Dear community members,

What a lovely weekend to celebrate Father’s Day. The weather was divine and I hope all Father’s had a very special day with their children spoiling them. We are coming up to the final three weeks of term and there is plenty to be thankful for!

**First Aid Training for Staff**

Over the past two Thursday evening’s sixteen staff members have participated in an in depth first aid course run by St John Ambulance. This was very pleasing as it is important that staff are up-skilled in the basics of first aid. I thank the following staff for their commitment to this training: Shelly Horne, Stephanie Bruce, Meg Kitchen, Carmel Woolley, Louise Davidson, Therese Kelly, Kate Jackson, Emma Coad, Jane Davies, Eric Monaghan, Bridget Cairns, Paul Egan, Kristy Forrest, Jane Kirk and Casey Mullen.

**Primary Schools Basketball Tournament**

Many students started training yesterday in preparation to play in the Southern Primary School Basketball Championships which is to be held on Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th October. All students have started very well and we are all looking forward to the tournament. I would like to thank the parents who have volunteered to coach and manage a team. We are still looking for a coach for the Grade 3/4 Girls team.

**Lenah Valley Community Newsletter**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School prides itself on being an important part of the local community. This year we have volunteered to deliver the “Lenah Valley Community Association” newsletter to several streets in our vicinity. During this week (Monday 5th to Friday 9th September) the Grade 6 students delivered this newsletter during school hours. I would like to thank the Grade 6 students for helping the community with this task.

**Elizabeth P’Oryem - Confirmation**

I congratulate Elizabeth who was confirmed recently at St Therese’s Catholic Church. This is an important step in her faith development. Elizabeth will be receiving the Sacrament of the First Eucharist later in the year.
Father’s Day Stall
Last Wednesday we held a very successful Father’s day stall where a vast majority of students purchased a high quality gift for their father, grandfather or significant other in their life. We were super impressed with the large amount of volunteers. I would like to thank our volunteers: Shannon Thomas, Samantha Ransley, Angelika Koblenz, Bec Clark, Kat Davies, Josh Luttrell, Raj Chopra, Scott Knuckey, Alison Sewell, Julie Callander, Claire Priest, Leeanne Welsh, Chantel Rubenach, Helen Glassick and Anne.

Soccer BBQ
The Soccer BBQ has been postponed until next Friday 16th September (5pm – 6.30pm) due to the forecast of inclement weather. This will take place at school and each coach/manager will be acknowledged for all their wonderful efforts in looking after the team this year. Each player will also receive a participation medallion from the school. This should be a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the season and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

AFL Day – Friday 23rd September
On the final day of term we will be celebrating the AFL Grand Final by having a parade and a meal deal at school. The Parade will be at 9am. All students and parents are invited to dress up in their favourite AFL team colours ($2 donation). The money raised from the gold coin donation will go towards purchasing ingredients/items for the School Fair. There will also be a special lunch “meal deal” sold by the canteen. This notice will be sent out next week. Please look out for it!

Have a great week!

God bless
Mr Nick McGann
Principal

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