Dear families,

Thank you to the many families who joined us on Tuesday morning for the Beginning of School Year and Staff Commissioning Mass. We thank Father Laurence and Deacon Malcolm for leading us in the celebration of the Mass. Thank you to the 85 parents who attended our Prep 2015 Parent Dinner held last night. This night is always a terrific opportunity for our Prep Parents to gather and chat, hopefully forming long lasting friendships as their children make their 7 year journey through primary school. Due to refurbishment works taking place in the hall we relocated the evening to the Grade 5/6 Learning Centre, which proved to be a terrific venue for the evening. Our new building is now becoming a multi-purpose centre! Thank you to Karen Williams and the Prep Team for their efforts in hosting the night and to members of the Parents and Friends Committee for assisting with the set up of the evening.

**School Athletics Carnival – Ball Games (School Oval - Tomorrow Fri 13th 9.15am) & Twilight Athletics (Friday 20th 4.45pm arrival)**

As distributed on the School App on Tuesday night the Athletics Ball Games will be held tomorrow at 9.15am-10.30am – Parents will be aware that the Ball Games activities were originally to be held between 2.00pm-3.00pm. Due to the weather forecast predicting a day of temperatures over 30 degrees we will run the Ball Game activities between 9.15am and 10.30am tomorrow morning. All parents are very welcome to join us for these fun activities. The Ball Games are held at a separate time to the Athletics events as a means of shortening the Twilight Sports evening program.

The Twilight Athletics Carnival (Fri 20th 4.45pm arrival) will be held at Bill Sewart Reserve Burwood Highway, Burwood East (MEL REF: 62 C7) beginning at 5 pm. We anticipate a finishing time of 7.15pm. We ask that the children arrive at the Bill Sewart Track by no later than 4.45pm.

**Student Personal Information Exchange Proforma**

‘Student Personal Information Exchange Proformas’ were distributed with last week’s newsletter. We ask that each child’s proforma is returned to school by tomorrow, Friday 13th February. Copies of the proforma can be found in the school office.

**2015 Newsletter Distribution - Email addresses required**

As advised in October 2014 the weekly school newsletter, currently being distributed through hard copies, will in the coming weeks only be distributed via email, the Skoolbag App and on the school website in 2015. A limited number of hard copy newsletters will be housed each Thursday in the school office for parents who do not have access to a computer. To ensure that all families gain access to the weekly emailing of the newsletter we request that parents email the school office with their preferred email addresses to which the newsletter will be addressed. There can be multiple email addresses for each family.

Please email your email address/es to office@hfmw.catholic.edu.au

Emailing your email address will aid in the administration of recording all family email details. We request that email details are sent to the office by Friday 27th February.
2015 Key Dates
We will endeavour to remain true to the 2015 dates as listed below:

TERM ONE
FEBRUARY
Friday 13th - Athletics Ball Games 9.15am - Kids Café Icy poles-50 c
Friday 20th - School Twilight Athletics
Monday 23rd - Education Board Meeting
Wednesday 25th - Prep 2015 Curriculum Information Night

MARCH
Thursday 5th - Prep Picnic
Tuesday 10th - School Closure Day
Wednesday 11th - School Photos - Sacrament of Reconciliation - Family Night
Saturday 14th - Parents & Friends Social Night
Wednesday 18th - Sacrament of Reconciliation - Family Night
Friday 20th - Grade 5/6 Athletics Carnival
Monday 23rd - Parent Child Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 24th - Parent Child Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 25th - Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 27th - Term 1 concludes

Cyber Safe & Acceptable Use of Technology Policy
We would draw the attention of parents to the Cyber Safe & Acceptable Use of Technology Policy as distributed with today's newsletter.

The Policy outlines the various hardware that the children will access along with software and internet access. The policy also outlines student access to Google Apps for Education and the many features that this service offers to our children.

The Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement outlines to the children their responsibilities as ‘digital citizens’. Time will be spent in class and in ICT Lessons (Computer Technologies) with Mr McGauran working through the policy and each student's obligations as responsible digital citizens.

Any parent needing clarification on the attached policy is welcome to contact Marty McGauran (ICT Leader) or Paul Wakeling.

2015 School Calendar
The 2015 School Calendar has been uploaded to the School Website, under the 'New & Events' link.

School Closure Dates 2015 - 3 Dates Confirmed for your diary
As published in last weeks newsletter we have been waiting on confirmation from external key note speakers before we publish our Closure Days for 2015.

We are able to confirm the following 3 curriculum days for the year - Tuesday March 10, Friday August 7 and Friday 20 November. The Assessment & Reporting Day for teachers will take place on the Monday of the Melbourne Cup week, Monday 2nd November.

- We await further confirmation for a staff faith development day to held in late May/early June.

‘Preferred Name’ - School Photo day – Wednesday 11th March –
Parents please be advised that we will be providing to the school photographers the ‘Preferred Name’ of each student who has provided a different ‘Preferred Name’ to their ‘Birth Name’ on school enrolment forms.

Parents wishing for their child’s name to go into the individual and group school photo as the ‘Birth Name’ are to contact the school office by Wednesday 18th February.

This only affects a small number of children who go by a ‘Preferred Name’ at school.

Education Board 2015
The first Education Board meeting for 2015 will be held on Monday 23rd February at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

Board members for 2015 are: Father Laurence, Paul Wakeling, Eithne King, Anna White, Sarah Faraone (Chairperson) , Johann Kelaart, Kylie Burgin, Richard Matthews, John Fazzino, Victor Brusco, Shirley Ho (Parish Advisory Committee Rep) and Elissa Pawsey as a representative from the Parents & Friends Committee.

Skoolbag App
To install the Holy Family School App, just look for our school name "Holy Family School Mount Waverley" in the Apple App Store (iPhone Users) or Google Play Store (Android Users), and install it on your phone.

Website Medical Forms –
Parents can access Medication Administration Forms, Anaphylaxis Action Plans and Asthma Plans on the school website. Please refer to www.hfmw.catholic.edu.au refer to the ‘School Community’ tab and click on the ‘Forms’ link.
Enrolment in a Catholic Secondary College in 2016
Any of our year 6 students who are wanting to enrol in a Catholic Secondary School for 2016 will need to ensure they get their applications in as soon as possible as enrolments close around the end of February or early March. It is important that you check with the school their exact enrolment closing date.

Holy Family Enrolments for Prep 2016
Let your neighbours, friends and relatives know that 2016 enrolments are OPEN.
Early enrolment assists us greatly with 2016 planning.

School Open Days will be held on:
Tuesday 3rd March, 9.00am-6.00pm
Monday 16th March, 9.00am-6.00pm
Monday 23rd March, 9.00am-6.00pm
Tours will run every hour on the hour.
Tours are also available on any school day throughout the year by appointment.
We request that parents already with children in the school enrol as early as possible.

‘No Hat - No Play’
With term 1 upon us and summer about to warm up we remind parents that children are required to wear school hats to school, at all outdoor sessions and home from school. The school has a ‘No Hat – No Play’ Sunsmart policy.

Paul Wakeling
Principal

Kids Café will be selling icy poles this Friday 13th at lunch time for 50cents

Holy Family Parish Mount Waverley - Children’s Choir
All those who love to sing, are most welcome

Practices & Singing for mass on the first, second and third Saturdays of every month, at 5pm practice / 6pm mass.
There will be no practices during school holidays & on long weekends
For any queries contact the Parish office at 98079494 or Ophelia at 0400 802 825.

This week’s Merit Award winners are:

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ST CHRISTOPHER'S TENNIS CLUB

Is having a membership drive and invites parents and children from Holy Family School to take up membership with our tennis club with a bonus offer of 16 months membership for the cost of 12 months. We are also holding a FAMILY SOCIAL TENNIS DAY on Sunday 1st March from 1.30pm and you are most welcome to join in the fun with us on that afternoon. There will be prizes and a sausage sizzle. We would also like to invite any girls or boys aged between 9 and 12 years, who may be interested, to join a juniors tennis team playing in Waverley and District Tennis Competition of a Saturday or Sunday morning to contact Shirley on 9802 3642 before Friday, 20th February.

A Leading Catholic secondary college for girls celebrating its Golden Jubilee in 2015

Golden Jubilee Carnival and Open Day from 10am – 2pm
Saturday 21 March 2015

Register online at www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au or registrar@avilacollege.vic.edu.au

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