OUR MISSION WORK

Shortly following the acts of kindness of St Vincent de Paul Day and the wonderful generosity demonstrated, we have received a lovely letter from Eduardo and Rosa Cueto, whose Missionary work was supported by the funds raised on our Mission Day. In this letter they expressed their gratitude and described the ways the money donated by the school will be used by the Pehuenche people of Chile. We will continue to keep in touch with Eduardo and Rosa and follow their progress, and will continue our support of their missionary work. This letter has been included in the newsletter.

Pray for an end to poverty

Creator God,
You loved the world into life.

Forgive us when our dreams of the future are shaped by anything other than glimpses of a kingdom of justice, peace and an end to poverty.

Incarnate God, you taught us to speak out for what is right. Make us content with nothing less than a world that is transformed into the shape of love, where poverty shall be no more.

Breath of God, let there be abundant life. Inspire us with the vision of poverty over, and give us the faith, courage and will to make it happen.
Dear Parents,

St Vincent de Paul School has signed up for VicHealth’s Walk to School 2013, a month-long activity that encourages children to walk to and from school every day in November. Walk to School encourages children to make walking part of their daily routine to improve fitness, friendships, the environment and their confidence.

Children can keep track of their walks, with the help of a parent or teacher, using the Walk to School chart in each classroom. Walk to School is free, it’s fun and helps get cars off our roads.

For those that live too far to walk, why not park & walk at/near the corner of Napier St and Woodland St (Napier Park) on 12th November. Council will have a coffee cart at this location with free tea, coffee and hot chocolate from 8am.

**Working Bee : Friday 22nd November 4.00 – 7.30pm. To begin moving equipment back into the new learning areas. A team of able bodied helpers are needed so if you can spare a few hours your assistance is much appreciated. Sorry for the limited notice.**

**LATE ARRIVALS:** All parents are reminded that children are expected to be at school by 8.45am ready for line up in the junior yard, increasing numbers of late arrivals is causing regular class interruptions that impact on the start of the day. Late arrivals need to be signed in at the office. Your assistance and cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.

**PARKING CHANGES AND PERMIT ZONES:** Moonee Valley Council is conducting a review of all parking conditions in the streets around our school. Already you may have noticed ‘Permit Zone’ signs appearing in the local area under the normal restriction signs. These permits will be issued to local residents which exempt them from the timed restrictions displayed on the sign above the permit zone; anyone without the relevant permit must park in accordance with the time restrictions that apply to that area. A more detailed plan of how parking will be affected will be sent out once the discussions with council are made formal.

**ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE**

**Location:** The Crossway, Strathmore

**Date of works:** 12-14/11/13

**Description of works:** Replacing Poles

**Traffic management setup:** Road Closure’s & Detour Routes

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**SPORTS DAY - CHANGE OF VENUE**

Reminder that the venue for the School Sports Day tomorrow (Friday 8th November) will now be held at the Keilor Athletics Track – NOT COBURG ATHLETICS TRACK

Children can wear their house colours
To the Girls and Boys of St Vincent de Paul School,

We have received your email and letting you know that the Pehuenche people of Marimeunco are very grateful. We will make the best distribution of the resources that, with effort, have been entrusted to us. We are very grateful to the boys and girls, teachers and parents of St Vincent de Paul Primary School for all your efforts in collecting so much money to help the Pehuenche people.

The order of priority for using the money is clear. Firstly it will be with the sister of the family so that she will be able to begin her chocolate workshop to be able to sell her products to the tourist who pass by in summer.

We will make the most use of the resources not buying computers or cameras. We will work within our means. I have been able to exchange through Internet a tape recorder Grundig for a Notebook with friends specifying the function of the computer for this project and how they also contribute by their knowledge of the Web to the Mission. Because it is in this way that I present the project whereby you from a great distance can participate in the evangelization of the most needy and become aware of their necessities.

It is important to recognize that the children of St Vincent de Paul are being motivated to partake in the school of solidarity which in their earliest years will increase in time and thus each person in their own way can build up God's Kingdom in this world of desperation where those who do not believe lose the great treasure of faith in Jesus Christ, our Hope.

Blessing to all the boys and girls of St Vincent de Paul, from this remnant of Israel ( as Fr Jesus Rodriguez says) to remind us that we must remain constantly in mission.

Once again, a very big thanks to St Vincent de Paul school for keeping us and our mission with our Pehuenche brothers and sisters in mind.

Yours In Christ,

Eduardo and Rosa Cueto,

Santiago de Chile

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**NOVEMBER**

8\textsuperscript{th} Whole School Sports Day

13\textsuperscript{th} Mass – Year Two

Parent Association AGM - 7.00 pm

Parish Education Board – 7.30 pm

14\textsuperscript{th} Prep Parent Information Night - 7.30 pm

19\textsuperscript{th} Prep Orientation 2014

20\textsuperscript{th} Mass – Year One

27\textsuperscript{th} Mass – Year Prep

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**DECEMBER**

2\textsuperscript{nd} Prep Orientation 2014

4\textsuperscript{th} Planning Day – School Closure

9\textsuperscript{th} Father and Daughter Night

10\textsuperscript{th} COLLECTION OF BOOK ORDERS – ****AMENDMENT**** HALL NOT PARISH CENTRE

11\textsuperscript{th} Parent Helper Morning Tea

13\textsuperscript{th} Graduation – Year Six – ALL STUDENTS FROM ALL GRADES TO ATTEND

17\textsuperscript{th} Picnic/Billycart Derby

18\textsuperscript{th} WHOLE SCHOOL MASS – 10.00 AM

ASSEMBLY – YEAR 6

END OF YEAR 1.30 PM
2014 UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Tuesday 28\textsuperscript{th} January  9 – 1
Thursday 30\textsuperscript{th} January  2 - 4

SKOOLBAG UPDATE
Please do not forget to complete and return the tear off slip which you can find within the Newsletter if you wish to cancel your paper copy of the Newsletter.
Thank you to the numerous parents who will in the future no longer require a paper copy, the trees say thank you as well!

SKOOLBAG UPDATED INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW
We have had numerous calls regarding tear off slips which are included in the newsletter occasionally.
A hard copy of the form will be provided to you if you are unable to print off a copy yourself. You will need to contact the school whereby a copy will be passed on to your child to take home, or come into the school and collect a copy.

CURRENT SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL FEES & LEVIES

SCHOOL FEES FOR 2014 (Billed over 3 Terms)

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(This is a Family Fee)

PLUS

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT LEVY
(Covers classroom requisites and excursions)

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FREE Enrolment

YMCA has recently partnered up with your school to provide Before and After School Care Programs.

FREE 2014 Enrolments are available now if you register before the end of this school year. Why not enrol now!

To enrol, visit our website or ask for an enrolment form from our friendly OSHC staff.


Ave Maria College – Enrolments for Year 7 in 2015

Enrolment Applications for Year 7 in 2015 are currently being accepted by the College and must be submitted by 28 February 2014. All families, including families with another daughter currently enrolled at the College, must submit an Application for Enrolment. All Applications are considered according to the criteria listed in the College Enrolment Policy.

To organise a copy of the College Prospectus or to book a College Tour, please contact the Registrar, Mrs Carmel Brewster on 9331 9300 or visit our website at www.avemaria.vic.edu.au
Common Sense on Digital Life  (Family Tip Sheet)

DIGITAL LITERACY AND CITIZENSHIP IN A CONNECTED CULTURE

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What's the Issue?

We may think of our kids' online, mobile, and technological activities as "digital life," but to them it's just life. In their world, being able to connect and communicate 24/7 from just about any location is normal – and expected!

Between kindergarten and fifth grade, kids go through rapid growth in learning about many topics, including digital media technologies. From playing games on their mum or dad's cell phone, to learning how to point and click a mouse, to navigating online by themselves, kids this age are participating in a connected culture.

Why Does It Matter?

Young children need to learn early how to make good choices so they can take advantage of the powerful technologies available to them. And to make these good choices, kids need parental guidance.

The stakes are high because our kids' technological abilities can be greater than their maturity and judgment.

Having unrestricted access to information and people can result in gaining a wealth of information and experiences. But it can also mean accessing inappropriate content and making inappropriate contact with others. The difference between a great experience and an iffy one lies in the decisions kids make. Just as kids learn to eat properly, swim safely, or drive a car carefully, they need to know how to live in the digital world responsibly and respectfully. Their ultimate success depends on their abilities to use digital media to create, collaborate, and communicate well with others. Those who master these skills in using digital tools will benefit from the digital world's awesome power.

Common sense says

Use bookmarks and safe search. Teach your child to bookmark his or her favourite sites. This way, your child is less likely to go somewhere online you don’t want. Use safe search options on Web browsers, such as Google or Bing, to make sure your child can search safely.

Consider using filtering and blocking software. Some parents find these tools to be useful to help protect younger children from accessing inappropriate content.

Have older siblings help. Have your older children help teach your younger children how to be responsible and safe online. Let the older ones know that you want them to help you protect their little brothers or sisters online.

Share wisdom. Kids often don’t understand the implications of their actions. But we do. So we have to remember to extend our basic parenting wisdom to the digital world. We teach kids to choose their words carefully, play nicely with others, and respect their teachers. Now we have to extend those lessons to a vast, invisible world.

Pass along your values. As a parent, you can translate your values into the digital world and help kids understand the implications of their actions. Often times the same rules that apply in the real world apply online, such as “be nice to others,” “don’t say mean things,” and “think critically about information.”

Seek balance. It’s hard to know how much freedom to give kids. We want them to explore, enjoy, communicate, and create. We also want to be sure they are protected. If our kids are going to thrive with digital media, we must balance the negative with the positive, privacy with protection. As our children grow, they need more independence and privacy. But parents have to be sure their kids know how to be safe and responsible before letting them loose.

Keep an open mind. We don’t see the world the way our kids do. And we don’t help our kids when we judge their lives through the lens of a non-digital world. It’s important for us to understand that our kids will spend much of their lives in a connected world, where everyone creates and communicates. We need to help them to enjoy it and learn from it.
Maths Puzzles

Try and solve these mathematical problems the winners will be announced at the end of Week 7 so don’t forget to post your entry in the boxes at the office. Everyone who enters wins a prize!

GOOD LUCK!!!

Raymond and James – Yr 6 Mathematics Leaders

**Prep – Year 2 – Car Colour**

Marcus records the colours of 12 cars that pass the post office. He notices that they are either yellow, black or white.

He also notices that there are an equal number of cars with each colour.

The first 8 are: yellow, black, yellow, white, black, black, yellow, black

What colour must the last 4 cars be?

**Hint!**

Use a drawing or a table to help you.

**Year 3 – Year 6 – Basketball Blitz**

In 6 basketball games, Miranda averaged 10 goals per game.

In game 1, she scored 4 goals.

In game 2, she scored she scored 12 goals.

In game 3, she scored 5 goals.

a) How many goals must Miranda have scored in games 4 to 6?

b) After game 7, Miranda’s goal average went up to 11 per game.

How many goals must Miranda have scored in game 7?
PARISH EDUCATION BOARD NOMINATIONS: Parents wishing to Nominate for the PEB can do so by completing a nomination form available at the office between 1st November and 8th November. Listed below is some basic information about the role of the PEB, please consider nominating for the three places available.

PEB purposes

The purposes of the PEB are to:

(a) act as an advisory body to the parish priest and principal, on matters concerning education in the parish
(b) act as a forum for discussion on matters concerning education in the parish primary school
(c) provide a link between the parish priest, principal, teachers and parishioners in relation to the provision of Catholic education in the parish community
(d) promote community development by fostering a strong interrelationship between parish and the parish primary school, Catholic secondary colleges and pre-schools.

PEB responsibilities

The responsibilities of the PEB are to:

(a) promote the Catholic ethos of each school and to support the Religious Education programs
(b) provide advice on the development and review of school policies
(c) plan for the future of each parish primary school and its ability to accommodate future enrolments
(d) provide advice on budget planning and finance-related matters
(e) contribute to the selection process for school principals
(f) ensure the appropriate provision of faith development and Religious Education programs for children attending Government schools
(g) foster adult education in faith.

The Parish Education Board (PEB)

Membership

1.1 The PEB shall be composed of at least nine (9) members who appreciate, value and share the educational mission and ethos of the Catholic Church. It shall consist of:

(a) the parish priest (ex officio)
(b) each school principal (ex officio)
(c) each deputy principal (ex officio) or an elected teacher from each school
(d) three (3) parents of children attending the parish primary school elected by the parents of the relevant school
(e) three (3) parishioners nominated by the parish priest
(f) other persons co-opted for a period of time to serve a particular need on the education board. i.e. Hall Committee, Family Support Group, Maintenance Committee, Parents Association.
A new app to improve communication to all families.

The Skoolbag app is NOW available on both iPhone/iPad and Android. We will be asking **ALL** parents to install our Skoolbag Communication App.

We are heading in this direction because the newsletter has, overtime, become increasingly larger in size and the paper usage has reached an unmanageable level.

Not only is this for newsletters, but it will also be used to provide you with updates on, for eg - bus arrival times from excursions, cancellations of sport days due to inclement weather etc. These notices will be sent to you through push notifications.

Please find **attached** to this newsletter, instructions on how to upload the Skoolbag App.

Looking to the future we would like to reduce the number of newsletters printed to avoid the wastage of paper. **Below** is a tear off slip which we would like you to fill out if you would like to receive the newsletter via our App or website only. (No paper copy will be given to your child to bring home)

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**Cancellation of paper copy of newsletter**

**NAME:**

**CHILD NAME:**

**CHILD CLASS:**