Dear families,

Grade 5/6 Learning Centre ‘Walk Through’ & Cyber Safety Evening
Thank you to the many parents who attended last night’s Cyber Safety Parent Forum as led by Susan McLean. My thanks also to Marty McGauran, our ICT (Computers/Technologies) Leader, and to the large number of staff for their support of the evening.

In her presentation Susan spoke of the need to embrace technology for the wonderful tool that it is but with the understanding that we all must be educated and aware of the issues that children may face. Susan highlighted a number of areas that we as educators and parents must be proactive in.

For parents first and foremost her golden rule is to have all screens in a common area of the house and not in the bedroom! She reinforced that parent monitoring is essential and that parents must always have the capacity to see a screen and to have access to any passwords to online sites etc. Susan also suggested that the family write an internet contract and set house rules in regards to internet use, with consequences listed on the contract. It was also of great interest to see the security settings available on our phones and on student phones if they have been provided with access to one. If you are not ‘technologically savvy’ it is as simple as going into a phone retail outlet eg.telstra/optus or the Apple store and asking assistance in setting these security settings. Having a designated place in the kitchen/family room for screens/phones to be placed at a strictly allocated time of the evening prevents them from wandering into unknown places! It was also noted that turning your WiFi off at night may solve many potential problems! One parent suggestion at the end of the evening was that parents of a collective friendship group agree to delete all access to ‘snapchat’ etc, therefore you’re not the only ‘bad parent’ in the eyes of your children as it’s also happening to their friends as well.

We would recommend that any parents requiring further information in regards to safe use of the internet are encouraged to access the website www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au or the government website www.cybersmart.gov.au

Thank you! We have been overwhelmed by the positive response to last nights meeting. Thank you for your feedback.

Student Personal Information Exchange Proforma
Please find accompanying today’s newsletter a ‘Student Personal Information Exchange Proforma’. This proforma is used each year to provide classroom teachers with a further insight into the development of your child/ren. We ask that each child’s proforma is returned to school by Thursday 12th February. As noted in last weeks newsletter, due to a proposed restructuring of our reporting practices we will not be holding February Parent Teacher Exchange sessions. We will report further on our reporting process to parents after our February 23rd Education Board meeting.

2015 School Calendar
The 2015 School Calendar has been uploaded to the School Website, under the ‘New & Events’ link. We will endeavour, where possible, to remain true to the dates on the 2015 calendar.

We would recommend that parents make a regular visit to the school website to see updates on all 2015 school events.
Parents please note that we will publish School Closure dates for the school year once we have confirmed the availability of guest presenters. We have preselected our preferred dates, which previously appeared on the school calendar, but we may need to alter these closure dates to allow for the availability of external presenters. We will advise parents of School Closure dates in the coming fortnight.

**Skoolbag App**

To install the Holy Family School App, just look for our school name “Holy Family School Mount Waverley” in the Apple App Store (iPhone Users) or Google Play Store (Android Users), and install it on your phone.

**Medical Issues**

Please contact the school office if there are any medical issues that we should be aware of. It is most important that all medical forms, asthma and anaphylaxis plans, are updated for the 2015 school year and returned promptly. We are advised that children may need to be excluded from school if they do not have the required medical information or medication available at the school eg. Epipens, with the correct ‘use by dates’.

**Website Medical Forms** – Parents can access Medication Administration Forms, Anaphylaxis Action Plans and Asthma Plans on the school website. Please refer to www.hfmw.catholic.edu.au refer to the ‘School Community’ tab and click on the ‘Forms’ link.

**Beginning of the School Year Mass—Tuesday 10th February 9.15am**

All families are invited to celebrate the Beginning of the School Year mass to be celebrated on Tuesday 10th February at 9.15am. We look forward to gathering as a school community to celebrate new friends, new learnings, new opportunities and working together in 2015.

**Enrolment in a Catholic Secondary College in 2016**

Any of our year 6 students who are wanting to enrol in a Catholic Secondary School for 2016 will need to ensure they get their applications in as soon as possible as enrolments close around the end of February or early March. It is important that you check with the school their exact enrolment closing date.

**Car Parking**

Parents are asked to observe the following rules:

- No parking is permitted in the church car park between 8 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. with the exception of teachers and parents officially working in the school.
- This regulation has been formulated for the safety and security of your children. Extreme weather is not an acceptable excuse - it increases the danger.

Cars are not to be parked or left unattended in the roundabout at the side of the Hall (off David Court).

Parents may use the Council Car Park opposite the School during school hours.

A ‘kiss & drop’ program is used at the school for the ‘dropping off’ of students prior to the beginning of the school day and for the collection of children at the conclusion of the day. The point of ‘drop off’ and ‘pick up’ is directly outside the administration centre.

Council restrictions are in place that prevents traffic turning right out of our school grounds between 2.30-4.00pm. Likewise traffic cannot turn right into our school grounds between the hours of 8.00am-9.30am.

**Please see refer to the attached ‘Kiss & Drop’ Process**

**Birthday Stickers**

Did you know that it is tradition that when the children celebrate their birthdays they can visit each staff member and collect a birthday sticker from them. You might like to remind your children of this and encourage them to be brave and visit newly found classrooms and offices. We encourage children only to collect stickers during the recess morning tea eating time as otherwise we have many little interruptions continuously throughout the day.
Non-food sharing policy:
Please be aware that Holy Family is non-food sharing school. This is to ensure the safety of those with allergies. This includes birthdays and special occasions. Also, we kindly request that students do not bring to school any food containing nuts, including muesli bars or peanut butter sandwiches and food containing legumes. Thank you.

Education Board Meeting – Monday 23rd February – 7.30pm
Education Board members please note that our first meeting for 2015 will be held on Monday 23rd February.

Parents and Friends Committee Meeting - Tuesday 10th February
Parents and Friends Committee members please note that our first meeting for 2015 will be held on Tuesday 10th February. An agenda has been distributed via email.

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.

Paul Wakeling
Principal

BOOKLIST ‘ITEMS FROM HOME’
Just a reminder that the following items as listed separate to the booklist need to come to school as soon as possible-

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MEDICAL ACTION PLANS AND MEDICATION
Thank you to those parents who have completed your child’s medical action plan and who have sent in relevant medications. If you are yet to complete this, please do as soon as possible.
Welcome back to school! 2015 has well and truly begun with the excitement of meeting new friends, starting in a new grade and catching up with old friends at the front of many minds. This year we have taken a different slant on our learning intentions in this initial stage, as we spend the next week focussing on creating welcoming learning environments and in this, building a community of courageous learners.

We are exploring the personal and social capabilities along side those in civics and citizenship more closely with the students; as we identify school wide, classroom and student expectations. Across the school there are daily lessons on coping statements from the Bounce Back program and circle time sessions on speaking and listening and goal setting. An umbrella for this is the unpacking of our new school vision. With the three statements in Faith, Life and Learning, the students are exploring what these mean for us now and in the future. For example in 3/4BB we have explored 'What a learner is and is not', 'That there are different rates of learning' and 'There are expectations on me and others in order to make the most of my learning'. We have moved on to 'What do I want to learn or improve on this year'.

As we continuously revise best practice, we have made explicit the lessons with the social resiliency program 'Bounce Back'. Throughout this we explore ten main statements to support bouncing back from negative situations and then work through a series of values to improve social relationships.

Please find attached to the website the parent handout for Bounce Backs 10 Coping Statements. Talk about them with your child and encourage them to use them.

If you have any questions or feel like a chat you'll find me in the wellbeing room on a Thursday and Friday afternoon. An appointment is a good idea if its a little more than a chat as there is a good chance I'll be working in classrooms. That's not to say I don't welcome the incidental coffee...

Have a great weekend in the summer sun

Treasa Barwick
Wellbeing Leader

This week’s Merit Award winners are:

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Second Hand Uniform Sale
Thursday 12th February 2.30pm

Lost & Found
The Lost & Found container will be cleaned out Monday 9th February. All items remaining will be donated to the Second Hand sale

School Timetable for 2015

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Holy Family School
Directions on the use of the ‘Kiss & Drop Zone’

Morning: 8.30am-9am

Parents will access the car park entrance, turning left off Stephensons Road, as directed by the Council signage, into the school car park. Parents drive past the Parish House, turning right around the garden bed that separates the two car park areas, around to the green fence that protects our children from car park traffic.

Parents are not to exit their vehicle. Children are to walk between the entry point of the green fence line, outside of the administration area, along the path to the quadrangle entrance, where a supervising teacher will be present.

Parents after dropping off their children will exit left on to Stephensons Road. NO RIGHT TURNS are permitted. Council will police this.

Afternoon: 3.15pm-3.30pm

Parents will access the car park entrance, turning left off Stephensons Road, as directed by the signage, into the school car park. Parents will drive past the Parish House turning right around the garden bed that separates the two car park areas. Witches hats will be in place to divide traffic into 2 lanes feeding traffic to the pick up point outside the school administration area.

A teacher, labelled on the diagram as ☻, will be present at the gap between the green gates outside the administration centre. Children, labelled on the diagram below as ☺, waiting to be collected will be supervised at this point. Children will be directed to enter their parent’s car, on the left hand side of the car, when it is parked directly opposite the supervising teacher at the green gate. Where parents arrive at the green gate and children are not present they will be asked to move on and re-enter ‘the loop’ (refer to map).

Parents are not to exit their car, this is a pick up and drop off zone only.

Once children are safely in the car parents proceed to the exit gate and must make a left turn only on to Stephensons Road, as directed by the Council signage.

Points to note:

- Parents arriving early to line up before the bell at 3.15pm will be asked to move on if their children are not present. Parents in the queue waiting will no doubt be supportive of this!
- This is a single lane ‘kiss and drop’ process – under no circumstances should cars be passing other cars in the queue.
- Parents will be asked to move on immediately if children are not present. Parents will have to re-enter ‘the loop’. This can be done by turning right at car lane in the car park closest to the Stephensons Road fence line and re-joining the ‘kiss & drop’ queue outside the Parish Office window. Parents will not have to exit the car park.
- All cars must make a left hand turn off Stephensons Road to enter the car park.
- All cars must make a left hand turn to exit the car park on to Stephensons Road.
- Parking in car park bays is not permitted. Only parents who have gained permission to use the car park may use the parking bays.
- Parents must communicate with their children at the beginning of the day where they will be collected from. Children must be aware if they are to be collected from the ‘kiss & drop zone’ or if they will be collected from the quadrangle.
- Any children who have yet to be collected by 3.40pm will be moved into the administration area and supervised by the teacher on duty.
East Burwood Junior Football Club
Registration Day
Saturday 14th February 9am-Midday
East Burwood Reserve
Burwood Hwy, MEL REF 62 B8

New players welcome
*AUSKICK *Boys Under 9s-Under 17s
*Girls Football

SYNDAL SOUTH / WAVERLEY BLUES AUSKICK
Waverley Blues Football Ground
Charles St, Mount Waverley
Saturday mornings at 8 or 9am

To register visit www.aflauskick.com.au and select Syndal/Waverley Blues

Season Starts 18 April 2015
Enquiries: Phil Vimpani 0418 993 596 or phil.vimpani@internode.on.net

REGISTRATION FOR WAVERLEY WILDCATS
Winter SEASON BASKETBALL 2015
Will be held NEXT WEEK
At HOLY FAMILY HALL

Monday February 9th 4.30pm-8.00pm
Thursday February 12th 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Winter Season is played in Term 2 and Term 3.

For additional information please see our website waverleywildcats.org.au
or contact Pam McGuinness 0432 408 631

CYBERSAFETY PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
PUBLIC EVENT
6:45pm - 9:00pm
TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY

FEATURING EXPERTS FROM THE INDUSTRY, THIS MUST SEE EVENT EXPLORES:

• THE CHANGING ONLINE ENVIRONMENT
• SIMON/PAM FUNCTIONALITY
• STUDENT FILTERING AND MONITORING OPTIONS

Register your interest via,

YOU’RE INVITED
PROSPECTIVE FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT

Addressed by Principal Mr Robert Brennan, our Prospective Family Information Night shares key educational and transition material, as well as the opportunity to ask those questions you would prefer to speak about face-to-face.

Date: Thursday 12 February 2015
Time: 7.00pm
Location: Mannix Campus, cnr Kelly Street and Swanson Crescent Chadstone, 3148
Parking: On site
RSVP: Go http://www.salesian.vic.edu.au/visit-our-college/ and click on ‘Book this tour’