Dear Parents,

ALL SAINTS DAY

Tomorrow is All Saints’ Day. The children will attend Mass at 9.30 a.m tomorrow and all parents are welcome (All Saints' Day is also known as All Hallows hence the eve before is Hallow e'en which is known to us as All Souls Day).

PFA AGM

The PFA AGM will be held on the 26th of November. All parents are invited and you are also invited to nominate for executive positions. More details soon.

REMEMBRANCE DAY - MONDAY THE 11TH OF NOV.

Senior classes will be involved in the Remembrance Day ceremonies and all parents are invited to attend. The ceremonies will be conducted at the RSL Club. Arrive around 10.30 a.m.

Alana Lacy, Aiden Cooper, Grace Cooper and Fletcher Cooper all won prizes in the recent Western Water poster competition. Fletcher and Alana won first prize in their divisions and Aiden and Grace won third prize. Well done to everyone who entered.
FRIDAY GARDENING,

Every Friday groups of children are involved in gardening activities. WE NEED MORE PARENT HELPERS. If you'd like to get involved call the office. Thanks to Erica Crowther, Louise Mitchell and all of the parent helpers for organising and conducting our Friday gardening activities.

WOODEND AUTUMN CARNIVAL

St Ambrose's community conducts this event in March each year. We have already commenced planning meeting for next year's event. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY THE 19TH OF NOVEMBER. We are hoping for a big turn out at the next meeting. Venue – Staffroom; Time 7.30 p.m.

IMPORTANT FOR YOU DIARY

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN ON MONDAY THE 4TH OF NOVEMBER (Cup Eve). Staff will be working on analysing assessments and preparing end of year reports. Tuesday the 5th is a public holiday and the school will be closed.

TERM FOUR ENDS FOR CHILDREN ON WEDNESDAY THE 18TH OF DECEMBER

TERM 1 2014 COMMENCES FOR CHILDREN ON MONDAY THE 3RD OF FEBRUARY.

On Friday the 15th of November the PFA will be conducting a walk-a-thon. Please keep an eye out for information that will be coming home soon.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Don't forget that Classroom News can be found by clicking on the hyperlinks at the end of the newsletter. There are also links to the PFA and to community news and advertisements.

The school App is now available from Google Play and iTunes. Search for St Ambrose’s School and install. It’s free!

Finally, once again I’d like to thank all of the parents who do so much around the school. Your help is invaluable.

Please regularly check the school calendar on our website for all upcoming events and reminders.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Macklin
With your eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I appeal to you, my sisters and brothers, to worship in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by presenting yourselves as a living gift, dedicated and truly pleasing to God.

Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let the renewing of your minds transform you.

This is the only way to discern for yourselves what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and mature.

Let your love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good. Have deep respect for one another, and let your love be tender and loyal.

Give yourselves wholeheartedly to your work for God, and keep the fires of the spirit burning. Let your hope bring you joy, do not give up when trials come, and keep on praying.

If any companions in the faith are in need, be sure that you share with them, and let the care of the stranger, the dispossessed, and the homeless, be your special concern.

Bless those who persecute you: never curse them, bless them. Rejoice with those who rejoice and be sad with those in sorrow. Treat everyone with equal kindness; never be condescending but make real friends with the poor.

Do not allow yourself to become self-satisfied. Never repay evil with evil but let everyone see that you are interested only in the highest ideals. Do all you can to live at peace with everyone. Resist evil and conquer it with good.

From the letter of Paul to the Christians in Rome
If you buy the line that the promotion of resilience is in the best interests of kids then check out the following common parenting mistakes that reduce children’s resilience.

**Robber # 1:**
Fight all their battles for them

Nothing wrong with going into bat when kids struggle or meet with difficulty inside or outside school but make sure this is the last resort, not the first option.

*Resilience notion # 1:* Give kids the opportunity to develop their own resourcefulness.

**Robber # 2:**
Make their problem, your problem

Sometimes parents can take too much responsibility for issues that are really up to children to work out or decide. Here’s a clue if you are wondering what I am talking about: a jumper is something a mother puts on her son when she is cold!

*Resilience notion # 2:* Make their problem, their problem.

**Robber # 3:**
Give kids too much voice

In this era of giving children a voice it is easy to go overboard and allow them too much of a say in what happens to them. Kids often take the easy option to avoid hard or unpleasant situations.

*Resilience notion # 3:* Make decisions for kids and expect them to adjust and cope.

**Robber # 4:**
Put unrealistic or relentless pressure on kids to perform

Expectations about success and achievement are important. Too low and kids will meet them. Too high and kids can give up. Too much and kids can experience anxiety.

*Resilience notion # 4:* Keep expectations in line with children’s abilities and don’t put excessive pressure on them.

**Robber # 5:**
Let kids give in too easily

Resilient learners link success with effort. They don’t give up because they don’t like a teacher or when confronted with multi-step or more complex activities. Similarly they don’t bail out of a sporting term half way through the season because the team is not winning or they are not enjoying it.

*Resilience notion # 5:* Encourage kids to complete what they have started even if the results aren’t perfect.

**Robber # 6:**
Neglect to develop independence

Don’t wait until they are teenagers to develop the skills of independent living. Start early and promote a broad skill set so that they can look after themselves if you are not around.

*Resilience notion # 6:* Don’t routinely do for kids what they can do for themselves.

**Robber # 7:**
Rescue kids from challenging or stretch situations

There are many times kids are put in situations that are outside their comfort zones for a time. For instance, giving a talk, singing at the school concert or going on school camp may be challenges for some kids. They are all situations that kids usually cope with so show your confidence in them and skill them up rather than opt for avoidance.

*Resilience notion # 7:* Overcoming challenges enables kids to grow and improve.

Sometimes the manageable hardships that children experience such as a friend moving away, not being invited to a party or completing a difficult school project are fabulous learning opportunities. They help kids to stretch and grow. Dealing with them effectively also teaches kids that they are capable of coping when they meet some of life’s curve balls.

And that is a huge lesson to learn at any age.
Please click on links below to read the following classroom and specialist teacher blogs

Religious Education – Mrs. Jayne O’Callaghan
• Puppet Play 19th November
• Year 2 Workshop November 13th
• Year 5 Workshop November 20th
• Christmas/Advent Celebration December 15th.

Learning & Teaching – Ms. Suzzanne Roberts

Wellbeing – Ms. Suzzanne Roberts
• November Walk to School month
• Grade 5 Students visit Local Kinder groups.
• Grade 6 to host the Senior Citizens for afternoon tea.
• Gardening Club

Literacy – Mrs. Maree Thomas
• Literacy Testing

Prep/One A classroom news – Mrs. Amy Beaumont

Prep/One J classroom news – Mrs. Jenny Boldiston
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One/Two classroom news – Mrs. Casey Pringle
• Narratives
• Direction
• Bullying

Two/Three classroom news – Mrs. Debbie Geisler

Three/Four F classroom news – Mr. Matthew FitzGerald
• Curiosity
• Assessments

Three/Four CW classroom news – Miss Jessica Cox and Mrs. Kelly Woodman
• All Saints Day Mass
• Explanations
• Curiosity
Five/Six F classroom news – Mrs. Margaret Flett

- November 6th Year 6 Transition Day (Tony Clarke Reserve Macedon)
- November 7th Kanga Cricket Clinic
- November 12th Kanga Cricket Carnival (Gisborne).
- November 13th SHC Year 7 2014 Information Night 7pm.
- November 15th School Walkathon.
- November 20th Year 5 Leadership Meeting (Sr Helen Carboon)
- December 3rd Year 7 Orientation Day SHC.
- December 17th Graduation Mass 7pm.

Five/Six P classroom news – Mr. Micheal Portelli

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Visual Arts news -Ms. Clare Shannon

- Curiosity
- Art Room Gallery
- Helpers always welcome

Music news – Mrs. Eloise Meyer

Physical Education news – Mrs. Brenda McDonald

- LOTE – Japanese news – Sensei. Fumie Cox
Please click here to view advertisements, events and services in our local community. This week’s notices include:

- Kyneton Show
- Community Halloween Party
- Fields of Fashion

Please click here to view the latest news and information about the School’s Parents & Friends Association.

Please click on the link above to view the fully updated and official school calendar.

Please click on the link above to view information about the school uniform shop and to obtain a price list and order form.

Please click on the link above to view notices sent home with the children.

Please click on link above to access information on 2013 school fees and payment options.

Please click on link above to view information on the school canteen and to view current menu and price list.

Please click on link above to view a full staff contact list.