Dear Parents,

WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION-WOW WHAT A DAY!

What a wonderful day of new learning at the Melbourne Zoo yesterday. The weather was kind to us, the amazing parents and family members who were able to assist on our excursion, and to our fantastic students, made for a spectacular day of tuning in to our new Inquiry learning units for the term. Thank you also to all parents too for having your children so well prepared for the day!

Some Preps even saw some meditating Lemurs!!
2015 Key Dates
We will endeavour to remain true to the 2015 dates as listed below:

TERM TWO
APRIL
Monday 27th -
-Assembly
Tuesday 28th -
-Mass 1/2HD and 5/6H
Wednesday 29th -
-Holy Communion & Information Night 7pm
Friday 30th -
-Grade 5/6 Winter Sport

ANZAC Day, originally a commemoration of the landing of Australian and New Zealand forces at Gallipoli on the 25th April 1915, has grown to become an important national day in Australia. The Rotary Club of Monash conducted its annual Anzac Service for Schools on Tuesday the 21st of April 2015. The service was held at the Cenotaph situated in the Central Reserve Glen Waverley. Twelve of our year six students were proud to represent Holy Family at this 100th anniversary of the Anzacs.

Throughout the formal ceremony students heard the story of Australia's involvement in the First World War and the subsequent Century of Service of Australia’s armed forces spanning all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Schools attending recognised the service and sacrifice of all Australians who have served in war. They were able to honour, as well as reflect on the impact of war, and conflict in Australia’s history.

We will be celebrating Anzac Day tomorrow morning 24th April at 9am in the quadrangle with a special liturgy, and each student will be receiving a special commemorative medal as a keepsake.
Building Update
Our Library refurbishment is almost finished with the last few jobs to be completed in the coming days. We anticipate the library will be fully functioning by Monday week with borrowing to commence. Great news! All children must have a draw string library bag for borrowing.

‘VPass’
We have a new electronic ‘sign in and out’ facility in the office for all volunteers, visitors, late arriving students and early leavers. This system replaces the paper system we have been using previously. Before going to the classroom or school area to help, we ask ALL parents to sign in at the office before heading to their destination. You will also need to sign out when you are leaving.

Term 2 Level Newsletters
Term 2 Level Newsletters will be distributed tomorrow. Please take note of all the curriculum updates in the newsletters, along with major events and all other level news. These level newsletters will be uploaded to the school website.

Interschool Sports – Grade 5/6
Our Grade 5/6 Friday Sports begins tomorrow– Friday 24th April. Good luck to all our teams—we know they will represent Holy Family well.

I.C.T News– important message for 1/2 and 3/4 students
In order for students to access their Google Drive at home, it is best done using the Chrome web browser. If you have multiple students in your house and/or personal Gmail accounts, it can get messy trying to log everyone in and out. The following guide shows you how to setup your Chrome browser to make life easier!

Mystery Movie Night
A great night was had by all! Special thanks to Donna Spaulding, the P&F and ‘other volunteers for organising the night.

Parents and Friends
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th May at 7:30pm– new members always welcome!

Parents & Friends Committee email
pandf@hfmw.catholic.edu.au
Parents are invited to send any items of interest to our Parents and Friends committee on the mail address as listed above.

Croissants Orders
We remind parents that Croissant orders must be back at school by Friday 1st May.

If you would like to still join the roster for Kids Café, or cannot make your allocated day, please email Marice Collin at - mcollin@optusnet.com.au

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Working with Children Checks

Just a thank you to those who have followed up our request by sending a copy of your Working With Children check to the office. If you haven’t done so, could you please give this your immediate attention.

We Are Allergy Aware!

Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life threatening allergic reaction. We have children in our school who are allergic to poppy seeds, nuts (peanuts, cashews, pistachios, hazelnuts), legumes (beans), eggs, potato and eggplant. We ask that you refrain from sending any foods containing the listed foods (nut products such as: peanut butter, nutella; bean products such as chickpeas, hommus dip, lentil burgers, baked beans or breads containing poppy seeds etc).

*We want to do our best to keep those at risk, as safe as possible! Please help us to keep **EVERYONE** safe!*

CDF Banking

We remind parents that all student bank books should be returned to the school to have interest amounts updated for each account. Tuesday is banking day but feel free to return the books whenever you wish – they will be kept in the safe until next Tuesday. Thank you,

Kylie
CDF Banking co-ordinator

Parents are invited to send messages to the school office via the email address [office@hfmw.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@hfmw.catholic.edu.au). This email will be checked daily.

Term 2 Calendar Dates – Website – [www.hfmw.catholic.edu.au](http://www.hfmw.catholic.edu.au)

The Term 2 Calendar has been updated for Term 2 and is available for parents on the school website. We will no longer be sending home hard copies of the school calendar.

Have a great week!

Eithne King
Deputy Principal

Baby Sitting Coop - Reinstate Date Night!

Expressions of interest are sought to organise a baby-sitting co-op which will offer free reciprocal baby sitting. The co-op will be Token based, so you have to sit to get a token to ‘pay’ someone to sit for you. Ideas for organisation: closed Facebook group or free web app. Foundations need to be laid to cement trust.

I would love to hear from you- Bec McCrea 0415 248 279