAY**

Wed 2nd Nov  Grade 6 students graduation photo, Student leaders, Sport Captains and Choir
Thur 3rd Nov  Parents & Friends A.G.M. 7.30pm
Sacrament of First Reconciliation 7.00pm
Sat 5th Nov  Sacrament of First Reconciliation 10.15am

**Wed 9th Nov**  **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**
Thurs 10th Nov  2012 Prep Parent Information night 7.00pm
Sun 13th Nov  Sacrament of First Eucharist 11.00am
Thur 17th Nov  School Board A.G.M. 7.30pm
Thur 24th Nov  2012 Prep Orientation Day
Sat 26th Nov  Sacrament of First Eucharist 6.00pm
Sun 27th Nov  Sacrament of First Eucharist 11am

**Tue 29th Nov**  **2012 Prep Orientation**
Fri 2nd Dec  Billy Tea Bush band
Dear parishioners

It is with a sense of wonder that I write this pastoral letter to all families in our three primary schools. Our parish is alive and vibrant because of your generosity in giving your time, talent and treasure to the life of the parish. Our church has many faces, the school is one face that evangelises and empowers people to be disciples.

I arrived in OLHC parish on the 1st January 2011 and it has been an exciting and challenging start to parish life. I am pleased to welcome Fr. Janesh Jose CMI from Kerala in India to our parish team. Our parish team looks forward to working with all schools in the future.

One of the important aspects of parish leadership is working with the principals of our schools who are entrusted with the responsibility of providing your children with the best possible means of becoming the people Christ calls them to be. Brendan Marriott, Maree Swanson, John Williams, and I meet regularly to discuss the financial, educational and pastoral concerns of our schools.

My time so far in all schools has confirmed the extraordinary capability that our schools have to build community. Sausage sizzles, concerts, fun raising, fayres, day stalls, mothers day stalls, class masses and the list goes on of activities that build a strong community. I am delighted with the spirit that I sense in all schools. Qualities such as generosity and honouring the importance of each individual child don’t just happen particularly in schools with such large numbers. I would like to regularly communicate with you who are our first teachers in faith via the school newsletters to keep you informed about the wider parish, but also to let you know just of you is vital for the life of the parish.

Our leadership group: parish priest and principals are doing all in its power to achieve each school’s full potential. It’s exciting to work in communities that are generous with each other and open to the Holy Spirit and where it leads.

Yours sincerely

Fr Brendan Hogan
Parish Priest
School fees for term three are now overdue. Please finalise accounts as soon as possible.
If you are having difficulty with fees please contact the office.
Payments can be made by cash, cheque, BPay and ETFPOS.

NAPLAN Parent reports for Grade 3 and 5 children will be sent home today in a sealed envelope.
If you do not receive your child’s results please contact the office.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT!!
There were no games played last week due to bad weather.
This week all grade 5 & 6 students will be participating in the LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP
All football and newcombe games will be held at St Francis Xavier College in Beaconsfield.
Netball will be held at Cardinia Recreation Centre, 4 Olympic Way Pakenham.
SPECTATORS WELCOME GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS

WILL YOU BE AT TRINITY IN 2012?
If you have children in grades prep-5 and your family will not be returning to Trinity next year, could
you please advise the office in writing as soon as possible.
This will help us with finalising our numbers for the 2012 school year.
Thank you

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR CRAFT SUPPLIES
If you have any craft items lying around at home, such as embroidery cotton, ribbons, buttons all shapes and sizes, calico or similar plain fabric, etc. they can be put to good use here at school. Any of these items can be left at the office. Thank you for your support.

CYBERSAFETY
All Parents/Carers, Today we are sending home the following information leaflets as a follow up to our Cybersafety program we held here at school recently.

* Guide to Online Safety
* Say NO to Cyber Bullying
* Socialising on the Internet
* Mobile Phone safety

Each leaflet provides handy tips for Parents and also for children.
Happy Birthday to the following children who will be celebrating their birthday next week.

19th September         James Cristiano, Sarah Johnson, Matthew Slavuj
20th September         Liam Grant, Rebecca Saunders
21st September         Tahlya Bignoux, Andrew Cordon, Lachlan Le Grand
22nd September         Ayden Allison
23rd September         Madeline Harrison, Christopher Issa
24th September         Alexander Fraillon, Pooja Jeyadeva
25th September         Jonathan Fernandes

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Emily D’Sylva

Mass-times
Saturday- 6.00pm
Sunday – 8.00am, 9.15am, 11.00am & 6.00pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monay
11.00am – 3.30pm
Tuesday—Friday
9.00am—3.30pm

CANTEEN ROSTER
MONDAY—MIDDLE and SENIOR
FRIDAY—PREP and JUNIOR

16th SEPTEMBER
+Melissa Moore
#Leanne Higgins

19th SEPTEMBER
+Hilary Fraillon
#Angela Printz

23rd SEPTEMBER
+Kirsten Rigney
#Deanne Camilleri
PASTORAL CARE  15TH September, 2011

SINGLE BED  There is an as new Single Bed and Mattress available. If you are interested please see Sister Joy to make arrangements for connecting with the family who no longer needs the bed.

My Time Our Place  is a publication of The Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations For the Council of Australian Governments.  (Wow what a mouthful!)  A copy is available for reading and returning on the Parents Noticeboard outside the Multi-purpose Room. There are some pamphlets on the board also.

Paula Morales invites you to THE PINK RIBBON BREAKFAST in aid of Breast Cancer to be held at 23 Seebeck Dve. on Friday 23rd September from 9.30am onwards. Cost $10 per person. There will also be a raffle and merchandise for sale. More Info kassikate@hotmail.com.

PARENTING BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR LOAN  Those who came to the Restorative Practices evening with Marg Armstrong, may remember she recommended a few books.  These have now been purchased and catalogued and are available from the Pastoral Care room for borrowing on Wed. Thurs. or Friday. To refresh your memory they are:

Parenting For A Peaceful World by Robin Grill  This is a fascinating look at how parenting customs have shaped societies and major world events. It reveals how children adapt to different parenting styles and how these early experiences underpin the adults they become.  Turning the Me Generation into the We Generation by Michael Ungar  Though today’s youth culture may seem totally self-centered, kids still want close relationships with the significant adults in their lives. What they need though, is compassion and encouragement from their parents.  Tricky Kids by Andrew Fuller  This book provides insights into the behaviours of these young people and practical strategies to support them, develop new behaviours while retaining their individual identity.  He’ll Be Ok by Celia Lashlie  Celia doesn’t tell how to raise boys…instead she provides tools for parents who want their sons to become good men.

END OF TERM MORNING TEA  PASTORAL CARE ROOM  Next Thursday, 22nd September after drop-off in the morning. Come and relax for a cuppa and ready yourself for the holidays ahead.

When hard work- like mopping the floor, laying bricks, getting the work done on time, soak your shirt, blouse, t shirt, look about you and you will see angels gathering drops of sweat as though gathering diamonds.  
(adapted from Dom Helder Camara “A Thousand Reasons for Living”)
Trinity Shopping Tour Fundraiser
Saturday 15th October.
Don’t miss your seat on the Bus!!

The P&F Committee have organised a Shopping Tour on Saturday, October 15th 2011. **It will depart from Trinity Primary School at approximately 8am, and arrive home at approximately 6-6.30pm.** We are aiming to visit at least 14 outlets. It will be BYO lunch, although we will stop for a lunch break near food outlets for those who would like to buy lunch. **Cost for the tour is $45 per person**, so get together with family and friends for a ‘Girls’ Day Out!

To help us plan a great day for you, please circle **ten** outlets below that you would most like to visit.

**Full payment is due by Friday 23rd September.**

**Outlets:** Manchester, homewares-glassware, platters etc, women’s clothing (incl plus sizes), kids clothing, men’s clothing, Bolle, kitchen & giftware, Converse-sporting shoes & apparel, books, Fila-sportswear, Kambrook/Breville, lingerie, Natio cosmetics, In Essence-aromatherapy, candles, essential oils etc, Newmans chocolates, Olga Berg-bags & accessories, Russell sporting goods, Reebok sporting apparel, shoes-women's, shoes-family, Siricco-leather bags,plus fashion bags & wallets Table Eight ladies wear, Taking Shape ladies wear-sizes 14-26, toys, UFO/Bonds-socks, underwear for whole family, costume jewellery

**Name:** ...........................................................................................................................................

**Eldest child and class:** ..................................................................................................................

**Contact Phone number:** .............................................................................................................

**Number of seats:** .........................................................................................................................

**Deposit enclosed:** .........................................................................................................................

The final list of outlets to be visited and exact departure and arrival times will not be known until we have the numbers for the bus tour, so please get your forms in early. Any questions, please contact Alison White (P&F Treasurer) on 0414 471 584.
Reusable Canteen Bags

Our school has decided to offer a very practical and useful product from the Stickybeaks range:

**Re-usable canteen bags:**

These clever bags have been designed as an alternative to brown paper bags for lunch orders. They are more hygienic to use because of the zippered pocket that separates money from contact with food and easily wipe clean with a damp cloth after use and are made from non-woven polypropylene. These compact and funky bags help reduce unwanted paper waste generated from paper bags.

**Product features include:**

- Holds a substantial amount of more food inside than brown paper bags.
- Collapsible sides and a Velcro tab that secures the bags in a closed position.
- Sturdy flat base makes them easy to pack and stack.
- Stylish design which folds conveniently to fit in every child’s school bag.
- Hygienic zipper pocket to secure and separate money from contact with food.
- Clear pocket to display name and class.

*A sample of the Canteen Bag is on display in the School Office.*
Order Form

Please select from the product guide below, simply write the quantity of each bag you would like to order then add the total amount of money.

Name of Eldest Child:  _______________________________
Grade:  _______________________________

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Final orders are due by Friday 21st October 2011.

No orders will be taken after this date.

Please return this Order Form, along with your payment in an envelope which is clearly marked ‘Stickybeaks Order’
Help I’m about to have a teenager!

A presentation by Michael Grose - TV and radio parenting expert.

About to have a teenager? Concerned about how to handle changes?
Do you have lots of questions and few answers?

Michael Grose is the author of 8 books for parents, a Body & Soul parenting columnist whilst being a recognized media figure on shows such as The Today Show, Sunrise & The Morning Show.

In this presentation he will advise on parenting each stage of adolescence, how to communicate more effectively with young people, disciplining techniques, along with dealing with real-life issues and risky behaviours.

Thursday 17th November 7.30pm start
Limited tickets available- $10 each or $15 per couple

Contact our office now for your booking.
Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre 8 O’Neil Road,
Beaconsfield, 3807 Tel. 8768 4400