St Vincent de Paul Appeal - ‘Thank you’

We thank all families for your efforts in so generously supporting our continued efforts to donate goods for the St Vincent de Paul society. The Grade 3/4 Social Action Team are keen to deliver the ‘mountain of cereal, pasta and rice’ to the St Vincent de Paul store room next week. They are very proud of their efforts in organising these collections.

Our next collection of items will be held on Friday 12th June, the Feast of the Sacred Heart mass. We call on families again to donate tins or jars of food or spreads. On this day students may choose to donate a new pair of socks to the winter appeal instead of a tin or jar of food.

To create an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment amongst our students, as they work together to support our local charity; they may wish to wear a favourite t-shirt if they are donating a tin or jar. On the other hand if they are donating a new pair of socks they may wish to wear silly socks. Both of these choices can be worn with their winter sports uniform pants and runners or school winter pants and school shoes.

First Communion – Congratulations & Thank you

We congratulate our 52 communion candidates for participating in the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time at the weekend masses. We thank all families for your support of your children along with Father Laurence, Deacon Malcolm, Father Michael and our visiting priest, Father Noel Mackay, for leading our celebrations on the weekend. We thank Deacon Malcolm, Clare Hicks (REL Leader), Alison Dickson (Gr 3/4 Level Leader) and the 3/4 team for the superb manner in which the children were presented for Sunday’s masses. We thank all children throughout the Prep - 6 classes for preparing Communion cards for each of our candidates.

2016 Prep Enrolments – Confirmation of Placement

First round offers for Prep placements for 2016 were mailed to families last Friday. We request that families confirm their child’s placement as soon as possible. A second round of offers for placement for 2016 will be made at the beginning of term 3 once we have established that all first round enrolment offers for 2016 have been received. It is essential that any families with prep enrolments yet to enrol for Prep 2016 contact the school office Tuesday.
**Calendar**

**TERM TWO**

5th June  
School Closure Day

3rd June  
Grade 3/4 Staff—CEO Literacy  
Prof Development Day

8th June  
Queens Birthday Holiday

10th June  
Parents and Friends Meeting

12th June  
Interschool Sports

15th June  
Education Board Meeting

15-17th June  
School Camp—Anglesea

19th June  
SDSSA Soccer Round Robin

23rd and 24th June  
Parent, Child Teacher Interviews

26th June  
Term 2 Concludes 1:30

13th July  
Term 3 Commences

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**Semester 1 Reports & Interviews**

Semester 1 reports will be distributed on Friday 19th June.

**Optional Child School Attendance –**  
**Tuesday 23rd June – 1.30pm-3.15pm**

Staff will be released on the afternoon of Tuesday 23rd June to commence ‘Three Way Interviews’. Children remaining at school for the afternoon block will be grouped in levels and supervised by staff not required at Interviews. Parents attending interviews may collect their children from these level gatherings.

Parents do have the option of collecting their children for a shortened school day from 1.30pm. Parents wishing to do this can collect their children from the respective classrooms. Please inform your child’s class teacher in writing if you plan to collect your child from school at this early time.

**Parent Child Teacher Online Interview Times – Tuesday 23/ Wednesday 24 June**

Parents are requested to access our Parent Child Teacher Interview Appointment website  

**Australian Catholic University Student Teachers - Welcome.**

We welcome Bryanna Leask (Grade 1/2H) and Vanessa Ngo (Grade 5/6S) to our community next Tuesday. Bryanna and Vanessa will be completing their teaching practicum with us for a 3 week period.

**Art Room**

Mrs Boyle would like donations of towels, face washers, hand towels and tea towels.

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**Parents & Friends Meeting - Change of Date - Wednesday 10th June**

7.30pm - Staffroom

Please note that the next meeting of the Parents and Friends Committee will be held on Wednesday 10th June. All parents are invited to attend this meeting.

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**Holy Family KIDS CAFE**

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Cross Country – Congratulations!

Congratulations to all children involved in the district Cross Country event held last Friday. Further congratulations is extended to the following children who made it through to the second round of qualifying on Monday at Nortons Park. It was terrific to see Charlie O’Mahoney, Alex Valle, Jake Grima, Hayden Loft, Lachlan Deayton, Jessica Poldrugovac, Nikolas Fortuna, Sienna Rosamilia Ella Wallace and Kayleigh Schroeder representing our school with such great effort. Jessica, Ella and Sienna and have been successful in making it through to the third round of Cross Country to be held at Yarra Glen Racecourse. Congratulations girls!

Congratulations to our weekly award winners

Prep J  Isabella B
Prep KW  Zia D
1/2A    Milan V
1/2HD  Ciaran E and Serena B
1/2PM  Nicholas K
1/2W  Alexandra K
3/4BB  Tom P
3/4D  Zara L
3/4GA  Morio V
3/4NB  Flynn L
5/6H  Justin W
5/6S  Riley B
5/6T  Caitlin B

MOVIE NIGHT AGAIN!!

Holy Family Parish is holding the second of our free monthly movie night for school and parish families.

Date: Friday, 19 June
Time: 6.45 pm for a 7.00 pm Movie Start
Venue: Parish Hall
Movie: WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
BYO Snacks (No nuts please)

Happy times such as these with school and parish community are an easy opportunity to build on your child’s positive association with your parish...

Enquiries: Lucy Phillipos: 98062472; Tricia Tan: 95111129
Dear Parents,

In the 5/6 level next term we are embarking on a new and exciting inquiry unit, developing community partnerships with local businesses and learning about the inner workings of business, work and economics in an authentic context.

We are hoping to receive support from local businesses that are allowing small groups of students to visit them weekly to learn from them about their business and to get a feel for what it is like to work for a living.

Students will investigate:
- OHS requirements
- Induction
- A knowledge of your product, service or trade
- How you budget for in your business
- How you market and advertise your business.

We are reaching out to our parent community to support us in this endeavour. If you have your own business and are able to help with this initiative could you please contact a member of the senior team.

We are greatly appreciative of your time as projects such as this inquiry cannot run successfully without your support.

With sincere thanks,
The Year 5/6 Teachers

Barb Grabau, Kirsty Hawkins, David Hyde, Martin McGauran, Kayla Tonelli, Anna White and Andrea Smith (Senior Level Leader)

**COMPLIMENTARY "BOX FIT" CLASS!**

This Saturday 6th of June at our usual venue come join our Holy Family fitness team as we box away our winter blues. Trainer and boxing coach Clive Discipline of Mana Fitness will be taking the class and teaching you the fundamentals of boxing and boxing fitness!

**Where:** Holy Family Primary School Oval

**Time:** 8am-9am

**What to bring:** water bottle, towel and your fun pants!

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In the last week I have felt so blessed to be a part of such a beautiful school. We have come together as our Holy Family Community at this time of sadness to show an amazing level of support for each other.

On the Wellbeing Wonders section of the school website, I have linked a pdf based on grief and loss. This flyer has some suggestions from such issues as separation, family break up, loss of a loved one, moving, illness, long stays in hospital, friendship break ups and the like. Like adults, children experience grief when they lose someone or something they feel close to. Children’s grief reactions commonly include crying, being anxious, having bad dreams and clinging to parents or carers. Children may also show their distress by being angry, irritable, unsettled, or losing motivation for school and other activities. Sometimes children show their distress by behaving in ways you would expect from a younger child. For example, they might start wetting the bed at night, sucking their thumb, or using baby talk.

When our children have experienced grief attached to loss or change, they need loads of reassurance from trusted and supportive adults. Whilst grief is natural, feelings of anxiety or sadness may be intense and long-lasting. Knowing what to say and how to talk to children to help with loss and grief is not easy, especially when you are also experiencing a loss and all the feelings that go with it. The best we can do is acknowledge our children’s feelings and let them know that you understand that they are having these feelings. Let them ask questions and be honest in your age appropriate responses. Often maintaining routine and structure will reduce the number of changes a child may go through and therefore assist them to feel more secure.

Being honest about your feelings will also assist your child to be able to normalise what they are feeling and know that it is not just them. Allowing our children time to process what is happening around them is helpful. Letting them know you are there for them when they want to talk allows them this time to think through their feelings.

If you need any further assistance with this please call the office and leave a message or email me on tbarwick@hfmw.catholic.edu.au.

Treasa Barwick
Wellbeing Leader
Dear families,

The 2015 Semester 1 Parent Child Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 23rd (2.30pm-7.30pm) and Wednesday 24th June (3.30pm-6.30pm). Reports will be distributed to families on Friday 19th June.

Parents can access interview time bookings via the online interview booking service – www.schoolinterviews.com.au

The website will be open from Monday 1st June. We strongly encourage families with 2 or more siblings to access the website as early as possible. By being early families with multiple siblings at the school will have a greater chance at coordinating interview times across a number of classes within a suitable time frame.

For parents who don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house computer access will be available at school, so that parents can still make their own bookings. Staff will welcome parents to access classroom computers or feel free to drop into the school office. Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Families with Program Support Meeting (PSG) appointments have already made appointments through Kelli Johnston and need not make an additional interview time.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9807 3300.

Interview website access - Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Wakeling
(Principal)
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef