Laura Biviano – In memory
We are deeply saddened to inform members of our school community that after a long and brave fight with cancer, Laura Biviano, wife of David and mother of Jessica (Year 7 Avila College) and Daniel (Grade 4) passed away this morning. Our condolences are extended to David, Jessica and Daniel and to Laura’s family and friends.

All classes gathered this afternoon, providing an opportunity for prayer and reflection. At such a time of loss it is important that, as parents and in our role as carers to your children, that we take the time to listen to each child, to reassure and to allow expressions of feelings from them.

As a community may we all be mindful of each other at this sad and difficult time. Many members of our community will gather on the weekend to celebrate the Sacrament of First Communion with our families. May this also be a time in which we join as a united community to pray for Laura and her family and friends.

As a staff we are available to all parents and children should you seek information or reassurance at this time. Parents are welcome to access a range books in our parent library, located in the school administration area, touching on the subject of loss and grief and cancer.

We ask that you pray for Laura, for David, Jessica and Daniel, for Laura’s extended family and friends and for our Holy Family community.

St Vincent de Paul Appeal
Last Friday we celebrated Walk Safely to School Day and the first week of our St Vincent de Paul appeal. We thank all families for your efforts in so generously supporting this most worthy cause. As advised in last week’s newsletter the appeal will run for a month. Please refer below to our focus for tomorrow’s appeal and for a Friday with a ‘splash of pink’!

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<td><strong>Ribbons for Rice and/or Pink for Pasta</strong>&lt;br&gt;Children wear something pink and or adorn themselves in ribbons.</td>
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Thank you!!

I returned on Monday to a warm welcome from all after my time of leave from a holiday with my wife in Boston, Washington and New York at the beginning of the term and a 5 week sabbatical program at All Hallows University, Dublin. The sabbatical program was sponsored by the Catholic Education Office, Melbourne.

The sabbatical program offered a time for renewal and reflection on current developments in the Church and the world. The program involved 17 fellow principals from Melbourne and 17 members of church communities from throughout the world. It was fascinating hearing the stories of pastoral workers who work in such varied communities from Kenya, Sri Lanka, Canada, Germany, Uganda, Nigeria, New Zealand etc. Daily interactions with the course participants reinforced that there are amazing people giving so greatly of themselves whilst also recognising that the church throughout the world is faced with so many varied challenges.

We were also most fortunate to spend time in Dublin, a wonderful city, with some great times shared, along with weekend visits to Belfast and tourist destinations such as the Giants Causeway, Glendalough, Croke Park (Gaelic Football), the Curragh etc. I was certainly most fortunate to be involved in such a program, as my good wife has mentioned, and have returned refreshed and looking forward to the remainder of the year ahead.

I thank Eithne King and Anna White, in their role as acting principal’s, and Lyn Sneddon and Susan Haladjian, our admin team, for the additional duties that they have taken on throughout my absence.

On a side note it doesn’t matter where you go in the world you’ll always find someone from Holy Family! A number of parents will be aware that on a trip to Bali last year I soon discovered that the accommodation next door housed approximately 5 families from Holy Family and a ‘swarm of children’! On this year’s venture I managed to find a certain family from Holy Family on the Brooklyn Bridge and the next day at the top of the Rockefeller centre!

First Communion – Saturday 6pm & Sunday 10.30am

We ask all families to join us in praying for our children who will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time this Saturday evening, 6.00pm mass, and Sunday morning at the 10.30am Parish mass.

We thank all families and school and parish staff for working in unison to prepare each child for the Sacrament.

Entertainment Books

Thank you to all the families that have supported the Entertainment Books by purchasing a book. There are still some books outstanding that either need to be returned or purchased as soon as possible.

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Library Up & Running! Thank you Mrs Morris!

I returned from my time of leave pleased to find that the refurbishments to our school library have been completed and a result of this the library is in full use for all classes in the school. We thank Adrienne Morris for so patiently and professionally managing the huge task of relocating the library. Adrienne is excited about her new learning space and has invited parents to drop in on a Monday and Tuesday to view this new resource centre.

Toilet Refurbishments

At a meeting with our school builders on Wednesday we continued our ongoing conversations around the children’s toilets being refurbished during the mid-year holidays. We are waiting on final quotes and confirmation from trades people in regards to their availability for this time frame.

District Cross Country – Friday

We wish our Grade 4 to 6 children every success as they participate in the District Cross Country event held tomorrow afternoon at Jells Park. The children will compete against other schools in our district sports association. Thank you to Prue Smith, Physical Education leader, for coordinating this event and to the staff who have volunteered to supervise the morning training sessions.

Thank you to our parent volunteers assisting with tomorrow’s event.

Congratulations to our weekly award winners

- Prep J: Natasha B
- Prep KW: Mietta W
- 1/2A: Jaxon E
- 1/2HD: Christopher C and Julian G
- 1/2PM: Daniel F
- 1/2W: Hugh D
- 3/4BB: Finn V
- 3/4D: Nora P
- 3/4NB: Flynn L
- 5/6H: Jess B
- 5/6KH: Jemma T
- 5/6S: Ciara J
- 5/6T: Thomas V
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