Dear families,

School Closure Day - Friday 20th November

As advised on the 2015 School Calendar Friday 20th November will be a school closure day. Throughout the day staff will be working on the following key foci:

- 2016 Team Planning – Setting Annual Action Plan Goals and Targets
- 2016 Class Grouping Formation - Anaphylaxis Training

PLEDGE OF REMEMBRANCE

The Australian soldier grows not old, the flame still lights his eyes. Although his body lays to rest, his flag forever flies. On the green and gold horizon where the wattles sweep and sway It flies amongst the gardens and the classrooms of today. Over ocean streams and backyard dreams, above the sunburnt plain. Through harvest yields, on sporting fields, in rainbows after rain It defines a life worth living and a day that must be won. For every father’s daughter and for every mother’s son. But more than that, the honour claimed in fighting for the free. The pride of the Australian soldier burns in you and me. When the night is dark and dangerous with the rumble of the storm. His courage calls the sunrise and his spirit makes it warm. We will not forget their sacrifice – the strength of their endeavour. For the choices we are gifted with, that flame will burn forever. With a smile that lights the future shining brightly in our scope. We will stand as one, together - we will carry on with hope. But as we go, we take the words that rightfully belong “I am young and I am worthy, I am brave and I am strong In the face of any challenge, I will strive to rise above I deserve this opportunity to live, to learn, to love I can truly make a difference; my path is up to me And this is my commitment – be the best that I can be.” Rupert McCall 2011

Remembrance Day Liturgy

We thank the children, staff and parents for your participation within our Remembrance Day liturgy yesterday. It was terrific to speak with children of different age groups throughout the day and to hear of their understandings as to why we gather as a community and reflect at times such as this. Thank you to all of the children involved in leading the liturgy and for Clare Hicks for her role in preparing this special occasion.

School Fees & Swimming Levies

The final school accounts for the year have been distributed previously with the swimming levy included. Swimming Levies must be paid before your child commences the swimming program. It is an expectation that all children in grade prep to grade four will attend the swimming program. We remind parents that the swimming program is a key component of our curriculum, whilst also being a life skill for our children as summer approaches. Should you have reason for your child to be excluded from the program please notify the school in writing at the earliest possible opportunity. We require final numbers for the swimming program so that we are able to organise the buses and timetables.

Swimming Program Permission Forms Due 20th November
Family Christmas Liturgy – Wednesday 2nd December (6.30-8.30pm)

We invite all families to join us for our end of year Family Christmas Liturgy on Wednesday 2nd December, 6.30-8.30pm.

6.30pm-7.30pm - Throughout the first half of the night the children will gather around the stage on the oval in their class groups. As a school the children will join together in singing Christmas Carols and will be led through the Nativity play by our Prep children.

7.30pm-8.30pm - Once the ‘formalities of the night’ conclude the children will either gather with their families or take the opportunity to play on the oval and surrounds with their friends.

A free sausage sizzle will be served on the night or parents are invited to bring their own picnic dinner and refreshments.

There is the strong possibility that a very special and jovial guest may be joining us throughout the night! Children are asked to wear something ‘Christmassy’!

The event is planned to be held on the oval. Bring a blanket to sit on or bring fold up chairs; simply come along for a relaxed night to celebrate the years end along with a touch of Christmas spirit!

Prep Transition Program 4 – Tuesday 17th November – 1.30pm-3.00pm

The fourth of the Prep Transition Sessions will be held on Tuesday 17th November. The children will be participating in library and music sessions.

2016 Stationery Orders - Due 7th December

2016 Booklists have been distributed to all students in Years 1-5. Booklists for students in Grades 1-6 are individual, as some items may be carried over from the previous year, and will not need to be reordered. These individual packs attract a few options – school delivery (Mount Waverley Secondary College-Tues. Jan.19), home delivery, self-service or shop collect.

1-6 orders need to be finalised by Monday 7th December.

ALL BOOKLISTS NEED TO COMPLETED either online or delivered directly back to school.

Instructions on how to order online (Years 1-6 2016) and delivery options for Years 1-6 are printed on the order form.

NB: Prep Booklists must be ordered by tomorrow 13th December.

Please contact Eithne King if you have any queries.

Library End of Year Audit

We are currently doing an audit of the borrowing records for the library. This audit indicates that there are a number of children with outstanding loans, so we are asking that you encourage your child to locate all library books and return them to the library by Thursday 19th November. After this time we will send out overdue notices asking for the replacement cost for these books.

Many thanks for your co-operation.
Adrienne Morris
Parents & Friends Committee Nominations Extended
The Parents and Friends Committee will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 17th November. At this meeting we will be referring to nominations to join the Parents and Friends Committee for the 2 year period 2016/2017. There remain positions available for this committee. Parents wishing to join the committee are required to complete a nomination form that can be found on the School website, refer to the school community tab, or through the school office.
Nomination Forms for 2016-2017 – Due Thursday 12 November

Term 4 Newsletter Distribution - Email only - Please check your email inbox
To gain access to the weekly newsletter please email the school office with the preferred email addresses to which the newsletter will be delivered. There can be multiple email addresses for each family. Please email your email address/es to office@hfmw.catholic.edu

LOST PROPERTY
The lost property bin is currently overflowing with jumpers/jackets etc. So please check for any missing items as any unclaimed property will be donated to the second hand uniform shop at the end of the year.

Students Departures/Future Numbers
If your children (Grade Prep-5) will not be returning to Holy Family in 2016 we ask that you notify us in writing at the earliest possible time. This information is essential as we plan for 2016 class structures.

Term 4 Calendar – refer to School Website
We refer all families to our school website for the term 4 calendar. The website address is www.hfmw.catholic.edu.au. Please refer to the ‘News Events’ page to find the calendar link. Please make note of all the events that will be taking place in a very busy term 4.
Holy Family Italian Day 2015
“A Day in Ancient Rome”
Thursday 19th November 2015

What to wear:
Come dressed as an Ancient Roman or Gladiator
Wear a stola, toga or Roman tunic
Dress in Italian Colours – green, white and red.
Wear anything or anyone Italian.

On Italian Day, the students will explore and discover what life was like for children living in Ancient Rome. The students will participate in various activities such as playing Ancient Roman games, making the Bulla a type of good luck charm the Roman children used to wear, making mosaic tiles and learning about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD.

This year La Comica Variety will visit our school’s amphitheatre and present “Mangiabanane 2” (Mission Gnocco). The much loved characters “Pippo and Pasquale” from “Ristorante Mangiabanane” return with a brand new cooking show, this time taking place in the kitchen. Pippo and Pasquale attempt to make the traditional dish “Gnocchi Alla Panna”. Through their crazy and comical antics, students will learn the basics of Gnocchi as well as exploring La Cuccina and some of the most popular items found in it. Same characters, whole new show, with songs, audience participation, slapstick comedy and of course – Italian language.

In keeping with the Italian theme, we are offering students an Italian lunch of pizza and gelato. Order forms are still to come, so please watch this space.

Grazie,
Silvana Cetola
Italian Teacher.

Holy Family Primary School - Coordinator: Ramani Bhandari
12 November 2015

Dear families

Term four has started out on such a great note! We have been getting up to all kinds of fun down in the OSHC room. After celebrating Halloween Week with lots of treats, decorations, ghost balloons, spider hats, we are now focussing on Junior Global Citizenship Program in our partnership with Oxfam Charity. This week we started to create our handmade Christmas gifts to give children attending an OSHC service over in South Africa. Some of these gifts are Aussie Handmade Jigsaw Puzzles, Alphabet Games and number games! Here are the glimpses of the great creations!!

Have a great week!

Camp Australia Team
Prep J  Maddy D
Prep KW  Emma T
1/2A  Milena A
1/2HD  Ella B
1/2PW  Stephen Mc
3/4BB  Patrick C, Isaac D, Sophie P, Olivia I
3/4D  Henry B, Samson C
3/4GA  Eboni D, Gishain F
3/4NB  Madison K, Ramsay B
5/6H  Charli S
5/6KH  Louisa N, Lucinda B
5/6S  Monica F, Michaela L
5/6T  Ashlee S, Thomas V
Kids Café Term 4

In Term 4, Kids Café will open at lunchtime on days over 30 degrees. Icy-poles and ‘Moosies’ will be the only items for sale at lunchtime. A message on the school app will be posted the day before indicating if Kids Café will be open the next day at lunchtime.

Kids Café will continue business as normal on Thursday and Friday at recess during term 4.

Thursday 12th November
Maria Ianetta
Julie Beaton

Friday 13th November
Daniela DiGugliemo
Rachael Nichols

Thursday 26th November
Suphen Rajkulendran
Julia Kasbalis

Friday 27th November
Stav Kyriakoulis
Michelle Torcasio

Thursday 3rd December
Sharon Curtis
Katie Green

Friday 4th December
Donna Payton
Natalie Hattersley

Please contact Marice Collin at mcollin@optusnet.com.au if you cannot attend the day you are allocated.

Christ Our Holy Redeemer
Night Market
&
Cancer Council Fundraiser
STALL HOLDERS WANTED

Date: Thursday 19th November
Time: 6:30 - 9:00 pm
Contact: Sarah Dias on 0431 813 944
Email: cohrmarket@gmail.com
MOVIE NIGHT AGAIN!!

Holy Family Parish is holding the last of our free monthly movie nights for the year for school and parish families.

Date: Friday, 13 November  
Time: 6.45 pm for a 7.00 pm Movie Start 
Venue: Parish Hall 
Movie: LION KING

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