Dear families,

Holy Family Education Board
The Education Board will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday 16th November. At this meeting we will be referring to nominations to join the Board for the 2 year period -2016/2017. Parents wishing to join the Board are required to complete a nomination form that can be found attached, and on the School website (refer to the school community tab, or through the school office). Parents wanting to know more about the function of the Board are encouraged to contact a current Board member or staff members Anna White, Eithne King or Paul Wakeling.

Nomination Forms for 2016-2017 – Due Friday 5 November

‘Board Shorts’ 19 October 2015 - Education Board updates to the Parent Community
This week the Board was presented with the new Bullying Prevention Policy which has been diligently revised by Treasa Barwick in her role as Wellbeing Leader. The policy outlines the definition of bullying and the duty of care required by the school to manage any occurrences. The policy has been designed in conjunction with the Catholic Education Office of Melbourne as well as ensuring it adheres to all relevant federal and state legislation, policies and guiding principles. The process outlined in the policy follows several elements including: communication; reporting; record keeping; prevention and review. The Policy will be available for all to view on the school website in the near future.

Paul Wakeling notified the Board of the proposed class numbers and structures for 2016 as well as the potential staffing and leadership structure to support the student numbers. This will be finalised over the next month. School fee increases for the next year were also tabled. Paul also presented the results of the Insight SRC School climate survey to which approximately 66 families replied. Staff and students also completed the survey. There was a slight improvement but overall very little change in results from previous years.

Eithne King notified the Board of the upcoming swimming program for Prep to Year 4 students and also that the 2016 Prep transition programmes have commenced. 33 out of 48 students are siblings of current students which is amazing. Eithne also advised that planning for the school fete next year is well underway but the Parents and Friends Committee is still looking for more people to assist. In fact the P and F committee will be calling for nominations for its leadership team over the next month. President and Treasurer Positions are available for anyone interested.

The AGM of the School Education Board will be held on Monday 16th November. There are a few current members stepping down this year so if anyone is interested in participating in this very important part of school life and be able to have valuable input, then please make yourself known to Paul Wakeling or Eithne King. There are likely to be only 5 meetings scheduled next year so there will not a major impact on your time.
The Education Board has vacancies for the 2016/2017 school years. A term on the Education Board is of 2 years duration.

The main duties of the Education Board are to:

- Support the Catholic ethos of the school.
- Assist in planning for the future development and direction of the school in consultation with the parish priest and principal.
- Advise on the setting of priorities through the use of the school's School Improvement Plan and Annual Action Plan.
- Assist with policy development and review.
- Assist with the process of School Review held on a four year cycle.
- Advise on finance-related matters such as school fees and building/maintenance programs.
- Assist with activities that promote the school within the parish and the broader community.
- Assist, in consultation with the parish priest, with the employment of the School Principal.

The Board meets on 5 occasions on a Thursday evening. Meetings for the New Year will be held on 10th March, 12th May, 14th July, 8th September, and 10th November.

If you are interested or would like to nominate someone please fill in the form below and return it to the school office or email to principal@hfmw.catholic.edu.au by Thursday 5th November.

Regards,

Father Nicholas Pearce
(Parish Administrator)

Paul Wakeling
(Principal)

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Nomination for Holy Family Education Board 2016-2017

I ______________________ nominate ______________________ for a position on the Holy Family Education Board.

Name and signature of person nominating Name and signature of nominee

Name ______________________ Name ______________________
Parents & Friends Committee Nominations

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. 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 5 November

2016 Classes

The staff in the coming weeks will begin the process of putting together class lists for the 2016 school year. The process will be completed with consideration given to social cohesion, friendship groupings, placement of siblings and positive academic influences. Other factors to be considered include keeping a 'balance' of children with social, emotional, physical and academic needs, and an even spread of grade level numbers and genders in multi-age classes. If you have any relevant information that you believe is pertinent to the grade placement process, I invite you to forward your thoughts to me in writing by Friday 30th October. We will evaluate all requests and make a professional judgement on the placement of the child in question. The final decision rests with the school. Please keep in mind the many limitations that are already placed on the staff during this complex process. We ask that you submit requests with ALL of the above factors considered. Submissions need to be put forward to me via email at principal@hfmw.catholic.edu.au no later than Friday 30th October.

‘Teacher Shopping’- Parents submitting requests must support their request with supporting detail. We are less likely to support requests where parents are simply ‘teacher shopping’. The reference to ‘teacher shopping’ meaning that, for example, parents have heard positive comments on teachers in the school from other parents and think that teacher may be good for their child. Likewise a sibling may have had a teacher previously and a parent wishes for their next child to also have that teacher. We would love to meet all requests but there are other elements around class placements, as detailed previously, which may take priority over a request as such. We are blessed with a highly skilled and enthusiastic staff team and we are confident that all teachers will meet the needs of your children. If all parents submitted requests for teachers then our system of student allocation would be compromised.

As stated above, parents are invited to submit information that may be pertinent to 2016 class placement but we ask that you take on board all of the above information when making your request.

School Fees – Accounts Distributed

In consultation with school leadership, the school accountant and the Education Board the School Fees and Levies for the 2016 School year are as follows -

School Fee (1 Child) - $2048
School Fee - (Family Fee) - $2576
Building Levy - $125 per family
Curriculum Levy - $260 per child per annum (Years Prep-4)
            - $313 per child per annum (Years 5&6)
Gr 5/6 Chromebook Levy $140 (Hiring from School)
            - $50 ‘BYO’ Chromebook
Swimming Program $115 (Approx) (Years Prep-4)

Families experiencing difficulty in meeting the payments for fees and levies are always encouraged to contact Paul Wakeling so that an individual payment plan can be negotiated.
2016 Stationery Orders

2016 booklists were 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. Please contact Eithne King if you have any queries.

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.

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.

Prep Transition Program
Session No. 2 - Tuesday 27th October - 1.30pm-3.00pm
The second of the Prep Transition Sessions will be held on Tuesday 27th October.

Grade 3/4 Parish Family Mass - Sunday 25th October - 10.30am
We welcome all Grade 3/4 families to the Parish Family mass to be held on Sunday 25th October. Attending families are requested to bring along a plate for the morning tea to be shared at the conclusion of the mass. Thank you in anticipation of your presence at the mass and for your contribution to morning tea.

Term 4 Summer Uniform & ‘No Hat - No Play’
We alert parents that children can make the transition to summer uniform at the beginning of term 4. We also remind parents that term 4 has a ‘No Hat – No Play’ Sunsmart policy. Children without hats at school will be restricted to paying under the shade cloth in the quadrangle.

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Salesian Kid Primary School Partnership Program

CHOOSING A SCHOOL

Tuesday 27 October
2:20pm – 3:15pm

Parents/guardians are invited to join both boys and girls of grade 3/4/5 to see Principal Robert Brennan’s address on Tuesday 27 October at Holy Family School, Mount Waverley between 2:20pm and 3:15pm.

The presentation covers:

- What Salesian College Chadstone has to offer
- Past Holy Family School student perspectives
- Explanation of the enrolment process for parents
- Question time; and
- Distribution of enrolment information.

For further information, please contact Salesian College Chadstone on 9807 2644.

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 Gnocchi). 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 Cetrola
Italian Teacher.
ART DISPLAYS

Dear Parents,

You are invited to view Year Five and Year Sixes Mythical creatures made with paper magic clay which are displayed in the Office Area.

Yours Sincerely
Karen Boyle
VISUAL ARTS TEACHER

BOOK FAIR

When: Monday 23rd November to Friday 27th November

Where: Holy Family School Foyer

Times: 8:30am to 9:30am
       3:00pm to 4:30pm

Come along and browse a huge selection of children’s books for all ages.
There will be fiction, non-fiction, and a great selection of activity packs, posters, and so much more.
This is a great opportunity to do some shopping for Christmas.
Please see the back of this flyer for payment options.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEKS AWARD WINNERS!!!

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

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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

KOREAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CHARITY FETE
at Holy Family Church,
236 Stephensons Road, Mount Waverley
Sunday 15th November 2015 from 11:00am to 5:00pm

ASSISI SNEHALAYA
Supporting HIV/AIDS Centre in India

Highmount Pre-School
ART SHOW
Friday 30 October to Sunday 1 November 2015