Dear families,

Assessment & Reporting 2015 - Parent Feedback

Thank you to the many parents who completed the online survey in regards to the Assessment and Reporting practices instigated in the first semester of the year. At our School Closure Day, held last Friday, the staff evaluated the responses of parents and took time to review our practices.

Please refer below to the responses of the parents to our survey questions - (26 parent responses)

1. Which of the following would describe the Student Reporting Process currently in place at Holy Family School for 2015?
   a) Excellent - 19%, Very Good - 42%, Good - 19%, Average - 15%, Poor 4%

2. Which of the following would describe the 'Work Habits' section of the report with additional areas & Specialist Teacher Feedback?
   a) Excellent - 23%, Very Good - 38%, Good - 23%, Average - 11%, Poor 4%

3. Which of the following would describe the new Literacy & Numeracy 'Student Progress Reports' distributed to Parents each term?
   a) Excellent - 30%, Very Good - 42%, Good - 19%, Average - 4%, Poor 4%

4. Which of the following would describe the Comments sections as written by the Teacher in the Semester 1 Report?
   a) Excellent - 19%, Very Good - 26%, Good - 23%, Average - 19%, Poor 11%

5. Which of the following would describe the new format of scheduling Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews at the conclusion of term 1, term 2 and term 3?
   a) Excellent - 38%, Very Good - 42%, Good - 15%, Average - 4%, Poor 0%

6. Which of the following would describe the Parent/Student/Teacher Interview in terms of working together in a '3 way partnership'.
   a) Excellent - 30%, Very Good - 26%, Good - 30%, Average - 11%, Poor 0%

The staff spent the majority of the closure day reflecting on the parent and staff feedback and with this in mind made recommendations for future practice in 2016. These recommendations will now go to our next leadership meeting and from there will be presented to members of the Education Board. These results were also presented to Board members at our July meeting.

We thank all parents who completed the survey for your feedback.

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.
Winter Illness
With the chills of winter comes a high rate of illness at school. We have noted in the past fortnight that our sickbay has been a hub of activity and phone calls to home to have parents collect children have been frequent. We request of parents to please keep children at home if they are ill. Thank you.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program
It’s Back! Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015. This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths. At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Newsletter Distribution - Apologies!
We apologise for the technical issues that we experienced with the emailing of last weeks newsletter. Parents may have either received none or multiple emails as a result of our issues. We encourage all families to contact the school office if you are not receiving your emailed newsletter office@hfmw.catholic.edu.au The newsletter is always available on the School App.

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.
School App - Windows
Please refer below to an update from Skoolbag, our App provider, in regards to the Holy Family App for Windows Phones - ‘We are pleased to announce that Skoolbag is now available for Windows Phones running version 8.1 of Windows, and Windows devices running Windows 8.1 or 10 (eg Surface tablet, Laptop, PC etc). This makes the app even more accessible than before to your parent and student community, with the ability to receive messages directly to a PC, Laptop, or Surface Tablet running Windows 8.1 or 10.
To install Skoolbag on your Windows device, look up “Skoolbag” in the Windows Store, and install it. Once installed you can find your school, and pin it to your Windows Home Screen. Please note: You must be running at least Windows 8.1 on your device for the app to function.’

Term 3 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
BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES

Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. Children’s Book Week in Australia will be held from Saturday 22 August - Friday 28 August, 2015. With 2015 being declared the International Year of Light by the UN, how fitting it is that our Children's Book Week theme is “Books light up our world.”

‘Books truly light up our world in so many different ways. They shed light into dark places by bringing education to those who want it. Books bring the world to life for us, enabling us to travel to distant lands without leaving our homes and even venture into space or fantasy worlds. They empower us, entertain us, educate us and bring us closer to others. Books help us to grow as human beings.’ Susan Stephenson – author of the ‘Book Chook’

We have many exciting activities planned for ‘Book Week’ to mark in your calendars.

We invite all students to dress up in something inspired from a book that has ‘lit up’ their world. At 9 a.m. we shall have our morning assembly dedicated to Book Week and have the students parade their creative costumes (remembering that the ‘costumes’ are not supposed to be expensive or time consuming to create, sometimes simple things found at home can be amazingly effective).

Parents and students are invited to visit the school from 6.30-7.30 p.m. to be involved in an evening of reading and fun. We would love families to bring a torch to use to light up the school and read with their children to emphasise the theme of Book Week. Parents are also asked to bring in a book that they can share with their children and discuss with them why the book ‘lit up their world.’ The students will position themselves as ‘authors’ on the night and share with their parents some of their own stories and responses to the Book Week books.

Wednesday 26th August: Better Buddies Reading – Preps and Year 5/6’s
Students bring in their favourite picture book from home to share with one another

MATCH THE STAFF WITH THEIR FAVOURITE BOOK COMPETITION
Throughout the week the students and parents will have the chance to win great prizes by trying to match the staff to the book that lit up their lives as a child. There will be four competitions

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LITERATURE FOCUS
Throughout the week all classes will be exploring the books nominated for this year’s Children’s’ Book Awards. The focus will be on literature and learning to appreciate literary texts and to create their own. Literature enriches students' understanding of human experiences and the capacity for ‘language to deepen those experiences. It builds students’ knowledge about how language can be used for aesthetic ends, to create particular emotional, intellectual or philosophical effects. Students will be involved in developing their skills such as interpreting, appreciating, evaluating and creating literary and multimodal texts, in spoken, print and digital forms.

We look forward to a sensational week and to seeing all families join in the fun!
Art Celebration

Congratulations to all students for their fantastic artwork. The parishioners and members of the community gave fabulous feedback. Well done. Thank you to all the staff and parents for their help and support for the Visual Arts Learning celebration. Thank you also for the generous amount of towels donated to the art room. They are already being put to good use.

Kindest regards
Karen Boyle
Visual Arts Teacher

Father Day REMINDER- If attending please return form by the August 12th 2015

Father’s Day Golf Day 'Holy Cup' Friday 4 September 2015 10.00am. Waverley Public Golf Course Any Dads interested in leading us to win the ‘Holy Cup’ as we compete against Holy Family and Holy Saviour are welcome to join us for a fun day of golf following our Father’s Day breakfast at school. Players of all abilities are welcome to play. $35 includes golf, BBQ, drinks and prizes. Please return the form as distributed previously.

Primary School Nursing Program

Alison Baker is a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training who will be attending Holy Family on Friday 14th, Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th August. She will be conducting Prep health assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents’ consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and well being. Parents are invited to contact the visiting primary school nurse if there are any issues they wish to discuss on 0412 161 473. Parents of students (other than Prep students) that wish to be seen by the school nurse are asked to talk with their child’s teacher and then a Referral form can be completed.
The senior school would like to acknowledge and thank the following businesses in our local community for their wonderful support of our inquiry program:

Prep J          Rose D
Prep KW         James F
1/2A            Felicity D, Callum K
1/2HD           Sam A, Jackson A
1/2M            Zara T
1/2 PW          Lily D, Dane W
2/4D            Aiden T
3/4D            Fionn W, Anle P
3/4GA           Madison K
5/6H            Liam C
5/6KH           Michael A
5/6S            Ella W, Alexsi C
5/6T            Zoe N

1/2A            Will O
1/2HD           Olivia K
1/2PM           Shalini V
1/2 PW          Lewis H
3/4D            Charlotte G
3/4GA           Fionn W
3/4NB           Danielle A
5/6H            Ned B
5/6KH           Corina
5/6T            Kes

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEK AND LAST WEEKS AWARD WINNERS!!!
This week our topic was Budget. When we got to the butcher we started to ask a few questions that helped us learn about budgeting in the local butcher. Some of the questions were, what do you budget for in your business? What is your most expensive meat? What is your budget for the year? And how much do you get paid an hour? We asked how much percentage of the budget they spend on meat they said around 80%.

We asked them about our expo that is coming up in week nine and if we could possibly get some meat to present at our expo for samples. We asked them if they would like to come to our expo to see what we've learnt from them and show how we are advertising their business.

If they were going to hire a person they will be looking for hard working, friendly appearance, good customer service and math skills. These skills are needed because when you're cutting meat you need to know about angles, mass, and have to be kind to the local customers.

By Stephanie, Chiara, Nive and Ashton :)

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**Grade 5/6 Inquiry - Butchers - Week 3**

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Book Swap
As advertised on the ‘school app’ throughout the week the Parents & Friends Committee are coordinating a ‘Book Swap Stall’ for the month of August. The concept being that families donate any unwanted books to the stall and hopefully you will discover some books for you to take home in return for your generosity. With Book Week approaching this is an easy way to promote a love of literature with your children whilst also providing the opportunity to tap into our school community as a literary resource. The book stall is housed in the office foyer. Please use the playground entrance when possible to gain access to the book stall.

Thursday 13th August
Rebecca Walker
Julia Kasambalis

Thursday 20th August
Suphen Rajakulendran
Lisa Famularo

Thursday 27th August
Elissa Pawsey
Heather Miller

Friday 14th August
Daniela Di Guglielmo
Stav Kyriakoulis
Kelli Northwood

Friday 21st August
Michelle Torcasio
Ann Kang
Jill Abbott

Friday 28th August
Rachel Nichols
Anna Dine
Deb Ortolan

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
The Parents & Friends Community Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Notting Hill will take place on Sunday 30th August from 9am to 4pm. Drop in, do some father’s day shopping, enjoy a sausage and say ‘hi’!
Thank you to all parents assisting on the day.
FREE MOVIE NITE ON FRIDAY 14 AUGUST: BIG HERO 6
(RATING: PG)
6.45 pm for a 7.00 pm Movie Start in the Parish Hall
Enjoy a relaxed evening with your school and parish community!
BYO Snacks (No Nuts please)
Enquiries: Lucy Phillipos: 98062472; Tricia Tan: 95111129

Holy Family Netball Club Fundraiser
Holy Family Netball Club fundraising BBQ will be held at Bunnings Notting Hill on Sunday 16th August from 9am to 4pm.

ASHWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB
BIGGEST KICK TO KICK
Ashwood Football Club are having their biggest kick to kick this Saturday 15th August at Essex Heights. This weekend at Ashwood Football Clubs Seniors last home and away game of the year. To celebrate the end of season games we have a very special fundraiser half time of the senior match (roughly 3.00pm please be there by 2.45pm at the latest).
You will have the opportunity to be present on the Essex Heights Oval with hundreds of others. We want to make sure the biggest kick to kick ever. There will be a $1 entry fee to have a kick on the oval however all money raised will be going to the Ashwood Breakfast Council, which is an amazing cause to support. So come on kids, parents, family, friends, neighbours, come on down to Essex Heights Oval and have a kick while supporting a great cause.

The Leader newspaper is coming along to do a story on this great cause so we need as many people as possible to come along and not only have a kick to kick but come and support the Ashwood Senior Football team in their last home and away game for the season.

FOR SALE
A Yamaha portable keyboard (single keyboard with 61 notes), complete with stand and stool.
Excellent condition.
$200 ONO
If interested please contact Rita on 98335370

Mount Waverley Pre-School – 2016 Sessions
Mount Waverley Preschool has a new timetable for 2016. There is now an option of 2 long sessions for one of the 4 yr old groups. Please look at our website to see the timetable and additional information:
www.mtwaverleypreschool.org.au

Net Set Go is back!
The Net Set Go program is a fun program introducing the game of netball to BOYS and GIRLS in Prep, grade 1 and grade 2.
Registration forms will be given out during the week to students in these classes. To register please return your forms to the office by TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST.

It is a 10 week program, running every Tuesday 3.15pm to 4.15pm. The program will commence TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER and finish TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER.

If you have any queries please call Kellie Northwood on 0424 188 745.