Term 2 Newsletter Email Distribution
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Email office@hfmw.catholic.edu.au

Dear Families,

**Parent - Child - Teacher Interviews - March 23/March 24**

Parent-Child-Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday 23rd March and Tuesday 24th March. As with previous practice we will be using the website [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) as our interviews booking site. The booking password is **CEAH4**

**School Closure Day - Parent Insight into Staff Learning**

The school closure days, as scheduled throughout the year, are invaluable opportunities for staff to gain professional development in curriculum areas as identified for development in our Annual Action Plan. We invite parents to read through the key aspects of Tuesday’s agenda as detailed below. The details below are taken directly from the Closure Day agenda as distributed to staff. We hope that parents gain greater clarity on what staff learning will look like by reading through the following agenda excerpts.

**Professional Development Session 1 - This session led by Kelli Johnston (Student Services Leader)**

1. To understand learning difficulties and chronic health conditions and the implications for students in the school environment.
2. To develop an understanding of strategies to support students with learning difficulties and chronic health conditions.
3. To develop a common understanding and practice to support individual students within levels and across the school.

In levels teachers use a discussion protocol to explore a common approach to supporting students with needs.

**Professional Development Session 2 - This session led by Paul Wakeling**

Improving Reporting to Parents through Student Progress Reports (Written and 3 Way Interviews)

1. To develop whole school expectations and understandings in regards to reporting practices eg work samples/evidence as evident at interviews
2. To collect and record assessment information to inform The Student Progress Report (Checklist and Interview):
   - guide ongoing teaching and learning
   - focus on growth for term 2
   - report achievement to parents

Moderate judgements as a level.

Time will be allocated to levels to moderate the Student Progress Reports - bring student work samples, rich assessment tasks, assessments etc.
2015 Key Dates
We will endeavour to remain true to the 2015 dates as listed below:

**TERM ONE**

**MARCH**
- Friday 13th-
  -Gr. 6 Leaders Halogen Foundation Leaders Day
  -Harmony Day Walkathon
- Saturday 14th-
  -Parents & Friends Social Night
- Monday 16th-
  -School Open Day
  -Catholic Education Week
- Tuesday 17th-
  -Buddies Program Activity
- Wednesday 18th-
  -Sacrament of Reconciliation Family Night
- Friday 20th-
  -Grade 5/6 Athletics Carnival
  -National Day of Action Against Bullying
- Sunday 22nd-
  -Prep & Gr. 5 ‘Buddies” Family Night
- Monday 23rd-
  -School Open Day
  -Parent Child Teacher Interviews
- Tuesday 24th-
  -Parent Child Teacher Interviews
- Wednesday 25th-
  -Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Friday 27th**
- Term 1 concludes 1.30pm

**Professional Development Session 3 - This session led by Anna White (Deputy Principal - Learning & Teacher Leader)**

Integrated Inquiry a Whole School Approach - From Big Ideas to Essential Question

1. To continue to build on our understanding and implementation of Integrated Inquiry.
2. To plan an inquiry and classroom tasks that are worthy of students time and attention, relevant, connected to the world and organized around the ‘big ideas’ of a subject which will develop understanding, intellectual interest and engagement with students.
3. To share at different stages of the session/planning to find connections and look for the development of these concepts and understandings.

Whole school zoo excursion - How do we make this purposeful, relevant and engaging learning?

**Reconciliation Family Night - Wednesday 18th March**
Thank you to all families who attended the first of our Reconciliation Family Nights held last night. We remind all families enrolled in the Sacrament of Reconciliation Program that our **second family night will be held next Wednesday 18th March, 7.00pm.**

**Grade 6 Leadership Program**
All Grade 6 children will be representing the school as school leaders throughout the year. Last week a representative group of students attended the Caritas Social Justice Forum at St Johns Primary School, Mitcham. On April 21st Grade 6 representatives will attend the Waverley ANZAC Ceremony held at Waverley Reserve.

**Grade 6 Leaders Halogen Leadership Day - Friday 13th March**
Anna White and I look forward to taking our Grade 6 School Leaders to the 2015 Halogen Foundation Leaders Day tomorrow, a forum held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. Approximately 23,000 students across Australia will participate in Primary and Secondary School forums across each state. We thank the Parents and Friends Committee for sponsoring this leadership program on an annual basis.

**Parents & Friends Trivia Night**
Our thanks to all members of the Parents and Friends Committee for their efforts in hosting this Saturday evenings Trivia Night. We greatly appreciate all families and local businesses who have supported the evening through their most generous donations. Our thanks also to all parents and friends who will be in attendance on the night. The staff table remains quietly confident of success at the completion of the night!

**School Uniforms**
As the weather begins to turn from warm summer days to cooler days and evenings, we recommend that parents start to consider their children’s requirements for their winter uniforms. We advise that you take some time in the next few weeks to go into PSW and fit your child for winter items.

**School Closure Dates 2015**
Curriculum days for the year as follows - **Tuesday March 10, Friday 5th June, 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.**

**‘Thank you’ Working Bee Participants**
Thank you to our many hardworking parents who supported our School Working Bee held last Friday evening. A number of jobs were completed on the night. The major focus for the evening was the landscaping works on our school oval surrounds along with the spreading of mulch on all garden beds. A number of trees were planted along the oval fence line in an effort to replace the trees that have
unfortunately had to be removed in recent years.
Our thanks to Darren Willmott for his ongoing support of our working bees and to Pinewood Nursery, who donated the
trees which have been planted in the garden beds surrounding our school oval.

Term 2 2015 Newsletter Distribution - Email addresses required
The weekly school newsletter, currently being distributed through hard copies, in term 2 will only be distributed via
email, the Skoolbag App and on the school website from the beginning of term 2. 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.

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

Holy Family Enrolments for Prep 2016
School Open Days will be held on:

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.

Paul Wakeling
Principal

FUN, SKILLS & ADVENTURE FOR GIRLS- TRY GIRL GUIDES FOR FREE!
Girl Guides are offering you the chance to come try our local Girl Guide program free for 3 weeks! Girl Guides help
girls learn skills, make new friends and challenge themselves in a fun, safe, all girl environment. Through our
unique non-formal education programs, trained Guide Leaders help girls build self-confidence and leadership
skills by enjoying a huge range of exciting activities such as: Games, Outdoor Adventures, Crafts, Skills, Cooking and Over-nights. With fresh new dynamic activities each week- we’re sure you’re daughter will love our Fairy Guides!

What: Fairy Guides
When: Every Saturday of the school term from 10am - 11.30am
Who: Girls aged 5 to 8 years old
Where: Bennettswood Guide Hall, 21 Station Street, Burwood (Melway Ref: 61 C7)
Contact: Erin Wicking on 0411 273714 or bennettswood-fairyguides@gmail.com

OPEN DAY- SAT MARCH 14th!
Come down and join in our “High Octane Saturday Fat burning class” and experience what Mana Fitness Solutions has to offer to help you with your health and fitness goals. Meet our team and members and donate also to a worthy cause - “March for Melanoma”
Spot prizes, Food, Barista coffee and refreshments, major raffles

Class starts at 8.30am - 9.30am, food and refreshments to follow afterwards.
Address: Unit 8- 31-37 Howleys Road, Notting Hill
For more info https://www.facebook.com/manafitnesssolutions or contact Ana Thomas: 0415 396 910/ Jose Thomas 0420 905 050
This week we focus on our wonderful Food For Life Walk-A-Thon. **Students are encouraged to wear orange (Harmony Day) and purple (Lent) although runners are a MUST!** Classes will come together at 9:10am for a liturgy in the quadrangle which will include a whole school meditation. This is a great opportunity for parents to participate in this form of prayer. Following the meditation we invite you to walk a lap of the oval with the whole school in recognition of the beginning of the Walk-A-Thon. From here, a bunch of balloons will be passed to Prep KW as they take the first half hour with their buddies. The timetable below details when each class will be walking and parents are more than welcome to come back to school to join in walking with their child if they are able.

Throughout the day, students will be involved in a multi-age or buddy activity which will focus on identifying how Caritas are providing sustainable food practices across the globe or on what it means to live in Harmony at Holy Family School.

We will conclude the Walk-A-Thon just on 3pm as the whole school will gather once more to finish the final laps together. Again parents are warmly invited from 2:50pm to build upon the vibrant community feeling of the day. Following this we will gather to hear the whole school total laps walked and share some student responses.

Thank you for those students that have already bought in their donations for Caritas. We ask that you bring these in from Monday as you will then know how many laps you walked! We thank you for your generosity and support of this initiative. Total laps walked and monies raised will appear in next week’s newsletter.

Treasa Barwick
Wellbeing Leader

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**Waverley Blues Football Ground**
*Charles St, Mount Waverley*
*Saturday mornings at 8 or 9am*

To register visit [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au) and select Syndal South/Waverley Blues

This year you need to register on-line **by the end of March** to ensure your great Auskick packs will be delivered to your nominated address before the start of the season.

You will also receive **four complimentary tickets to a selected 2015 Toyota AFL Premiership Season match** through the AFL Game Day (two adult and two child tickets) if payment is receive prior to Monday, April 20.

**Season Starts 18 April 2015**

Enquiries: Phil Vimpani 0418 993 596 or phil.vimpani@internode.on.net
The Kids Café is set to reopen at the commencement of Term 2 on Thursdays and Friday for recess. We have a small team of parents running the operation of this service but we need your help to maintain it on a weekly basis. You will find the volunteer form overleaf. I encourage you to become involved in this as your children will love seeing you serve at the window and as a “special treat” they will be given a free yoghurt frog on the day you volunteer!

WHAT WILL IT INVOLVE? Good question! You nominate how often you are available, and we will distribute the roster to you by the end of Term 1 so you have plenty of notice when your turn is. The roster will also be published weekly in the school newsletter for the upcoming week Turn up on the day by 10.55am, no cooking, no food prep, a Kids Café coordinator will be there to guide you through it. We simply need you to serve the children from our beautiful new Kids Café! You will be out of there by 11.40am.

WHAT FOOD WILL THE KIDS CAFÉ BE SELLING? To begin with we will be offering the children a selection of food ranging in price from 20 cents to $2.50. We are aware of all allergies and The Kids Café will remain nut and egg free. Pretzels, Cobs Popcorn, Moosies, yoghurt frogs, cheese and crackers, fresh fruit and frozen yogurt are some of the menu items that will be available. A menu will be sent home at the end of Term as well as available online.

CAN I BRING MY PRESCHOOLER? We cannot allow small children into The Kids Café while you are volunteering due to OH&S guidelines.

WHY ARE WE HOPING THIS WORKS? Because the kids love it and we have a fantastic new canteen to utilise, it brings parents together, increases the students’ confidence, provides an opportunity for volunteers to meet new people and its old school style fun!

If you have any questions, suggestions or input please feel welcome to email me at kate@fisherlane.com.au or call on 0408361063.

With Thanks in advance
Kate Belleville (Ella’s Mum 1/2 A) and The Kids Café Team.
In Term 2 ‘The KID’S CAFÉ’ will be open for recess on Thursdays and Fridays.
If you can volunteer to help on either of these days please fill in the form below and return to the office ASAP.

THURSDAY ☐

FRIDAY ☐

NAME ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------

EMAIL ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------

MOB ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------