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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL –
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Dear Parents,



Tomorrow, Wednesday June 23, Simonds celebrates its first 'Cultural Harmony Day'. The day is designed to enable boys to participate in various activities related to Italian or Japanese culture, including sports, games, food and art. Your son will be involved in activities throughout the day. Boys are to wear casual clothes and are encouraged to wear an item of clothing or colour that is related to one of the two countries featured.



This week, teachers are completing the Semester 1 Reports. These are detailed reports which outline your son's progress in each of the subjects he has studied this semester. The reports will be mailed to parents on Friday afternoon. As part of the reporting process, parents are invited to attend Parent/Teacher meetings during the second week of Term 3. An interview booking sheet will be included with your son's report and parents are asked to either mail the booking sheet to the school or return it with your son at the beginning of next term, Monday, 13 July.

**CLASSES FOR TERM 2 FINISH
ON THURSDAY, 25 JUNE
AT 3.20PM**

On Friday, teachers will review the VCE subject selections made by those Year 10 students intending to study their VCE at Simonds. At present, 86% of our Year 10 students have chosen to become a part of the first VCE class of Simonds Catholic College. I appreciate the support and confidence that parents and their sons have shown in the school and I am confident that we will provide an excellent quality VCE program.

Teachers will also work on curriculum development during Friday.

**CLASSES FOR TERM 3
BEGIN ON MONDAY, 13 JULY
WITH A WEEK 1 TIMETABLE**

PARENT SURVEY

Our School has been elected to participate in an important market research project that the Catholic Education Office Melbourne (CEOM) is undertaking to gain a better understanding of what is important to parents and families when choosing a school.

The CEOM has engaged *The Knowledge Partnership* to undertake this project and one aspect of this is an online survey.

Your completion of the survey will assist the CEOM in developing marketing services to help our school.

All responses to the survey are confidential.

Please visit: <http://www.theknowledgepartnership.com/survey.html> to complete the survey.

The closing date is **26 June 2009** (this Friday).

If you have any problems completing the survey, or have any questions about it, please contact researcher Stephen Holmes at Email : s.holmes@theknowledgepartnership.com or contact the technical support included in the survey.

Thank you for taking the time to help with this important research.

PARENT INFORMATION PROGRAM

The City of Melbourne has developed a parent information program for families within the municipality. The program has been developed to provide community education, awareness and support on a range of topics including: Evening parent information sessions

All evening parent information sessions are free of charge and are held on a Thursday evening between 6.30 and 8.30pm.

Please note: Bookings are essential. To book, please call 9328 8953 or email ralc@melbourne.vic.gov.au

23 July 2009 - Andrew Fuller 'Creating Resilient Families'

The Supper Room, Melbourne Town Hall

10 September 2009 - Robyn Treyvaud 'Internet Health and Safety'

Blue and White Room, The Multicultural Hub (opposite Victoria Market)

15 October 2009 - Kathy Walker 'Guiding Behaviour'

The Supper Room, Melbourne Town Hall

19 November 2009 - Helen Wightman 'Start Right, Eat Right'

Lady Huntingfield Children's Centre, North Melbourne

Inquiries about the parenting information program can be made to the Carlton Family Resource Centre on (03) 9340 1422.

