Dear families,

Welcome to the 2015 School Year!

It has been terrific to welcome our 2015 Prep class, a class of 48 very eager, confident and enthusiastic children. We also warmly welcome 6 children enrolling into classes from Grade One through to Grade Six. Our welcome extends to all new families to Holy Family School. We currently have enrolment numbers at 352 students for the 2015 school year.

We welcome 4 new staff to Holy Family School in 2015. Thank you to those families who have dropped in to meet our new staff members, Miss Chantelle Jackson (Prep J), Miss Samantha Wynne (1/2 W) and Miss Nicole Brent (3/4NB). Mrs Kasey Dielemans returns from a period of maternity leave, working on a Thursday alongside Ms Clare Hicks (1/2HD). Clare will be released from her teaching role on a Thursday as time allocation to support her role as Religious Education Leader.

We are excited to welcome our 4 new colleagues and friends. New staff bring new skills, new personalities and new insights into the classrooms and staff room. We wish each of our new staff members a most enjoyable and fulfilling time at Holy Family.

- A copy of the 2015 Staffing allocation is attached to today’s newsletter.

Building Works Completed!
We took great delight this morning in welcoming our Grade 5/6 classes to their new learning centre. We are delighted with the outcome of the building works which provide our children and staff with an outstanding contemporary learning space.

We thank the building company, Gemcan, and our Architects, Crosier Scott, for their outstanding level of service throughout the past 12 months. We also acknowledge the work of the senior school team who have set up their classrooms in a restricted time frame throughout the latter half of January.

The new canteen and parent hub have also been completed. We will be meeting with members of the Parents and Friends committee in the coming days to organise their transition into this new facility. A formal opening of the new site will be held in the coming weeks. A date for this opening is currently being negotiated.

- Please note that the current colour of the external cladding to the canteen is under review with the architects and builders.
Grade 5/6 Learning Centre Parent Welcome and Cyber Safety Evening

Parents of Grade 5/6 children should have received an invitation in the mail to attend the Gr 5/6 Learning Centre Welcome and Cyber Safety Evening to be held next Wednesday 4th February (6.15pm).

Parents are invited to accompany their children for a ‘walk through’ of the new centre, whilst enjoying refreshments and canapés.

Beginning at 7pm parents will be led through a Cyber Safety presentation by our guest presenter, Susan McLean. As highlighted in the distributed letter, with the children accessing the use of one-to-one Chromebooks in 2015 it is essential that both parents, students and staff are aware of the responsible use of technology at home and at school. The children will be led through a cyber safety session with Susan throughout the school day.

‘Babysitting’ will be provided on the evening for all children.

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<td><strong>At least one parent must attend the evening for you to have your Chromebook on Friday</strong></td>
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<td>CHROMEBOOKS UNPACKED!!</td>
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Reporting to Parents/Parent Child Teacher Interviews – Education Board Consultation

Throughout 2014 the staff held ongoing discussions on how we may best report to parents on the progress of their children’s personal development. Feedback received through our annual Insight SRC Parent Surveys indicated that parents have been dissatisfied with the schools reporting practices, largely due to the reporting format that the school has been mandated to present.

Members of school leadership will be meeting with the Education Board on February 23rd to present a change to our reporting practices. The proposal to the Board will incorporate the scheduling of interviews across the year along with the presentation of a new reporting format. The change of practice will involve a rescheduling of the term 1 Parent Child Teacher Exchange Session previously held at the beginning of the school year.

We will provide all families with a full insight into our proposal for a change to these reporting practices after the scheduled Board meeting.

Our Condolences

It is with great sadness that on Monday morning I advised the staff that Pius Ang, a past parent and greatly respected member and friend of our School community, passed away after his battle with cancer. Pius was supported through his illness by his wife, Meg, and daughters Grace & Sarah.

The following is a précis of the email as sent to the staff on Monday morning.

Pius was ever present at Inter-School Sport events, excursions, incursions, working bees & basically at any event where he thought that he could support his girls and our community. He simply went about things in his unassuming manner, appreciated all that happened & would occasionally pull me aside & have a quiet word of praise for staff and programs, never a negative word, always constructive and always appreciative. His giving to others stretched far beyond our small community, he was simply there for others. As I write this beside me on my desk is our new School Vision Statement. If you take time to re-read that Statement you will see the presence of Pius in every aspect of our Vision’.

Please keep Meg, Grace and Sarah in your prayers.

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**Calendar**

**2015 Key Dates**

We will endeavour to remain true to the 2015 dates as listed below:

**TERM ONE**

**JANUARY**

- **Wednesday 28th**
  - Staff return for School Year
- **Friday 30th**
  - Children return for 2015 School Year

**FEBRUARY**

- **Wednesday 4th**
  - Grade 5/6 Cyber Safety Session and Learning Centre ‘Walk Through’
- **Tuesday 10th**
  - Parents & Friends Meeting
  - 7.30pm
- **Wednesday 11th**
  - Prep Parent Dinner
- **Friday 13th**
  - Athletics Ball Games
  - 2.00pm-3.00pm
- **Friday 20th**
  - School Twilight Athletics
- **Monday 23rd**
  - Education Board Meeting
- **Wednesday 25th**
  - Prep 2015 Curriculum Information Night

**MARCH**

- **Thursday 5th**
  - Prep Picnic
- **Friday 6th**
  - School Closure Day
- **Wednesday 11th**
  - School Photos
  - Sacrament of Reconciliation
  - Family Night
- **Saturday 14th**
  - Parents & Friends Social Night
- **Wednesday 18th**
  - Sacrament of Reconciliation
  - Family Night
- **Friday 20th**
  - Grade 5/6 Athletics Carnival
- **Monday 23rd**
  - Parent Child Teacher Interviews
- **Tuesday 24th**
  - Parent Child Teacher Interviews
- **Wednesday 25th**
  - Sacrament of Reconciliation
- **Friday 27th**
  - Term 1 concludes
Car Parking – ‘Kiss & Drop’

As advised through the Parent Handbook parents are not to use the school car park as a car parking area for the purpose of picking up or dropping off children. We advise parents that the Council Car Park on Stephensons Road is the safest car park for this purpose.

The ‘Kiss & Drop’ process is to be found on the school website/community link/forms, and in the Parent Handbook. ‘Kiss & Drop Zone’ is a service provided to parents each day before and after school to facilitate a safe and convenient method of dropping off and picking up your children. If grandparents or other carers ‘drop off’ or ‘pick up’ children we ask that you make this ‘Kiss & Drop’ process clear to them so as to avoid confusion.

Parents are not to park in the school grounds for the purpose of picking up or dropping off children.

Parents are not to park in the school grounds waiting for children to arrive at ‘Kiss and Drop’ at the end of a day.

Parent Morning Tea

We thank members of the Parents & Friends Committee for coordinating the welcoming morning tea held this morning.

Playground Supervision

Please note that the school grounds are supervised before school from 8.30am through to 3.45pm. Children should not be on the grounds prior to 8.30am or after 3.45pm. Please remind children that if they have not been collected after school then they must return to the office.

Out of Hours School Care – Classroom – previously 2014 Art Room

We are delighted to welcome Ramani Bhandari back as the school’s Out of Hours School Care (Camp Australia) coordinator. The Out of Hours Care Program will be housed in the classroom adjacent to the Prep Classrooms and closest to the church/hall asphalt area. This room was utilised in 2014 as our Art Room.

Out of Hours School Care runs daily from 7.00am to 8.30am and 3.15pm to 6.00pm. Camp Australia/After School Care registration details may be accessed through the school office or on the Camp Australia website - www.campaustralia.com.au

Prep Rest Days

Prep parents please be aware that Prep rest days will be held on the following Wednesday’s: Wednesday 4th February, Wednesday 11th February, Wednesday 18th February, Wednesday 25th February and Wednesday 4th March.

Prep Parent Welcome Dinner – Wednesday 11th February

We look forward to welcoming our 2015 Prep parents to the annual Prep Parent Welcome Dinner. Thank you to the many families who have already confirmed their attendance. It’s not too late to book a spot for this most enjoyable event.

‘No Hat - No Play’

With term 1 upon us and summer about to warm up we remind parents that children are required to wear school hats to school, at all outdoor sessions and home from school. The school has a ‘No Hat – No Play’ Sunsmart policy. As from next Monday 2nd February children without hats at school will be restricted to playing under the shade cloth in the quadrangle.

Paul Wakeling
Principal

School Timetable for 2015

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2015 Holy Family School Structure

Prep
Miss Chantelle Jackson
Miss Eithne King (Mon-Wed) - Mrs Karen Williams (Level Leader) (Wed-Fri)

Grade 1/2
Ms Clare Hicks - (Thursday - REL Leader Allocation– Mrs Kasey Dielemans)
Miss Sam Wynne
Mrs Christine Page (Mon-Tue) - Mrs Jacqui McKenna (Wed-Fri)
Miss Laura Adcock
Mrs Rena Walsh Grade 1/2 (Level Leader)
(Mon-Fri - 8.55am-12.30pm - Literacy Numeracy Learning Block Facilitator)

Grade 3/4
Mrs Sue Gleeson (Mon-Wed) - Mrs Bernadetta Abell (Wed-Fri)
Miss Nicole Brent
Miss. Alison Dickson (Level Leader)
Mrs Treasa Barwick (3.5 Days) – Mrs Carissa Bright (1.5 days)

Grade 5/6
Miss Kayla Tonelli
Mrs Andrea Smith (Level Leader)
Miss Kirsty Hawkins
Mr David Hyde
Mr Martin McGauran - (ICT Contemporary Learning Tools Facilitator)
Mrs Anna White - (Contemporary Pedagogies Facilitator)

Specialist Curriculum – Prep-6
Italian/LOTE Wed/Thu Mrs. Silvana Cetrola
Resource Centre/Library Mon/Tue Mrs. Adrienne Morris
Visual Arts Tue/Wed/Thur Mrs. Karen Boyle
Physical Education Wed/Thu Mrs. Prue Smith
Music Tue/Wed/Thu Mrs. Marea Mitchell
ICT Digital Technologies Wed/Thu/Fri Mr Martin McGauran

Curriculum Support
Religious Education Leader Ms. Clare Hicks
Learning Leader/ Numeracy Leader Mrs. Anna White
Literacy Leader Mrs. Rena Walsh
Reading Recovery Leader Mrs. Kelli Johnston
Literacy Program Support Mrs Carissa Bright
Information Communication Technology Leader Tue/Fri Mr Martin McGauran
POL/Graduate/Level Support Mrs Barbara Grabau

Student Welfare
Student Wellbeing Leader Mrs Treasa Barwick
Student Services Leader Mrs Kelli Johnston
Learning Support Staff Mrs. LeAnne Closter
Learning Support Staff Mrs. Liliana Casley
Learning Support Staff Mr Dean Sneddon
Learning Support Staff Miss Anita Kechichian
Student Data Ms Tamsyn D'Souza
Pastoral Associate/Sacramental Program Deacon Malcolm Lock
Counsellor & Social Skills Program Miss Anita Kechichian

Administration/School Improvement
Principal Mr. Paul Wakeling
Deputy Principal/Administration & Innovation Miss Eithne King
Deputy Principal/Learning Leader Mrs. Anna White

School Administration
Mrs Lyn Sneddon
Mrs Susan Haladjian
Ms Prue Doig

Out of Hours Care Coordinator (Camp Australia) Ms. Ramani Bhandani