Dear families,

**Thank You Father Laurence**

As many parents would have read through a notification through the School App Father Laurence has announced that he has been appointed to the Parish of St Michael’s Ashburton beginning his appointment from Wednesday 29th July.

Please refer below for the message sent to Parishioners by Fr Laurence on his new appointment.

We are most grateful for the contribution that Fr Laurence has made to the Parish and to the school throughout his 3 year term at Holy Family. He will be greatly missed!

**Dear Parishioners,**

I would like to inform you that the Archbishop has appointed me as the new parish Priest of St Michael’s Parish, Ashburton. This new appointment will commence on 29th July 2015. In addition to this, the Australian Bishops Conference has appointed me to the National Liturgical Council where I will be working closely to the Bishops Commission for Liturgy. Apart from these new roles I will still continue to be lecturer in Systematic Theology at Catholic Theological College, East Melbourne.

The news was very sudden and although I am most humbled by these appointments, I go with mixed feelings as I will be sad to leave Holy Family.

**I trust and believe that there will be a new Parish Priest to be appointed here sometime soon. I ask you to pray during this time of transition and please do pray for me.**

**I treasure your love and support that you have given me this past three and a half years.**

Fr Laurence Cortez

**Farewell to Father Laurence**

**Parish & School Masses**

We will be farewelling Fr Laurence at a school mass to be held on Friday 24th July, 9.15am. All parents are invited to this mass as we gather to give thanks for Fr Laurence’s time with us at Holy Family and to acknowledge his contributions to the school.

A Parish farewell mass will take place on Sunday 26th July, 10.30am. All families are invited to join with the Parish to farewell Father Laurence.

**Postponement of Grade 1**

**Sunday Family Mass**

to be held Sunday 30th August

Grade 1 families may have noted in the term 3 calendar that Sunday 24th July was previously set as a Grade 1 Family Mass. Due to the booking of Father Laurence’s farewell mass on this day we have transferred the Grade 1 Mass to Sunday 30th August.
Term 3 Newsletter Distribution – Email only from Week 2 - Please check your email inbox

As advised to parents the school newsletter will be distributed via email, the Skoolbag App and on the school website in Term 3. Today we have emailed newsletters to families along with a final distribution of hard copies. We have issued both ‘hard copy’ and ‘soft copy’ newsletters this week to allow for any teething problems in our first week of email distribution. We ask that all parents requiring the newsletter to be emailed please check that your newsletter has been delivered to your email account. Parents who have not received an emailed newsletter are asked to contact the school office.

A limited number of hard copy newsletters will be housed each Thursday in the school office for parents who do not have access to a computer.

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.au

Building Works

Toilet Refurbishment

Parents, along with your children, will be delighted to see that the refurbishments to the school toilets were completed throughout the school holidays. Both the boys and girls toilets were completely gutted with a new epoxy resin flooring applied and all toilet pans and furnishings reinstalled. The flooring in the corridor leading to the Gr 1/2 rooms and the oval exit were also resurfaced as a part of these works.

ACARA - Privacy Notice

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child’s school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child’s gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education. This information is disclosed to ACARA under the ACARA Act 2008 for one or both of the following purposes: • formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and • assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

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Term 3 Closure Day

Friday 7th August

A reminder to parents that our term 3 School Closure Day will be held on Friday 7th August.

Education Board Meeting

Monday 20th July

Education Board members please note that the next Education Board meeting will be held on Monday 20th July. The Agenda has been emailed to all members.
Parent ‘Insight SRC’ Letter – 100 Families

Each year a randomly selected 100 families are requested to complete a questionnaire providing direction for the School Annual Action Plan of the following year. The surveys are implemented through the Catholic Education Office Melbourne and sourced through an external company, ‘Insight SRC’. Results of this parent questionnaire, along with results from the student and staff questionnaire have been instrumental in providing data/feedback to identify school strengths and areas for development, providing direction for school improvement each year. All survey results are confidential in that we gain the collective data but cannot view individual responses.

If you should receive a survey envelope we ask that you complete the survey at your earliest convenience. Where possible we ask that families complete the online survey as directed in your information pack NO LATER THAN Wednesday 5th AUGUST. If completing a hard copy of the survey we request that you complete the survey and return it to your child’s class teacher/school office in a sealed envelope (envelope enclosed) as soon as possible. These need to be posted no later than Friday 7th August.

We request that parents receiving the survey assist us in achieving a 100% survey completion success rate.

It’s simple to participate.
From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your local school or at your local Woolworths.
Welcome back to a busy Term 3. We hope that you had a very happy and safe holiday!
It is great to see the toilets getting a facelift! We hope this makes this area safer and cleaner with its new floor.

There are lots of things happening this term! So please get out your diaries and note these dates down!!

21st August - Pie Drive
This is a great opportunity to stock up and fantastic for these cold winter days. There is nothing nicer than a warm pie!
A note will be sent home in the next couple of weeks

30th August - Bunnings BBQ
This annual fundraiser is an important fundraiser in the calendar. Volunteers will be needed on the day. More details will follow.

3rd or 4th September - Father's Day Stall.
Like Mother's Day, we are using a number different suppliers so there will be lots of new and different gifts this year for Dad and Grandpa!

11th September - School Disco:
It was such a HUGE success last year that we are running it again. So we hope that the kids are getting their dancing shoes ready!

16th September - Footy Day Sausage Sizzle:
It is a HFMW tradition, nothing says footy season like a sausage sizzle!

We also plan to run a Cake Stall this term as well. The date is to be confirmed!
The next meeting of the P&F will be held on Tuesday 28th July at 7.30pm. Please feel free to come.
Thank you again for your ongoing support. Thank you to all the parents and friends that help out in countless ways. We couldn't do all that we do without the support of the school community.

Second Hand Uniform Sale
23rd July in the quadrangle from 2:30
Another weekend of footy action is in the books, with a few matches causing headaches for the Holy Family tipsters.

Thursday night (again!) started us off, with Port edging out a gallant Collingwood by 3 points. Tough to watch the Pies get so close to victory yet again only to come up short isn’t it! Next up we had Richmond taking on Carlton at the ‘G. The less said about this clash of traditional rivals the better, as the Tigers won an uninspiring match by 30 points.

Saturday saw the Demons and Bombers slug it out in freezing conditions at the MCG. Both sides tried to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory a few times, with Joe Daniher ultimately making the difference (along with Melbourne kicking 18 behinds) in a 9 point victory for Essendon. The Bulldogs travelled to Queensland to take on the Suns and looked beaten until a stunning 10 goal last quarter saw them overrun Gold Coast to win by 22 points. Back in Melbourne, the Kangaroos took on the Cats at Etihad. Both sides were searching for consistency (and a win) with Joel Selwood deciding to see if he could find it by looking under Sam Wright’s arm! The “chicken wing” will see him miss one game. North were never headed after a big second quarter and recorded a comfortable win. The other Saturday night game saw an easy win to West Coast over Adelaide in Perth. Very brave effort by the Crows in the loss.

The Giants and Saints played Sunday afternoon in Sydney. After giving them a head start, St Kilda mounted a mini comeback but was never really in the hunt, losing by 35 points. The main event on Sunday was definitely Hawthorn versus Freo in Tasmania, but someone forgot to tell the Dockers. The Hawks dominated from siren to siren, dismantling the opposition to record a 72 point victory. The last match of the round saw a courageous Lions outfit challenge the Swans, eventually losing by 21 points up in Brisbane.

The Holy Family tipping competition is hotter than ever, with the Nicholls Family on top by a single point after a few dicey tips saw them pick only 6 winners this week. A couple of our top ten tipsters managed a perfect 9 from 9 to rocket up the ladder. The top ten are only separated by 4 points, so one bad week can certainly cost you a few spots on the ladder.

Good luck to all the tipsters this week!
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