Dear families,

School Athletics Carnival – Ball Games

Thank you to the many parents who joined the children for the School Athletics Ball Games last Friday morning. The children were most enthusiastic participants as they cheered their houses on. With the ball games complete the House Colour scores, to be carried over to Friday evenings twilight sports, currently stand at:

1st - Red, 2nd - Gold, 3rd - Blue, 4th - Green

We congratulate our Sports Captains who led their teams on Friday morning and look forward to an exciting evening tomorrow night. Our House captains for 2015 are:

Red House Captains - Oscar Harding, Tiana Adams & Rose Posselt
Blue House Captains - Kini Fullman & Rhiannon Mutch
Gold House Captains - Jacob Indivino & Stephanie Karaula
Green House Captains - Nicholas Orlando, Jessica Baltutis & Isabella Di Fede

School Athletics Carnival – Twilight Athletics (Fri 20th February - 4.45pm)

The Twilight Athletics Carnival will be held at Bill Sewart Reserve Burwood Highway, Burwood East (MEL REF: 62 C7) beginning at 5 pm. (The athletics track is hidden from street view behind the Nunawading Basketball Stadium and Whitehorse Club.) We anticipate a finishing time of 7pm. We ask that the children arrive at the Bill Sewart Track by no later than 4.45pm. Hats on and loads of sunscreen!

BBQ - Gold Coins – The Parents & Friends Committee will be cooking up a sausage sizzle on the evening, along with providing cans of soft drink. Bring along your gold coins!

BBQ volunteers warmly welcomed on the night! Any willing BBQ enthusiasts are warmly invited to help out at the BBQ on the evening. Volunteers are asked to email the Parents & Friends Committee - pandf@hfmw.catholic.edu.au - or simply arrive at the bbq on the evening.

Parish Raffle ($2.00 a ticket) - Win a car! Parents & Friends Committee members will also be selling raffle tickets in support of the annual Parish Raffle. Be in it to possibly win the first prize, a new car! Father Laurence has won the car previously so this year may be your chance!

School Closure Day – Tuesday 10th March

As advised through last weeks school newsletter Tuesday March 10 is a School Closure Day. The staff will spend the morning finalising the design of the new School Reporting Process. The draft proposal for our new reporting process will be presented to the Education Board next Monday night and then shared with the parent community through the newsletter.
Throughout the afternoon of Tuesday 10th the staff will work together to develop a whole school focus for our Term 2 Inquiry unit. We have set Wednesday 22nd April as a whole school excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. Each level will design units of work for their Term 2 Inquiry Studies that closely relate to the Zoo. We last held a whole school excursion in 2013 when the whole school travelled to the city on a cultural tour, with the highlight being a whole school visit to the Town Hall for an immersion into the workings of Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.

School Closure Dates 2015 - All Dates Confirmed for your diary

The School Closure Dates for 2015 are now confirmed. We apologise for any confusion caused by the change in dates. The changes were the result of the availability of keynotes speakers and due to external professional development days, as directed by the Catholic Education Office, clashing with the schools preferred dates.

We are able to confirm the 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.

Prep Parent Curriculum Night - Wed 25th February (6.30pm)

All Prep parents are invited to attend a Prep Parent Information Night on Wednesday 25th February in the Prep rooms. This forum is presented to provide you with an insight into the workings of the Grade Prep curriculum and into some of the strategies on classroom management etc currently in put in place.

Term 1 Working Bee – Friday 6th March (5.00-7.00pm)

BYO Wheelbarrows & Shovels! Thank you to those parents who have already returned their working bee notice advising of their availability. Parents are invited to join us at any time throughout the working bee. We understand that some parents will be late due to work hours. A sausage sizzle and refreshments will follow the working bee tasks. Parents are asked to sign in at the table to be situated near the drink taps. A list of jobs will be provided on arrival.

School Fees Payment Options

The 2015 School fees statements were issued last week for the whole school year. Swimming and Camp fees will be added to your account where applicable during the school year.

You may choose to pay the account in a lump sum, quarterly, monthly, fortnightly or weekly. Payment options in preference order are as follows:-

- BPay, you will notice at the top of the account the biller code and BPay reference number.
- Direct Debit, forms are available from the school office to set up a direct debit payment. These payments may be made weekly, fortnightly, monthly or quarterly.
- COPS (Credit Card Online Payment System), forms are available from the school office to set up a credit card payment. These payments may be made weekly, fortnightly, monthly or quarterly.
- Cash or Cheque to the school office.

Copies of accounts will be distributed to families each school term. All fees should be paid in full by the end of October each year.

If you experience difficulty paying your school account, you should contact the principal to arrange a payment plan.

Student Personal Information Exchange Proforma

Have you returned your child's Personal Information Exchange Proforma?
2015 Newsletter Distribution - Email addresses required

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

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

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.

Paul Wakeling
Principal

Kids Café will be selling icy poles every Friday at lunch time for 50cents until the end of Term 1.
Earlier this week, I had the immense pleasure of watching a child persevere with a part of her learning that continues to cause her great stress. She did not give up and at the end of the hour, achieved a sense of great satisfaction and pride. It was one of those moments where teachers realise how privileged we are to be involved in education.

This child had previously used many avoidance techniques to get out of this area of her learning and her mindset was fixed into - ‘I can’t do it’. She is not alone. Many of us have this attitude in some area of our lives and today I wish to discuss with you the difference between a ‘fixed mindset’ and a ‘growth mindset’.

People with a fixed mindset believe that you either are or are not good at something, based on your talent or inherent nature. Basically, because it’s just who you are. They may say things like, “She’s a natural born singer” or “I’m just no good at dancing.” People in a growth mindset however, believe anyone can be good at anything, because your abilities are entirely due to your actions. You practised, tried hard and did not give up when you were challenged. People in this mindset believe that anyone can be good at anything and that skill comes only from practice.

Below you will find the link to a website where mindsets are discussed further. (http://mindsetonline.com/whatisit/about/).

Enjoy your week ahead and remember - Go Gold!

Treasa Barwick
Wellbeing Leader

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**Net Set Go!**

The Waverley District Netball Association will be commencing a Net Set Go! program on 21st March 2015. This program will be for students in Grades 2 and 3 who would like to improve their skills before joining a team. Sessions will be held at the Ashwood netball courts on Saturday mornings. The cost is $95. For more information and to register please go to http://www.wdna.com.au and click on the Net Set Go! menu near the top of the page. (Please note: Holy Family Netball Club will also be running a Net Set go! program for Prep and Grade 1 Students in terms 3 and 4 - information will be provided at a later time)

Registrations need to be in by Feb 28th so that packs and t-shirts can be ordered.
Cyber Safety Update
We thank all parents of Grade 5 & 6 for their attendance at last fortnight’s cyber safety evening with Susan McLean. We have received much positive feedback informally, but would love to hear what everyone thought. Parents of Grade 5/6 students, could you please complete the following short survey (5 min):

One major element of Susan’s message was warning of the significant risks for students who were lying about their age (with or without their parents’ permission) to access “age restricted” apps. A week after the incursion, Grade 5&6 students were surveyed to see if their was any change in behaviours before and after the incursion. As you can see below, there has been a tremendous reduction in the number of our students using “age restricted” apps.

Another survey question asked what changes had been implemented at home since the incursion. An overwhelming response was that families are now not allowing any digital devices into bedrooms. Susan stressed that this simple change can drastically decrease the likelihood of any cyber harm to your children.

App Alert!
A parent has wisely alerted us of an App that is currently available and is aimed at school age children. The App is called ‘Block Earth’. The App appears to be a safe and engaging site for children but once the children explore the App there is specific content which is most unsuitable. Regulatory authorities have been alerted to the content.
School Sport Swimming Trials

On Wednesday the 15th of February Tiana, Amelia, Jack, Jocelyn, James G and Joel competed at the District Swimming trials. Everyone did a great job at the strokes they competed in. Almost everyone got a ribbon! We thank Mrs Smith for organising the wonderful day for all of us. We would also like to thank the parents for driving us to the event and supporting us during our races. We thank Mr Wakeling for attending and cheering us on in our races. We congratulate all swimmers on doing their best and a special congratulations to Tiana who made it through to the next round on Thursday 25th of February. We wish her good luck for Thursday.

"It is an honor to represent Holy Family in my best sport" - Tiana Adams

By Tiana and Amelia

Family Portraits by Jordan & Piper in Prep KW, and Natasha and Oliver in Prep J.

Congratulations to all the Preps for their wonderful drawings of their families that were displayed at the Prep Parent dinner last week. Well done

Mrs Boyle
Are you a busy mum aged between 25-45?
Are you desperate to get a healthy, strong, athletic body that you can keep permanently?
I am looking for 10 mums to join my small group training community at my private studio in Notting Hill.
You must be...
1) Ready to make a lifestyle change
2) Willing to be consistent and work hard
3) Willing to make new friends

Sounds like you?
Contact Ana (Sholance's mum)
0415396910
What’s happening on the P&F?

Twilight Sports Sausage Sizzle – Friday 20th February

Why not leave the cooking to us on Friday and come and grab a sausage! We’ll be set up near the oval serving the following items...

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Parish Raffle Tickets

We will again be supporting the parish raffle by selling tickets at the Twilight Sports night. Tickets are $2.00 each. If you can spare some time on the night to help us sell these tickets please come and see us at the BBQ area.

Trivia Night & Fundraiser – Saturday 14 March

You may have been to lots of trivia nights in the past but this is not one of those. Run by one of Australia’s leading entertainment companies, specialising in Trivia Nights in a game show style that focus on FUN, FUN and more FUN(DRAISING)! There a lots of ways to walk away a winner – not just by answering questions.

People will be talking about this night for years to come – make sure you’re one of them! Seats are selling fast, so don’t miss out! Yet to purchase yours? Misplaced your order form? Visit the website (School Community tab- Parents and Friends page) to download the order form, or grab one from the school office.

Accompanying today’s newsletter is a letter on sponsorship and donation opportunities for the night. Hopefully you will be able to support this great school fundraising event.

P&F Noticeboard

Look out for our P&F noticeboard just as you enter the school gates, where we will keep you informed all what’s going on in the P&F. This board will be updated over the course of the week with all the latest news. A big thank you to Glenn Loft for moving the board from inside the school building to this much better location!
ADVERTISING OR PRIZE DONATIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Do you own or work for a business that could be interested in advertising at our forthcoming Trivia Night and Fundraiser on Saturday 14 March? Or do you have any goodies or products to donate to our prize giveaways e.g. wine, gift cards/vouchers? If yes, we want to hear from you!

This is a great opportunity for local businesses to promote their business to around 200 people from our local school community.

For $100 you can promote your business at our Trivia Night this includes:

- Naming rights to a table
- You providing table decorations for promotional purposes e.g. cards, flyers, showbags (delivered to the school by Wed 11 March) to be displayed on one of the tables

We would also welcome and greatly appreciate your support to contribute items for our Silent Auction and raffles. All donations will be recognized on the night and in the leadup to the event.

If you wish to take up a sponsorship offer or donate an item to the Silent Auction please contact one of our Parents and Friends Committee representatives, Fiona Savedra on 0408 510 371 or Carolyn Harding on 0419 118 445. Any items can be sent to the school office or please call us to arrange collection if needed.

Thank you for supporting your local Catholic primary school and we look forward to working with you to promote your business to our local school community.

Yours sincerely,

Holy Family Parents and Friends Committee

pandf@hfmw.catholic.edu.au