Welcome Father Nicholas Pearce

We welcome Father Nicholas Pearce to Holy Family Parish and School. Father Pearce, appointed as Administrator of the Parish, began his duties at the Parish yesterday. Father Pearce looks forward to meeting our children and families in the very near future. Father Pearce was previously the assistant priest at Mary MacKillop Church, Keilor Downs and is also the chaplain to the State Youth Team of St Vincent de Paul Society, Victoria.

We welcome Father Pearce and we look forward to his involvement in the school in the coming weeks and months. We would encourage families to introduce yourself, along with your children, and ensure that Father is made to feel at home in our community.

Farewell Masses for Father Laurence

We thank all involved in Father Laurence’s farewell school mass, held last Friday, and at the Parish mass on Sunday morning. Father Laurence moved into his new home at the Parish of St Michael’s Ashburton yesterday.

Congratulations to all of our 47 prep children on the completion of 100 days of school at Holy Family. We hope that every day has been a wonderful adventure for our prep children. We greatly enjoyed the many and varied 100 day costumes as worn by our preps yesterday. To celebrate the occasion our Preps joined with the Grade 5 Buddies throughout the day and were acknowledged by all of our children at lunchtime. My thanks to our Prep team for their efforts in helping our Prep children, along with families new to our school, settle in so comfortably and for making the first half of the prep year such a positive experience.

Maths Partnership with St Joseph’s School Hawthorn

Parents may have read in the school newsletter at differing times throughout the past 18 months that the staff have been working in partnership with the staff of St. Joseph’s School, Hawthorn. The focus of our work has been on further developing our teaching and learning practices in the area of Numeracy. Forging a professional relationship with the staff at St. Joseph’s has been highly beneficial to the learning of our staff as we combine to share our knowledge and understanding, our common practices and to bring fresh and contemporary ideas back to our own school and classrooms. This Monday 3rd August our Prep team will be working with the Prep team from St Joseph’s for a half day professional learning program. The 2 Prep classes will be supervised by relieving teachers for the afternoon. Staff early exit Monday afternoon -

The remainder of class teachers will be leaving school at approximately 3.25pm-3.30pm to travel to St. Joseph’s to join the Prep team for an afternoon of professional learning with the staff at St. Joseph’s. Parents should note that staff will be unavailable on Monday after school. Children still remaining on the school site will be supervised by members of leadership in the absence of the majority of staff from 3.25pm.

Term 3 Newsletter Distribution - Email only - Please check your email inbox

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
At the Board meeting on 20th July, Rena Walsh (Literacy Leader) presented the Board with an engaging and enlightening insight into current literacy practices adopted to equip our students with the requisite skills to shine in a contemporary world. Clearly our students are in great hands in respect of literacy leadership.

As part of the Principal’s report, initial feedback survey results on the recently introduced reporting and assessment schedule are positive, the changes appear very well received and an improvement on feedback from the previous format. There are other surveys in progress, namely Parent Survey through Insight SRC, and participation is encouraged as analysis of survey results allows the school to continually improve learning outcomes for our students.

Anna White spoke about ICON (Integrated Catholic Online Network) which is a learning, collaboration, administration, planning and reporting platform. It sounded exciting and revolutionary and the School has nominated with the Catholic Education Office to be an early adopter with a 2016 implementation.

The Parents and Friends Committee are again extremely busy, so please continue to generously support the upcoming events which include Bunnings BBQ (30th Aug), Father’s Day activities, footy sausage sizzle (16th Sept) and School Disco. The Kids Café continues to be a hit with the kids and can you believe planning has commenced for the Great Fete 2016!

Finally we were all very excited to hear that the Student toilets have been refurbished with new flooring and paint. No doubt the boys toilets will work overtime on the Father’s Day morning, and the Dads will notice the aromatic fragrances wafting from the boys' toilets will be better on the nose than the previous fumes. Well done to all involved on this School improvement.

Dear Parents

On Thursday the 6th of August there will be the opening of the new chess club. Children will be learning strategies and the basics of chess; they will meet new friends as they battle on the board to see who wins. In chess club there will be two parts, the basics area where they will learn chess and strategies, then the league area where you will play against other players to the chance of a prize at the end of each term. **Donations Please!**

As of the moment we do not have enough chess boards and pieces. If you have any chess boards or chess pieces lying around and are not being used can you please donate them to the office. That would help kick start our club in an amazing way!

We will at first be inviting Grade 5/6 children to the club. Once we find out the numbers of those keen to play we may be able to open the club up to younger children in the school.

**Chess Club starts on Thursday the 6th August. Every lunch time on Thursday.**

Thank you for your time.
See you soon James G & Xavier L

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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. **Assessment & Reporting Focus** - The staff will spend the majority of the day reviewing our Assessment and Reporting practices. The areas of focus for the day will be on the Student Progress Reports as introduced in 2015, the ‘3 way interviews’, the work habits/general comments and Religious Education sections and the parent feedback from the recent parent survey. The feedback from the parent surveys will be published in the newsletter after our closure day.

**Parent ‘Insight SRC’ Letter – 100 Families**

Parent Insight SRC Surveys have been distributed to 100 school families. Thank you to those parents who have already returned these forms or completed the online survey. All survey results are confidential in that we gain the collective data but cannot view individual responses. Where possible we ask that families complete the online survey as directed in your information pack NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 7th AUGUST.
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

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!

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

| Prep-2 | Students in Prep-2 will have a chance to try and match the book to the staff in their levels. |
| 3/4   | Students in 3/4 will have a chance to try and match the book to the staff in their levels. |
| 5/6   | Students in 5/6 will have a chance to try and match the book to the staff in their levels. |
| Staff | Parents will have the chance to try and match the book to chosen staff. |
Year 5/6 Inquiry Project

*How does our community come together to 'make cents'?*

Each week the 97 students of the senior school are venturing out to 23 local businesses to investigate the inner workings of running a business. This week we had our first visit and there was a huge amount of excitement buzzing throughout the whole level as each group returned bursting to share their experiences. We look forward to sharing our experiences and new knowledge with you through the school newsletter and level blog. We are thankful to the parents who are supporting us in making it possible to send groups out into the community.

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**Week 1 - Tony and Carmel Fruit and Vegetable Suppliers**

On the 28th Alexa, James, Saeran and Ella went to our first session at the Fruit and Vegetable shop. We met the owners who are, Tony and Carmel.

We talked about Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and why it's important. We were fortunate to experience what working at a fruit and vegetable shop felt like. We asked a lot of questions about working at the store and how it's important to maintain a safe environment. We asked our questions and got answers and lots of facts about the business.

We helped Carmel and Tony stack oranges, potatoes and we helped them take the peas out of the shells. We learnt that in a fruit and vegetable shop, OHS is really important because the people that prepare the produce in the back might cut their finger. It's also important that a fruit and vegetable shop have a first aid kit just in case something happens to one of the employees or customers.

We also learnt that this is one of the healthiest and most important stores in our community. It's also really important that you should always use your manners and be polite when serving customers. When you buy fruit from a fruit and vegetable shop the produce is always fresh but you have to wash it before you eat it.

The health inspector comes in every three months and checks the food and makes sure all the produce is fresh. Carmel and Tony's store received the top rating.

The first day was a super fun day. We are very excited to return next week. We learnt so much and we learnt how important a fruit and vegetable store is to a shopping centre. We hope that next week is as informative and as much fun!
The senior school would like to acknowledge and thank the following businesses in our local community for their wonderful support of our inquiry program:

**Tony & Carmel’s Fruit World**

**Commonwealth Bank**

**Peta Velma Hairdressing**

**Alpha Hearing Service**

**newWave Systems**

**Cafe Prima**

**THE TOY POSTMAN**

**MONASH PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE**

**Anna Burke MP**
Federal Member for Chisholm

**Brumby’s**

**Manna Health Solutions**

**Mount Waverley**

**Willach Pharmacy Solutions**

**THIS WEEKS AWARD WINNERS**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Prep J  Emily C  
Prep KW  Liam M  
1/2A  Callum K  
1/2HD  Jackson A  
1/2M  
1/2WP  Ava H  
3/4BB  Sam Y  
3/4D  Kalani T  
3/4GA  Ante P  
3/4NB  Marcus G  
5/6H  Brigitte P  
5/6KH  Nive J  
5/6S  
5/6T  Emilie L
Dear Families,
You are all invited on Wednesday 5th August, from 3:30pm to 7pm to walk down Holy Family School’s corridors to view the students amazing artworks. These have been inspired by the whole school’s excursion to the Melbourne Zoo.
All the parishioners have also been invited after 10:30 am Mass on Sunday 9th August, to view the students artworks.
The students are very excited and are looking forward to their families and the community viewing their masterpieces.

**Preps – Beautiful Butterflies**  
The Prep students have created large 3D butterflies using tracing, cutting, folding and painting skills. They experimented by twirling, twisting and curling pipe cleaners to create interesting shaped antennas to complete their butterflies. The Prep students chose their background papers to compliment the colours of their butterfly wings or antennas.  
**Please come and visit our butterfly enclosures by following the signs.**

**Years 1/2 – Animals/Insects in their habitats**  
The Year 1/2 students created a collage of an animal/insect in their environment. Students prior knowledge was used in class discussions, as well as information gained in the Year 1/2 level’s inquiry unit on animals and their habitats.  
Photo chat: Students were shown photos of the zoo excursion and were asked the following questions.  
What are the names of these animals?  
What colours are these animals?  
What is camouflage?  
Why do lots of animals blend into their environment?  
**Please come and find our camouflaged animals.**

**Years 3/4 – Black and white 3D animals/insects**  
The Year 3/4 students created and designed animals/insects using detailed line and pattern work. They created three panels of different line designs. Each panel was used to create a different part of their animal or insect. They used folding techniques and double-sided tape to create 3D effects. The black background was created with a simpler line design to highlight and enhance their animal shape.  
**Please come and visit our black and white animal/insect creations.**

**Years 5/6 – Mixed media artworks**  
Years 5/6 students used their chrome books to research visual images and designs of animals. After choosing an animal they used their drawing skills to create a variety of designs. They then used enlarging skills to draw their animal/insect on A3 paper. Each week they experimented with different mediums to create a masterpiece full of colour. They used paint wash, paint, textured and patterned papers, fine line and thick black markers. The result is an interesting array of colours and bordering techniques.  
**Please come and visit our colourful animal extravaganza.**

Yours sincerely,  
Karen Boyle  
VISUAL ARTS TEACHER
PREP 100 Days of School

WOW!!! What a fantastic day we all had, celebrating our 100th day at school. Both teachers and students had a great day!

The students began their special day by writing about, 'What I will look like and be doing when I am 100'. They drew a self-portrait of themselves as a 100 year old person. At the 100th minute they went outside to do 100 exercises in the beautiful sunshine!

After recess, the Preps were joined by their Grade 5 buddies. They sang 'Happy 100 Days to you' and we all shared delicious cupcakes. Thanks Miss King for baking!

Our next activity was reading, '100 Angry Ants' and then organising 100 items into different groups. (2 rows of 50, 10 rows of 10) Together the buddies then made a special 100 day crown for the Preps to wear. They looked gorgeous!

Next we read 'One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab' and using the feet of the different creatures the students created addition stories.

It was then time for lunch, delicious 100s and 1 000s bread that our wonderful helpers made, thanks to Tarita, Craig and Tiffany.

with our tummies full, it was then time to march around the school singing, 'We've been at school 100 days, Hurrah, Hurrah!' All of the grades cheered and clapped as the Preps marched around. We felt very special!

We couldn’t be prouder of our children. They have grown so much within the last 100 days and we are excited to see them grow throughout their journey at Holy Family School.

Many thanks to all of the Prep families who did a brilliant job of dressing up the Preps and sending in 100 items from home. Your help and support is always appreciated!

Prep parents, please note, we are still compiling 100 reasons why we love Holy Family, if you would like to contribute please do so by this Friday 31st July to eking@hfmw.catholic.edu.au
From the P&F
On Tuesday evening, the P&F had a very busy meeting. It was fantastic to see so many faces.

Some things to note:-

**Bunnings BBQ** will be on Sunday 30th August. We will be looking for volunteers to assist on the day. If you are able to help on the day, please email pandf@hfmw.catholic.edu.au If you can’t help on the day, come and visit on the day. Don’t forget to ask family and friends to come down and buy a sausage!

**Cake Stall** will be on Wednesday 9th September after school. Details will follow in a couple of weeks.

**Subway Lunches**. It is with some regret that we won't be able to continue with Subway Lunches on Friday. Currently there is no-one available to either deliver the orders to Subway or collect the orders on Friday morning. So this Friday 31st July will be the last day for weekly orders. However, we will have a Subway Lunch in the future, so the children hopefully won't be too disappointed!!

**FETE 2016**
Our major fundraising event next year will be the 2016 Fete. We are planning to run it early in Term 4.

After the amazing success of the Great Fete 2014, we are hoping to make it even bigger and better! As the major event of the year, we will be relying on the generosity and commitment of the whole school community!

The organisers of the previous fete have put together a list of some of the key areas that are involved. They include but not limited to: food stalls; non-food stalls; ride and games; tickets; silent auctions; entertainment; trash and treasure; Devonshire tea; marketing and communications; and sponsorship.

If you feel you would like to contribute to the planning and running of this fantastic event, please come to the next P&F meeting which will be on Tuesday 1st September at 7.30pm. If you can’t make the meeting but have a suggestion or would like to volunteer your time and expertise, please email: pandf@hfmw.catholic.edu.au

All suggestions, ideas and volunteers will be very warmly welcomed.

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**Footy Tipping**

With three quarters of the season in the books, it’s time to check in on the Holy Family Footy Tipping leaderboard.

We have a new tipster sitting on top of the ladder! Richo had a solid week, tipping 8 winners to reach 106 and leapfrog the Nicholls Family who tipped 7 winners for a total of 105. Still extremely close, with only 1 point the difference.

Paul Hattersley is lurking in third spot after tipping 8 this week as well, only 2 points off the pace. Then comes the trio of Adrian, Chris McGuinness and Geoff who each tipped 7 winners over the weekend to remain knotted at 103.

Annette C and Shelly K are up next on 102 with Ardevas and Oscar Matthews rounding out the top ten on 101 and 100 respectively.

With one bad week enough to turn the top ten upside down, tipsters will need to study the form of several teams as we head into the business end of season 2015.

Good luck to all the tipsters this week!
Open every Thursday and Friday for recess.

Term 3 Menu

- Piece of “Fruit of the Day” $0.50
- Gingerbread Kids $1
- Cobs Natural Popcorn $1
- Vege Chips $1
- Red Rock Deli Chips $1
- Grainwaves $1
- Yoghurt Fruit Frogs 20¢ each
- Yoghurt Worms 20¢ each
- Yoghurt Sticks $1
- Savory Biscuits only $0.50
- Cheese & Biscuits $2
- Sultanas $1
- Queich Icy Poles 50¢
- Frozen Moosies $1
- Nippy’s Milk $1.50

Available in Chocolate and Strawberry

Keep an eye out for our special menu items that are only available for a limited time!

Thursday 30th July
Kelly Northwood
Julia Kasambalis

Friday 31st July
Marg Elwood
Marice Collin

Thursday 6th August
Julie Beaton
Maria Iannetta

Friday 7th August
No School

Thursday 13th August
Rebecca Walker
Julia Kasambalis

Friday 14th August
Daniela Di Guglielmo
Stav Kyriakoulis
Kelli Northwood

Holy Family Disco
Coming soon
Friday 11th September

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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)

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