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**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS’ WEEK**

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**Friday 4th May:** Tabloid sports afternoon

**Mon 7th – Wed 9th May:** Book Fair in the new Library

**Tue 8th May:** Pizza and Publications Night – 6:00 – 7:00pm. Come along and take a look at the books on display and have a quick bite to eat in the library. $2 per head entry – children welcome.

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Fr Joseph

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**Book Fair**

The books for our annual Book Fair will be arriving soon. All children will have an opportunity to preview the books available for sale at the fair and complete a ‘Wish List’. These ‘Wish Lists’ are designed to give parents a guide as to the books that their children are interested in.

The Book Fair will be held in our school library on the following days:

- **Monday 7th May** 9am - 3:30pm
- **Tuesday 8th May** 9am - 3:30pm
- **Wednesday 9th May** 9am - 3:30pm

Children may attend the Book Fair with their parents or can visit the library during class time to make their purchases. Eftpos facilities will be available.

All sales from the Book Fair receive a generous commission from Ashton Scholastic. This is then used to purchase new resources for our library.

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The winning school/class will receive 25 iPads and a $1500 excursion! For the winning student, as well as being ‘Dollarmized’, they will receive an annual movie pass for their family.

There also 50 runner up prize packs that include iPads, excursions, movie tickets and thousands of Dollarmites consolation prizes for the students.

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**Who will be the new Dollarmite?**

As part of the Commonwealth Bank’s centenary celebrations we want to find Australia’s best School Saving Saver! As such between 16 April and 30 June 2012, we are running a fun and exciting School Saving competition with the winning child being transformed into their very own Dollarmite character.

Being part of the competition is easy. A student simply needs to make 5 deposits at school during the competition period and then provide us with their best savings tips in 25 words or less at commbank.com.au/beadollarmite

Young Basketball will be conducting two registration and team afternoons on Tuesday 1st May and Tuesday 8th May between 4pm and 7pm at the PCYC. The competition will start on Tuesday 15th May for juniors (U8’s, U10’s, U12’s) and Wednesday 16th May for seniors. A decision is to be made re Under 14’s playing juniors or seniors, please indicate your preference. The following fees cover rego and comp fees for the season in juniors and are based on age this year:

- 12-14 $90
- 8-11 $75
- 5-7 $60

For more information please phone 0448266508

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