Dear Parents,

Over the past two weeks there have been numerous hoax threats made against many schools across Victoria and other states of Australia, both in the State Education system and the Catholic Education System. I would like to reassure you all that St. Finbar’s has not received any threats of this nature. It is however incumbent upon the school to ensure our emergency management protocols are up to date and that we practise our emergency drills – both ‘lock-down’ and ‘evacuation’. In the coming weeks before the end of Term 1, we will be performing an evacuation off-site drill to the St. Finbar’s tennis courts and also a lock down scenario in the classrooms. Parents will be notified in advance when the drills will be conducted. Please discuss the need for these emergency practice procedures with your children so that they do not become overly anxious or upset when they do occur. We will of course discuss the need for these precautions at school as well.

Just a reminder that the compulsory Cyber Safety evening is on Wednesday 10th February for all Year 4-6 parents (parents only session) in the Hall. Child minding will be available in the aftercare room at no cost to parents. There is a booking code further in this newsletter. The class blogs will be up and running again shortly. They are an excellent way for parents to see the learning happening in the classrooms. Year level information sheets for this term will also be posted on the blog sites within the next few days. It is a very exciting time in Years 4-6 with the classes unpacking and preparing their chrome books, ready for a year of learning with this educational tool. Thanks to Miss Hill our eLearning leader for all of her hard work getting everything ready for a smooth start this year.

It was my absolute pleasure to spend time in the classrooms over the past week chatting with the children and sharing stories of the holidays and exciting things happening in our coming year at St. Finbar’s. I will admit that I did struggle with a particularly difficult puzzle in Mrs. Greenway’s room but with some assistance from the new Foundation students and a bit of perseverance, we did triumph in the end! I also particularly enjoyed speaking to the Year 6 students about leadership opportunities for 2016 and the new directions we will be heading in. Celebration week has been in full swing and it has been amazing to see so many parents in the school helping the children with the different activities. The highlights for me were the family portrait sessions and the house team chants. Special thanks to Mr. Rodrigues for coordinating the activities.

On Wednesday morning many students (and parents) braved the wet weather to try out for the inter school swimming team. I can honestly say I did not expect to see so many students try out for the squad, many of them being Year 3 and 4 students. My congratulations to everyone who tried out for the squad and I wish you all the best for the upcoming competition next month. Special thanks to the staff that assisted Mrs. Thompson with time keeping and recording. Trials will continue this Friday for Breaststroke and Backstroke events.

This coming Monday we will be presenting the Year 6 students with their leadership badges and also the class SRC badges. Everyone is invited to this special event.

A reminder to all of the 2016 School Board Members that our first meeting will be held in the Library next Tuesday 9th February at 7pm. The first P & F meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 23rd February in the Library as well.

Finally, I would like to invite all families to join us for our start of year Mass in the church at 5pm this Friday 5th February followed by a picnic and children’s entertainment on the school grounds – 6.00pm to 7:30pm. Special thanks to the Year One parents who have helped with the organising of this event. It was extremely pleasing to hear about the Foundation pizza lunch last Friday and the terrific turnout of so many children and parents. What a wonderful way to begin the school year: making friends and connecting with your community.

Peace and Blessings,

Mr Pat Berlinger
Principal
COMING HOME TODAY:
Eldest child, all years Lenten boxes
EMAIL ATTACHMENT/ LINK
Community Advertisement Flyer

***STAR OF THE WEEK***
FG ~ Nicola B, FI ~ Bryce D
Year 1H ~ Jonah D, Year 1J ~ Oliver W
Year 2A ~ Cooper A, Year 2G ~ Thomas L
Year 3K ~ Felix N, Year 3M ~ Lucas D
Year 4A ~ Roli M, Year 4H ~ Jada P
Year 5L ~ Chris T, Year 5W ~ Will F
Year 6A ~ Daniel T, Year 6D ~ Eoin H

***SRC ~ Semester One***
Badges will be presented on Monday 8th February. All parents warmly welcomed
FG ~ Jack D, FI ~ Katia P
Year 1H ~ Scarlett O, Year 1J ~ Zara A
Year 2A ~ Max S, Year 2G ~ Sam R
Year 3K ~ Imogen J-S, Year 3M ~ Joseph E
Year 4A ~ Roli M, Year 4H ~ Oliver B
Year 5L ~ Brooklyn M, Year 5W ~ Chelsea M
Year 6A ~ TBA, Year 6D ~ TBA

TERM 1 UPCOMING EVENTS:

February
Fri 5 Beginning of Year Mass – 5pm
P&F Welcome Picnic – 6pm
Tue 9 Shrove Tuesday – Pancakes in the classroom
Board Meeting 7pm
Wed 10 Ash Wednesday Mass – Yr 1 - 6
No school for Foundation students only
Fri 12 Year 6 Speaking with Power incursion
Mon 15 Year 6 Camp to Campaspe Downs
Tue 16 Year 3 Reconciliation Information night
Wed 17 No school for Foundation students only
Year 6 students return from Camp
Fri 19 Year 6 Speaking with Power incursion
Mon 22 Swimming training – relevant students
Tue 23 Year 6 Speaking with Power incursion
Parents & Friends Meeting 7pm
Wed 24 No school for Foundation students only
Thu 25 Dendy District Swimming Carnival – relevant students
Fri 26 Year 6 Speaking with Power incursion

March
Tue 8 Reconciliation Mass 6.30pm – Year 3
Thu 10 School Closure Day – all students
Fri 11 School Closure Day – all students
Division Swimming Carnival – relevant students
Mon 14 Labour Day Public Holiday
Catholic Education Week
Tue 15 Year 3 Camp Mount Morton
Wed 16 Foundation Open Day 12pm to 1.30pm
Thu 17 St Patrick’s Day Mass – relevant Year 6
Students
Fri 18 Dendy Soccer Lightning Premiership – Year 6 relevant students
Mon 21 Interhouse Athletics Carnival
Tue 22 Foundation Open Day 9.30am – 11am
Thu 24 SMR Swimming Carnival – relevant students
School Liturgy 9am
Last day of term – students dismissed at 2pm
Fri 25 Good Friday
Sun 27 Easter Sunday

REMINDER:
Twilight Mass & Parent’s & Friends Welcome Picnic
5pm ~ Mass in St Finbar’s Church
Followed by
6pm ~ P&F Welcome Picnic
ALL FAMILIES WELCOME

TERM 1 UPCOMING ASSEMBLIES:
Monday 8th February – Leadership Assembly
Monday 15th February – Year 4A
Monday 22nd February – Year 1J
Monday 29th February – Year 6A
Monday 7th March – Year 2A
Monday 14th March – LABOUR DAY
Monday 21st March – NO ASSEMBLY

All parents are warmly welcomed to attend our weekly assemblies.

Assembly every Monday at 2:40pm.
Please arrive on time to avoid disappointment.
CLASSROOM FRIENDSHIP LISTS: To assist with getting the classroom friendship list out as soon as possible, these will be generated from the office. If you DO NOT want your Name, Address, mobile number and email address on this friendship list, please notify the office via email; office@sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au by Tuesday 9th February 2016. If no contact is made to the office it will be assumed you are happy for these details to go out to your classmates and will be distributed with the newsletter on Thursday 11th February 2016. Thank you.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS: Term One Accounts are due and payable by Friday 19th February 2016

Thank you to the many families who have returned their payment plan forms to the office. Payment Plan forms are due in the office by tomorrow, Friday 5th February 2016.

All parents are under a contractual agreement to make sure their fees are ALWAYS up to date. Prompt payment is expected if paying by the term with all accounts due on the following dates:
- Term 1 Account due ~ Friday 19th February 2016
- Term 2 Accounts due ~ Friday 29th April 2016
- Term 3 Accounts due ~ Friday 29th July 2016

Any queries please call the office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties at any time, please ring the office to make an appointment with Mr. Pat Berlinger as soon as possible. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS ~ Mrs. June Kellar

Welcome to 2016 – the start of a new and energising year! There has been much excitement and enthusiasm during this week as the students participated wholeheartedly in all the wonderful activities of Celebration Week.

This week is the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time and Luke’s gospel shows the call or commissioning of his disciples – beginning with Simon Peter, James and John. They were perhaps, not the leaders ‘on paper’, but Jesus recognised in them the three things necessary for Christian leadership: faith, hope and love. After helping Simon Peter catch a great haul of fish, Jesus promises: “Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.” Luke 15:11

“Like Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears.” Greg Sunter

Perhaps this week, we could find a quiet moment to sit still in prayer/meditation and spiritually renewed, extend a helping hand to someone in need.

At St Finbar’s we believe it is important to gather together as a community in thanksgiving and prayer. Every class begins each day with Christian meditation and prayer and tomorrow (Friday) we will gather at 5pm to celebrate our first school mass, which includes the commissioning of our staff and student leaders – please join us and stay for the other activities planned …..
We warmly welcome our new students to St Finbar's Primary.
We welcome the following new students in Year 2G ~ Isabelle C, Year 4H ~ Nicholas C, Year 6D ~ Alyssa C. We wish you all the best as you settle into your new school.

Celebration Week Continues

Monday began our first full week of Term 1 and our Celebration Week activities continued. Thank you to all those parents who were able to join us for the Family Portrait activity on Monday. It was a great experience walking around the school watching all the children, many with their brothers and sisters, working so creatively to produce some amazing work. We certainly have some fine artists in our school and not just the children.

What a sight and ‘lack of sound’ on Tuesday as each child and teacher dropped everything to pick up a book and read. The sun was shining and the half hour we allowed felt like just a few minutes. I felt extremely happy to see that books are still a precious part of our lives and encourage you all to continue promoting a love of books and reading at home as well.

Students & Teachers enjoying some quiet time to themselves.
Our Year 6 students demonstrated their talents and leadership skills again on Wednesday as they prepared and taught their House Team’s War Cries in preparation for the many sporting events planned for 2016. I’m sure any of you living or working nearby would have heard the voices of our children as they presented their team’s song.

A reminder that our Parent/Teacher Chats will continue today, Thursday from 2:30pm onwards. Students are dismissed from school at 2pm.

Celebration Week concludes with our Whole school Mass on Friday at 5:00pm in the Church. This will be followed by a picnic on the school grounds from 6:00pm.

At assembly on Monday, Mr Berlingeri spoke to the children about some his expectations for this year. All of these were focussed on continuing to build the spirit of St Finbar’s as a school where each child is respected, feels safe and is able to develop the skills needed to create positive relationships with others. It would be great to ask your child or children about these expectations so that we can always work together to make St Finbar’s a great school for everyone. Looking forward to next week.

### CURRICULUM NEWS

### SPORTS REPORT – Mrs Tania Thompson

**Sport 2016**

– *welcome to an exciting year ahead!*

We look forward to another exciting, team building, high-participation, challenging, motivating, & fun-filled year ahead of carnivals, special sports guests, club team visits, various sports clinics held in PE lessons, Lightning Premiership tournaments, Interschool Winter Sport games, Learn to Swim lessons, Beach Program and not to forget; the Hoop Time basketball tournament!

Upcoming and current sporting events will be advertised within this Sport section of the newsletter each week so please read all inserts to keep up to date with dates, venues, reminders! For any sporting queries (beyond PE lesson enquiries), please contact Tania Thompson via email: thompson@sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au

**District Swimming Team 2016 (Yr 3-6)**

This week it’s been an early rise for around 50 of our Yr 3-6 students who wish to try out for our Swim Team. With one down and one to go tomorrow (Friday) trials for all 4 strokes have been held before school at GESAC outdoor 50m pool. Many thanks to the families who have risen early to get their keen swimmer to the pool and then school start!! Much appreciated! From these trials a squad will be selected to represent our school on **Thursday 25th Feb** at the Dendy District Swimming Carnival at the Oakleigh Rec pool. Once our final trial morning is complete, a team will be formed and announced this Monday with the fastest 2 swimmers in each stroke from each age group to make the team. **Note:** 3 optional training sessions at GESAC will be offered to these students that make the team (the first being next Wedn 10/2, 7.30-8.30am).

**Term 1 Sport dates to note:**

1. Dendy District Swimming Carnival: Thurs 25/2: Oakleigh Rec Pool (relevant Yr 3-6 students)
2. Dendy Tennis Trials: Fri 19/2: *for extremely talented Yr 5/6 Rep tennis players, please contact Tania.*
3. Lightning Premiership Soccer: (Yr 6 only): Friday 18/3.
4. Beachside Division Swimming Carnival: Friday 11/3, Oakleigh Rec Pool (note: School Inservice Day)
12Y&U School Sport Victoria (SSV) State Team Trials information:

Information regarding the NEW selection process for SSV State Team trials has been attached to all Year 5&6 newsletters. SSV invite any ‘extremely talented’ Year 5 or Year 6 12y&U netballers, AFL footballers, basketballers & soccer players to try out for the Victorian School Girls and School Boys State Teams in these sports. *Please read the attachment carefully to understand the new process.

*On the SSV website it is made clear that students need to FIRSTLY consult with their Sport Coordinator & PE teacher at school to ensure they have the skill level to trial and represent the school (ie. Strongest in team, top 5 in league, best and fairest winner last year). It is imperative that the school will decide on your child’s capability of representing their school at a state level trial. St. Finbar’s specific process will also involve a letter to be obtained from your child’s sports coach (as was done in 2015) which indicates they believe your child should also be nominated. This letter is to be handed into the office for the school’s Sport Coordinator, PE teacher, classroom teacher and Leadership to make the decision whether to proceed with the application. Any queries, please contact Tania Thompson (Sport Coordinator).

Please click on the link: SSV State Team Trials Registration Process

CONGRATULATIONS: Will F – 5W, Geordan H – 4A, Brooklyn M – 5L and Christopher T – 5L who play for McKinnon Cougars recently competed in the Australia Day Basketball Tournament. They won 6 games in the tournament then only lost the Grand Final. It was a great team effort as they played teams from all over the state and even a team from South Australia.

CHOIR CLUB ~ Mrs Margy D’Rozario – Choir Master

This year St Finbar’s is forming a choir. That’s right, we are starting a choir and we are looking for members. This is a fabulous opportunity for children who enjoy the performing arts to explore their talents and develop their skills in this area. We had our first ‘Come & Try’ session on Tuesday and will be having a second ‘Come & Try’ session next Tuesday 9th February.

Being a member of the choir is going to take commitment. In order for the choir to reach its full potential and to attain a high standard, it is imperative that those children who are in the choir attend practice each week. Therefore, if your child is interested in joining, we ask that you take the time to discuss with them the importance of committing to regular weekly practise sessions.

The choir will be made up of children from Years 3 - 6 and practice will be held every Tuesday during lunchtime. We will be developing a wide repertoire of songs and will be performing at a variety of events such as the sacraments, some Masses and the occasional assembly. As we perfect our performances we hope to take the choir to other venues and events outside the school such as special events at shopping centres, elderly citizen centres and perhaps even the Cathedral in the city!

We are also seeking the assistance of a parent volunteer who is a keen singer and is able to assist during our lunchtime practice sessions. If possible, it would be great if our volunteer could sing harmony with a small group!

CONSTRUCTION CLUB ~ Mr Wayne Daniell

We very excited about our new construction club that will be taking place on Fridays. The first session is open to all (Mr. Berlingeri has very kindly offered to help out for this week), so please feel free to come along and check out the different Lego models we have on offer for the children to build. There will be all sorts, ranging from free play with mixed Lego pieces, to specific kits with instruction booklets included. After this week, and with the limited number of places in mind, we will ask students to indicate whether they are interested in continuing with construction club for the rest of the term and draw names from a hat if demand exceeds the available places. Thank you.

CODING CLUB ~ Miss Michelle Hill

Coding Club started again this week...this term the students will be using the Scratch coding program to create projects related to music and sound. This week the students were introduced to the basics of computer programming by using the iPad App Move the Turtle. Coding Club is held on Wednesdays in 2G.
2016 is looking to be a very exciting year in eLearning. Once again, each year level has their own blog which will be a great way of keeping up to date with what is happening within the classrooms. The Blogs are still in the process of being set up but please check them regularly for updates and for the Term 1 class newsletters.

Years 4, 5 and 6 have received their new Chromebooks this week and there was much excitement in the classrooms as the student set them up for the first time and logged into their Google Drive. The students will be using a combination of Chromebooks and traditional methods each day, depending on the Learning Intention of the lesson.

For those of you with children in Years 4 to 6, please ensure that you attend our Cyber Safety evening next Wednesday at 7pm in the school hall. It is an expectation that one parent from each Year 4 to 6 family attend the evening. Junior school parents are also more than welcome to attend.

Finding the Balance
Comprehensive Cyber Safety & Wellbeing Parent Seminar

This unique seminar helps parents to establish a healthy balance between screen time and downtime each day so children can flourish mentally, physically and socially as well as assisting parents about online safety.

7pm Wednesday 10th February
St. Finbar's
Don’t miss this important wellbeing seminar

Children are spending hours each day on iPads, phones and laptops but have little time left to chill out with free unstructured creative play to reduce their stress and improve their wellbeing. Parents are increasingly concerned about finding this balance and confused about effective strategies to use at home. Not only does this seminar assist parents about online safety but also helps parents to set healthy boundaries at home around the use of technology and feel more in control of their child's online world.

This presentation covers a range of issues including:
• Creating a healthy balance at home between technology and free creative play time for children
• How to set limits at home around technology to optimise children's wellbeing
• The effects of excessive use of technology on children's mental and physical health
• Tips and strategies to help students stay safe online
• The ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
• Potential risks that confront children online
• Protecting your child in a multi-device environment – PC, Macs & Tablets
• Effective filters for the home
• How to set restrictions on iPads, iPods & iPhones
• Strategies to deal with cyberbullying
• Preventative strategies that help minimise the risk of being cyberbullied
• How to encourage children to talk to parents about online experiences

Don’t miss this essential parent night!
7pm Wednesday 10th February

To register your place for this seminar please go to the following link:
http://goo.gl/forms/t9p8R2fPIM
In our first days of school, at St. Finbar’s, we have been getting to know one another and making new friends. We are excited about what we are going to learn in Foundation this year.

“I played with my buddy”
Isabella, FI

“I liked playing in the John Ashe, because I could play with my buddy” Hamish, FI

“I have enjoyed playing in the John Ashe with my buddy.’ Nicola, FG

“I like the group activities, they were fun” Katia, FI

‘I like playing with the dinosaurs with Antonio.’ Michael, FG

I had fun with Mr Berlingerri. I had to help him do the giraffe jigsaw because it was really, really hard.’ Gabes, FG

‘I liked meeting my new teachers.’ Indy, FG

“I liked playing with my new friends” – Leah, FI
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS

**Bookings/Cancellations/Adjustments** please call 9592 0994 directly.

Parents, please provide a broad rimmed or legionnaire sun hat and sunscreen for the OSHC program

**Programming**

**Planned experiences**

At the beginning of each year the OSHC focuses on Creating and Implementing Effective Rules and Consequences. The OSHC service is a play based learning environment and at times can be unpredictable. Determining rules and consequences early in the year teaches children to be safe and happy and outlining the benefits of working within rules, is a critical up-front investment. As children and Educators work together they promote appropriate student behavior, prevent student misbehaviour and create a sense of order and predictability in the service. Rules, and an explanation of them, tell children how Educators expect them to behave. Consequences outline what would happen if children chose to break the rules. Strategies for reinforcing good behavior, both intangible and tangible, bolster a child’s desire to make the right behavioural choices and follow the appropriate rules. Educators’ help children make cause and effect connections between their actions and the effects on them and those around them. This strategy strongly links with helping children to develop their emotional and social intelligence (ESI). This refers to the competencies linked to self-awareness, self-management, social awareness and relationship management, which enable children to understand and manage their own and others’ emotions in social interactions.

Together we care, share and be fair.

We must all keep the peace.

**Accounts**

Accounts are now out and due in full within seven days. Please check your accounts and should you have any queries please email melissa.asmar1@gmail.com. The accounts cover the holiday program period until the 29/1/2016.

Accounts are now emailed directly to a dedicated family email. If an email is not available then accounts are distributed via the office and are handed to children by their class room teacher. If you do not receive your account please contact Melissa. Cash is NOT to be left at the office but handed directly to staff where a receipt will be issued. Other methods of payment is via cheque or the most preferred way is via a direct transfer to the St Finbar’s OSHC bank account (St Finbars Outside School Hours Care BSB: 083 347A/c: 55055 9263. Please include your surname and child’s name in the Ref area). It’s important that payments are made every 2 weeks (when invoices are received) to avoid large accounts and also frequent payments keep our OSHC program running efficiently. Thank you in advance.

**Policy development - Child safe standards**

Victoria is introducing compulsory minimum standards that will apply to organisations that provide services for children to help ensure the safety of children. The child safe standards form part of the Victorian Government’s response to the Betrayal of Trust Inquiry.

As the service values the importance of collaborative partnerships with families and communities in improving the OSHC environment, a draft copy of the policy for parent feedback will be posted at the service mid Term 1.
SHROVE TUESDAY:
Traditionally at St Finbar's on Shrove Tuesday parents bring in pancakes for each class to enjoy as part of the celebration of Easter. We will need two parents from each class to prepare the pancakes and then two parents to help serve them in class. All classes will be having the pancakes at 10am.

Please click on the link to volunteer your time. Thank you.
https://www.volunteersignup.org/3EP3X

TUCK SHOP NEWS:
The Healthy Hut is open every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Thank you, Anna.

Menu link: 2016 Healthy Hut Menu

PARISH NEWS

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Children’s Liturgy
Come along to our first Children’s Liturgy session for the year this Sunday at 9am Mass. Children are escorted with the teacher to the Marian Room where they will hear the Gospel in a simple way and enjoy a simple activity. They will be invited to bring up the gifts and return to their family for the celebration of the Eucharist. All welcome.

Altar Serving
As the children in year 3 and 4 begin their preparations for their First Reconciliation and Eucharist this year, consider helping them to strengthen their connection with the church by becoming an Altar Server. New children will be assisted by someone experienced, on a roster basis, just one Sunday a month, at a Mass time which suits you. For more information contact the parish office on 9593 2122 or BrightonEast@cam.org.au
STAR OF THE SEA ENROLMENTS: There has been a change to enrolment information for Star of the Sea College. We have moved to electronic Prospectus and forms and they are available from our website: www.star@starmelb.catholic.edu.au under the heading Enrolment.

Commencing this year prospective parents need to visit our website in order to complete their application for 2017. They can also request hard copies of the Prospectus and Application Form for Year 7 in 2017. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 9596 6099 or via email aquilina@starmelb.catholic.edu.au.

College Tour to be held on Saturday 13 February, 2016 at Star of the Sea College commencing at 9.30am with a brief presentation from the Principal and current students. Following the formalities, tours will be conducted in small groups. Bookings are not required.

De La Salle College is an independent Catholic College for boys in Year 4 – 12. Located on two adjacent campuses in Malvern, our College provides a respectful and encouraging environment where strong family values are reinforced. De La Salle does not have designated priority parish catchment zones and can draw widely from all parts of Melbourne, with all parish primary schools given priority in the enrolment process.* *All applications are processed in accordance to our Enrolment Policy. Further details available on our website.
7 February 2016 — Living the Gospel – Hearing the Call

Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that’s no excuse!

© Greg Sunter

Recent deaths: Lilly Fawkner and Elena Tizzoni.

Anniversaries: Kieran and Maureen Fitzsimmons, Joseph Sans, Lydia Sans, Mary Liberati and Noelle Tupper.


Some of their names will be read out each week in the Prayers of the Faithful.

Parish News

Lenten Discussion Groups begin this week. We are grateful to the people who are opening their homes to host groups this year — Ewa on Tuesday evenings in East Brighton; Grace on Wednesdays at 1pm in Hampton; Joy on Thursday evening in Elsternwick. Please sign up on the list in the foyer if you would like to join a group or simply have a book ordered for you.

Lost and Found A set of keys, including car keys, was handed into the Parish Office recently. Please contact us on 9593 2122 to claim them.

Senior’s Luncheon Tuesday 9 Feb at Noon at the London Tavern, Hawthorn Rd. Phone Joan 9592 2498 or Rita 9592 4159

Platters and Bowls Thank you to all those who helped us celebrate Fr Malcolm’s farewell BBQ. Plates and bowls left after the function have been placed in the Marian Room for collection.

St Vincent de Paul

Have you ever thought about joining the St Vincent de Paul Society? We do a variety of different things in the community — perhaps there is something that will appeal to you? One of our activities is to work for a few hours in the Vinnies shop in Hampton — just once every couple of months. There are a variety of things that are done — ranging from sorting through donated goods, pricing items, re-stocking shelves and the like; no particular skills required — but much satisfaction to be gained! To find out more call Philip McInerney 0423 109-506

Columbian Calendars: Last chance to buy this weekend. $9 Please put money in the Poor Box.

Children’s Liturgy

Come and join our first Children’s Liturgy session for the year.

This Sunday 7th Feb at 9am Mass.