Thursday 26th March

Penitential Service – 7.00pm

Holy Thursday 2nd April

7.30pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper followed by Adoration until 10.30pm.

Good Friday 3rd April

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross – 11.15am
St Johns Uniting Church, Virginia Street, Mount Waverley

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion – 3.00pm

Holy Saturday 4th April

Reconciliation – 10.00am – 11.00am (No morning Mass)
Easter Vigil Mass – 7.00pm

Easter Sunday 5th April

Masses: 8.45am, 10.30am & 1.30pm (Korean Mass)

No Evening Mass
Calendar
2015 Key Dates
We will endeavour to remain true to the 2015 dates as listed below:

TERM ONE
MARCH
Friday 20th-
-Grade 5/6 Athletics Carnival
-National Day of Action
Against Bullying
Sunday 22nd-
-Prep & Gr. 5 ‘Buddies”
-Family Mass 10.30am
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

TERM TWO
APRIL
Monday 13th -
-Term 1 Begins
-Miss Wynne on Leave for the week
Monday 20th-
-Education Board Meeting
7.30pm
-Mr Wakeling on Leave April 20-May 22
Tuesday 21st -
-Rotary Club ANZAC Ceremony - Gr. 6
-Representative team attending
Wednesday 22nd-
-Whole School Excursion to Melbourne Zoo
Friday 24th-
-Grade 5/6 Winter Sport
Sunday 26th -
-Grade 6 Year Level Sunday Mass 10.30am

Term 2 Newsletter Email Distribution
Have you emailed the school office with your email address/es for newsletters to be directed to? Email office@hfmw.catholic.edu.au

Dear Families,

Parent - Child - Teacher Interviews - March 23/March 24
Parent-Child-Teacher Interviews will be held next Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March. As with previous practice we will be using the website www.schoolinterviews.com.au as our interviews booking site.

The booking password is CEAH4

Student Progress Report
Next Monday and Tuesday parents and children will be invited to attend our Term 1 Interviews. As previously advised we are introducing a new approach to our reporting practices throughout 2015. The most significant change being the introduction of the end of term 1, term 2 and term 3 interviews, supported by Student Progress Reports distributed to parents at the conclusion of each term. The end of Semester 1 and Semester 2 reports will still be available to parents but, as previously highlighted, the written content will be heavily reduced. We believe the “termly” Student Progress Reports and end of term interviews will outweigh the benefits of the written comments.

Term 1 Interviews - What to expect?
At the forthcoming interview the teachers will present you with a ‘Student Progress Report’. The teacher will lead both you and your child through the progress made by your child throughout the first term of 2015. The Student Progress Report will focus on the child’s progress in literacy and numeracy. Whilst there will be numerous items assessed on the report the teacher will focus solely on significant areas of progress and areas for further development.

It should be noted that during first term considerable teacher planning and classroom time is spent developing a strong learning culture. Structures and protocols are established and positive class and teacher relationships are paramount in fostering learning success and may therefore form part of the interview as well as some key aspects of students’ academic learning. The Student Progress Report is at this time indicative of your child’s development. With further time and teaching focus student progress reports should show further development throughout the year.

Who should attend the Interview?
Parents should be in attendance at each interview. Prep - Due to the Prep child’s level of development we deem that Prep children need not attend the interview. Grade 1/2 - It is at the parent discretion as to whether the child should attend the interview. It is a positive experience for the child to gain feedback on their terms work but this decision is left to you as the parent. Gr 3 - 6 - We believe that it is important for our middle level and senior level students to be present at the interviews to gain feedback on their terms work and to have direct input into what their learning goals may look like in term 2. Children at this age should take ownership of their learning and should be active participants in discussions relating to their academic and social development.

The changes as detailed above aim to improve our reporting practices and arise from feedback from both staff and parents to prior practice. Our 2015 innovations will require evaluation as the year progresses and as a result of this we will be seeking your feedback. I thank the staff for taking on this change of practice in such a limited timeframe and for preparing the Student Progress reports in the timeframe of term 1.

Period of Leave - Primary Principal Professional Learning Program
Monday 20 April - Friday 22 May
I will be taking Principal Professional Learning Program Leave (‘PPL Leave’) with a small number of Catholic Primary Principals to Ireland for the period of Monday 20th April through to Friday 22nd May. We will be led through a sabbatical program at All Hallows College in Dublin throughout this time.
I look forward to this wonderful opportunity to join principal colleagues from the four regions of Melbourne to be enriched through the course as offered through All Hallows University. This Leave program is sponsored by the Catholic Education Office Melbourne.

**School Holidays (Tue 31st March- Fri 10th April) & Long Service Leave (Mon 13th April –Fri 17th April)**

I will be extending my time of leave as my wife will join me for a period of 2 weeks of school holidays and 1 week of Long Service Leave. We plan to spend time in New York, Boston and Washington throughout this time. This school holiday time and LSL will lead into the Dublin Sabbatical Leave.

Throughout my term of leave Eithne King (Deputy Principal -Administration & Innovation) and Anna White (Deputy Principal- Learning & Teaching Leader) will take the role as Acting Principals. I will be in communication with Eithne and Anna via email throughout my time of Leave.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation - Wednesday 25th March**

Last night our Reconciliation Candidates and their parents gathered for the second Family Reconciliation Workshop. We ask all families to pray for our Reconciliation Candidates who celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time next Wednesday evening.

**Education Board Meeting (February 2015) - 'Board Shorts’**

‘Board Shorts’ are a synopsis of the Education Board meetings held throughout the year. Members of the Board take a role of writing the ‘Board Shorts’ to inform the school community of the meeting points of interest and any decisions that may impact on student learning or school processes. Please find below the Board Shorts for our February meeting.

At our first Education Board meeting for 2015, Clare Hicks, our Religious Education Leader, presented ‘Meditation – Our Journey’, discussing the role of meditation, a form of prayer, in Catholic primary classrooms. We heard that our children are introduced to the concept of balancing activity and contemplation, which for many of us is a lifelong challenge. Calm, stillness and mindfulness are encouraged during meditation. Praying together creates a sense of security and belonging and helps foster community and connection among the children. We are grateful for Clare’s insight into meditation.

Our deputy principals, Anna and Eithne, presented the staff’s plan to restructure the student reporting process. Holy Family is taking advantage of the greater autonomy granted by the CEO and utilising data obtained from the annual Insight parent surveys in an attempt to improve the reporting process. We will see an increase in documented feedback, with a focus on clarifying each student’s actual progress. Personal and work habits will be afforded more attention and specialist teachers will have the opportunity to comment on effort and behaviour.

The Board appreciates the staff’s ongoing effort to communicate with parents in a meaningful way and timeless endeavours in partnering with parents in the education and nurturing of our children.

**Parents & Friends Trivia Night**

Thank you to all members of the Parents and Friends Committee for their efforts in hosting a wonderful night of trivia and fun on Saturday night. We thank all attendees for your part in making the night such a success. As commented on the night, and by parents on Monday, there was a great buzz in the room and a great sense of community. The sense of community was positively commented on by the Trivia hosts present on the night.

Our thanks also to all families and local community businesses who provided their most generous sponsorship on the night. Our thanks also to Lee, our school cleaner, and head of the company Vaessen’s Dutch Cleaning, who provided a heavily reduced fee to clean the hall at the end of the night. My own thanks to the Iannetta family for their donation of the major hamper prize of the night. Embarrassing note to self; when drawing out a ticket ensure it’s not your own! As announced on the night money from the night will go to furnishing our Grade 5/6 Learning Centre and to upgrading of the major hamper prize of the night. Embarrassing note to self; when drawing out a ticket ensure it’s not your own!

We are waiting on quotes and a timeline on when these works will commence.

**Grade Prep & Grade 5 ‘Buddies’ Mass - Sunday 10.30am**

Grade Prep and Grade 5 families are invited to attend a class level mass this Sunday (10.30am) 22nd March. The mass will be a welcome to our Grade Prep children and families and will also highlight the connection between the Grade Prep and Grade 5 buddies. We hope that parents take the opportunity to meet their children’s buddies for the year. Please refer to the letter as previously distributed providing full details of the year level mass.

**Parish ‘Walk Through’ Sunday 22nd March - 11.30am-12.15pm**

For the past 6 years Parishioners have viewed the ongoing building program that we have undertaken and must be wondering what has been happening within our classrooms, administration area and oval throughout this period. This Sunday we will open our doors for all Parishioners and invite them for a tour through the school after the Grade Prep and Grade 5 10.30am Mass. The school will be open from 11.30am through to 12.15pm. Parents are invited to welcome grandparents or family members to take a walk through of the school at this time.
Parents and Friends Committee News

Icy-Poles

This Friday is our last day for Icy Poles sales (50 Cents)

Thank you to everyone who has helped sell icy poles this term. It’s been great using the new canteen and children have loved the opportunity to have something cold on our hot days through Summer. Without the help of our wonderful parents events like this just could not happen.

So a big ‘thank you’ again from the Holy Family P& F Committee.

P&F & Bakers Delight Hot Cross Bun Drive

Don’t forget your Hot Cross Bun orders!! Orders are closing.

Hot Cross Buns will be available for collection from 2pm on Thursday 26th March.

If you have any queries, please contact Adrianna on 0403 808 927 or email adrianna@hijner.com

Parents & Friends Committee - 2015 AFL Footy Tipping Competition

Put your skills against your family and friends in the Annual Holy Family Primary School AFL Footy Tipping Competition. This is an important fundraiser for the Parents and Friends Committee as it assists in the annual financial commitment to our school oval.

It is easy to play: the competition is run online using footytips.com.au. All you need to do is return the form accompany today’s newsletter together with your entry fee, then register on the site and start tipping.


Entry Fees: $50 for a family of up to 5 players or $20 for an individual player

Return your payment along with the fully completed attached form by no later than Monday 30 March 2015 – the competition starts on the 2nd of April!

The prize pool will be awarded as follows: 60% to the Parents and Friends, 25% to the overall winner at the end of the season, 10% to 2nd place, 5% to 3rd place (the actual prize pool will be revealed once all entries are in). In addition, a $10 gift card will be awarded for the best tipper who successfully tips nine winners in a round. This will jackpot if no one picks nine winners.

Camp Australia School Holiday Programs

Camp Australia, the school’s out of hours school care provider, is running Holiday Camps within our local area. Bookings can be made for a day, several days or for the full holiday program. For full details please refer to www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

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 23rd March, 9.00am-6.00pm

Tours will run every hour on the hour - final tour at 5pm.

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
This week’s Merit Award winners are:

Prep J - Oliver F. & Amelia R.
1/2 A - Maya A.
1/2 PM - Orion T-T.
3/4 BB - Ellie K.
3/4 GA - Bianca R.
5/6 KH - Joseph M.
5/6 T - James O.

Prep KW - Mars T.
1/2 HD - Isabella C. & Hannah H.
1/2 W - Daniel C.
3/4 D - Joel R.
3/4 NB - Monisha V.
5/6 S - Sophie M.

Team Vic Eastern Metropolitan Region Nominations Primary Schools 2015

The selection process for students to trial for the representative team for Victoria in basketball, netball, soccer and football has been adjusted in that those wishing to attend need to show that they are a genuine chance to be selected for the final side—it is not just ‘a come and try’ scenario. Please refer to the information on the website, www.ssv.vic.edu.au, which explains that registration does not ensure selection to trial and that a non-refundable fee of $25 is to be paid upon registration. To be considered students need to be playing at the top representative standard for their club in their sport. If you feel your child fits the criteria please follow the procedure of registration for the Eastern Metropolitan Region on the website. Please note that registration closes on Wednesday, 25th March. Parents are responsible for taking their children to the trials.

P&F & Bakers Delight Hot Cross Bun Drive

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This week we celebrate the amazing sense of community here at Holy Family. Miss Hicks and I are overwhelmed at the generosity and support that has been demonstrated in our ‘Caritas Food For Life Walk-A-Thon’. We are absolutely ecstatic to announce that our school has raised $4700, with tomorrow being the last day to return donations. The vibrant faith community atmosphere was evident throughout the day. When we gathered at the end of the day, the students reflected on their actions and were able to share some of their thoughts. Not only did they recognise a sense of pride in themselves, they also identified that they were working together to make our world a better place. Please enjoy the following thoughts from the 1/2 and 3/4 students.

Congratulations and enjoy the sunshine!

Treasa Barwick
Wellbeing Leader

It was amazing being a part of the walk-a-thon. I had a lot of fun. Alex CL

It was really exciting walking the laps for Caritas because I felt good about raising money for people who needed it. Livy

I sponsored my sister because I was sick. I felt proud of her and myself because we were raising money and helping other people.

Marisa

It was really fun being a part of the day. I realised when I was walking that we were all part of a team raising money for Caritas to help others.

The walk-a-thon was awesome and totally tiring at the same time. It felt exciting to be a part of the Holy Family walk-a-thon because we raised money for Caritas.

Gishain

It was really fun raising money for Caritas Australia because we got to walk laps around the oval. We got to hold pompoms that were purple, which is the colour of Lent. We also wore orange which is the colour of Harmony Day.

Patrick

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Better Buddies Program

Through Better Buddies, children in Prep and Grade 5 buddy up and learn about the following values: caring for others, friendliness, respect, valuing difference, including others and responsibility. Better Buddies enables younger children to feel safe and cared for while older children feel valued and respected.

In Term 1 the Preps and their Grade 5 buddies have been getting to know each other and would like to share their thoughts about the Better Buddy Program so far.

The Grade 5 Buddies’ thoughts:

- When you are looking after someone younger than you, it is a big responsibility, but lots of fun!
- I like spending time with my buddy and playing together
- We are getting to know each other and I like finding out what my buddy is learning at school. I’m surprised how far he could count up to!
- It’s just fun to have a buddy because you can talk to them and make a new friend
- I have someone to look after and I’m learning about responsibility
- It’s great to work with younger kids and see what they’re like
- I enjoy seeing them and completing different activities.

The Preps’ thoughts:

- My buddy is really funny!
- It’s good because we get to play and hang out together
- It’s fun to play together!
- My buddy is nice and friendly
- I like to see my buddy and do activities together
- I like my buddy very much!
- My buddy is a good friend, I like it when they are here with us
- I would like to spend more time together
- It’s so much fun!
Thank you to the Holy Family and Mana Fitness Communities

On Saturday we had our "Open Day" at Mana Fitness Solutions and also fundraised for "March against Melanoma". The money we raised was $381 and proceeds went to Team Vicky B (John and Ava Fatekas Grandmother). Well done to all that were involved and to the many business's that supported it.

Thank you from MANA, www.manafitness.com.au
Jose Sakiusa Thomas
Owner/operator

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