Farewell Masses for Father Laurence

As advised through last week’s newsletter Father Laurence has announced that he has been appointed to the Parish of St Michael’s Ashburton beginning his appointment from Wednesday 29th July.

Tomorrow morning (9.15am) we will be celebrating a mass of thanksgiving for Father Laurence, giving thanks for his 3 years with us, for his support for the school and parish and for his friendship and leadership throughout his time at Holy Family. The Parish will gather on Sunday morning (10.30am) to celebrate their final weekend mass with Father Laurence. Parishioners will gather in the hall after mass for morning tea. School families are most welcome to join us for these events.

We thank Father Laurence for his contribution to the school throughout his time with us. We will miss Father Laurence’s support and friendship and will certainly miss his homilies at whole school masses where he has certainly engaged the children with his passion for movies, especially his love of Star Wars characters! As a staff we thank Father Laurence for his contributions to the school, for his support of all that we do and for his friendship along the journey.

We wish Father Laurence great happiness and fulfilment at his new Parish, Saint Michael’s Ashburton, and in his new role on the National Liturgical Council.

Confirmation Candidates
Commitment Masses - Saturday 6.00pm & Sunday 10.30am

Confirmation candidates’ commitment masses will be celebrated this weekend. Masses will be held on Saturday evening (6.00pm) and on Sunday morning (10.30am).

Term 3 Level Newsletters - Distributed via email addresses today

Parents will receive the term 3 level newsletters through their email accounts today. A limited amount of hard copies will be housed in the school office. Thank you to our level leaders for preparing these newsletters.

Term 3 Newsletter Distribution – Email only from Week 2 - Please check your email inbox

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 gain access to the weekly newsletter please email the school office with the preferred email addresses to which the newsletter will be delivered. There can be multiple email addresses for each family. Please email your email address/es to office@hfmw.catholic.edu.au
Have you seen our refurbishments to our boys and girls toilets since the beginning of the term? Our painters were back on site again throughout the past weekend and will hopefully finish their work this coming weekend.

Parent ‘Insight SRC’ Letter – 100 Families

Parent Insight SRC Surveys were distributed to 100 school families on Monday. Thank you to those parents who have already returned these forms or completed the online survey. All survey results are confidential in that we gain the collective data but cannot view individual responses. Where possible we ask that families complete the online survey as directed in your information pack NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 7th AUGUST.

Students Departures/Future Numbers

If your children (Grade Prep-5) will not be returning to Holy Family in 2016 we ask that you notify us in writing at the earliest possible time. This information is essential as we plan for 2016 class structures.

Building Works Toilet Refurbishment

Term 3 Closure Day Friday 7th August

A reminder to parents that our term 3 School Closure Day will be held on Friday 7th August.

Stranger Danger

On occasions the school receives alert reports from the Catholic Education Office regarding incidents of strangers approaching students before and after school. Recently these alerts have become more frequent. While it is difficult to know the exact circumstances of each of these reports it is a reminder to us all of the importance of educating our children about 'stranger danger' and the behaviours and strategies that the children may be aware of to keep themselves safe.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEKS AWARD WINNERS

- Prep J: Daniel T
- Prep KW: Archie M
- 1/2A: Abbey S
- 1/2HD: Dean A
- 1/2M: Beau V
- 1/2WP: Regan K & Alexander L
- 3/4BB: Jacob H
- 3/4D: Jonathan G
- 3/4GA: Mary K
- 3/4NB: Malakai H
- 5/6H: Sophie P
- 5/6KH: Jocelyn SG
- 5/6S: Ellie Sykes & James D
- 5/6T: Amelia P
Dear Families,

You are all invited on **Wednesday 5th August**, from 3:30pm to 7pm to walk down Holy Family School’s corridors to view the students amazing artworks. These have been inspired by the whole school’s excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. All the parishioners have also been invited after 10:30 am Mass on Sunday 9th August, to view the students artworks. The students are very excited and are looking forward to their families and the community viewing their masterpieces.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Boyle

VISUAL ARTS TEACHER

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**Your child will bring home an order form today for a yummy lunch on Friday 14th August, don’t forget to fill it out and return to school by 10th August**
Welcome to Term Three and the first of our Wellbeing Wonders. We have decided to make this a fortnightly column and would love some feedback from you on what you would like to read about. In the coming newsletters, we will be covering the concept of **bullying** and our school policies and procedures around this.

The teaching staff have spent the last two Tuesday evenings in Professional Learning Teams with a particular lens on bullying. In these meetings we have addressed the following outcomes:

- revised our legal requirements at both federal and state levels with regards to whole school policies and procedures.
- reviewed the Pastoral Care Policy as directed by the Catholic Education Office
- re-examined the National Safe School Frameworks 9 elements with a particular focus on elements 3 (policies and procedures) & 6 (education and prevention).
- evaluated our own school policies, definitions and practice on a scale of ‘not implemented through to fully implemented’.
- brainstormed ideas for procedures that cover: avenues for the school community to report bullying, how we respond to these, education and prevention as well as record keeping and note taking.

One of our actions from the last brainstorming session was to, ‘Ensure education around bullying was provided for all members of our school community’. So look no further as the Wellbeing Wonders page is a great platform to revise our parent communities understanding of the term Bullying. I would also like to take this opportunity to share with you a fabulous website (see under definition) that has a wealth of information for educators, parents and students. As identified on this site, my preferred definition for bullying is as follows;

*Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.*

*Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying. However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved.*

*Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:*
- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.


I would like to thank the staff for the collegial and challenging conversations that took place within these meetings and we look forward to continued focus in this area. Your thoughts and feedback are always welcomed and valued. Email me at tbarwick@hfmw.catholic.edu.au if you have any ideas on the information presented above.

Have an awesome fortnight and hug your kids! Treasa Barwick - Wellbeing Leader
REGISTRATION FOR
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Summer Season Basketball 2015/16
To be held at
HOLY FAMILY HALL
Monday August 3rd 4.30pm-8.00pm
Thursday August 6th 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Summer Season is played in Term 4, 2015 and Term 1, 2016.
For additional information please see our website waverleywildcats.org.au
or contact Pam McGuinness 0432 408 631

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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE HOLY FAMILY MUM’S FOR A CASUAL CATCH UP DINNER!
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