Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to school and a special welcome to all our new families joining the school. In addition to our thirty-nine new preps, we welcome new students, Thomas and Matthew in 2C.

The holidays hopefully were an opportunity to rest up, spend quality time with your children and prepare for the new school year. It has been a very smooth start to the year. The staff and children were quickly into a working environment. You will receive a level notice and curriculum letter/overview today, explaining what is happening in your child’s class this term, but if you have any other queries, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

The testing regime last week went very well and this gives our teachers valuable information as they prepare to teach your child.

To all the new families at Holy Name, I assure you that you have made the right decision to send your children here, where they will be nurtured and developed over the next seven years. I hope that the partnership with the school is a strong one, where we can mutually benefit each other. I am available to parents fairly readily and my main office is out on the playground before and after school.

**Assembly Change**

Assembly this year has changed to 3.10pm on Wednesday. Awards will be presented and parents are most welcome to attend.

**Bomb Threats**

It has been well publicised lately that many schools are being forced to evacuate through automated phone threats. We have a practiced procedure which we regularly run through for both evacuation and lock down procedures. We will have another practice sometime in the next week. In the event of a bomb threat, we will evacuate all the children to Ruthven Reserve on the corner of Albert Street and Malpas Street. The school will SMS parents of the situation and children can be collected from the reserve (when you receive the SMS to your phone, please note that you will not be able to ring the school or respond to the SMS, as the moment it is sent, the staff member who sent it will also need to immediately evacuate).

Once the police have deemed the school safe to return to, any remaining children will be escorted back to Holy Name.
Opening School Mass
We welcome the school year with a Mass on Sunday 14 February at 10.30am. All families, no matter what religious denomination, are invited to attend. Father Peter is very keen to connect with as many families as possible. Prep families are especially welcome, as we as a school community introduce them into our school.

Parking & Children’s Safety
Could all parents please park courteously around the school. Do not park across (or partially block), the driveways of nearby residents. The Council is aware of our neighbours’ concerns and will routinely monitor the situation at pick up and drop off times and issue parking fines. They are particularly harsh on cars parking on the yellow lines, in the no standing zone, or cars that park opposite the school in Robb Street, which is also a no standing zone.
If you park in the kiss and drop Church driveway, can you please ensure you collect your children promptly and exit as soon as possible.
**For the children’s safety we impose a 5kph speed limit in this area.

Before and After School Care
We want ALL families to be enrolled for Before and After School Care, even if you think you may not ever need to use the service. Extend only accepts enrolments ONLINE (see the last page of the newsletter for instructions). Over the years, an increasing number of families have asked for before school care to make life a bit easier for work commitments and appointments. Now we need to have people starting to use this service in greater numbers.

Class Representatives
Each year, we have one or two parents for each class who volunteer to be a Class Representative. Class Reps are a point of contact for other parents who may have a query about day to day activities scheduled for the Classroom, co-ordinate parent helpers when needed, organise a simple social event (usually once a term) such as a play date in the Park, a movie & pancake morning at Northland, or a family dinner at somewhere like Zagame’s. The Reps also let the office know of any births, deaths or marriages!
If you would like to be considered to be a Rep, please let Leanne (not the teacher), know by next Friday.

Reading the Newsletter
Don’t forget to download the Holy Name Primary School free app on your smartphone/Ipad and read the newsletter EVERY Thursday afternoon. The newsletter is also available on our Holy Name school website.
If you are unsure of the app, please see Leanne in the office or myself.

Interschool Sport
Tomorrow, our students in Years Five and Six start their involvement in the Preston District interschool sport competition. This will continue each Friday throughout Term One and Two.
Greenlight Music
Music lessons have already started and Mr Chris Borg has been thrilled with the amount of interest in his program. He has contracted a couple of other instructors to help deliver the program and their details are on the Greenlight website.

Parents and Friends
The first meeting & (AGM) for the year is next Wednesday 10th Feb at 7.00pm in the Interactive Learning Centre. As this is a fete year, we need many people to help out. I especially encourage new families to the school to attend. **A letter has been sent home today to all families via your eldest child, inviting you to join the Committee, or just to come along and offer some ideas or see what they do for our students.

David Delaney
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
Next Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. All of our students from Year One to Year Six will be attending the parish Ash Wednesday celebration. Mass commences at 9.15am, and all parents and friends are warmly welcome to join our students and other parishioners at this significant event in our faith calendar.
In the coming days, each of the classes will be reflecting upon the season of Lent, and its challenges for us all, as people of faith. The students will be looking at the role of prayer in their daily lives, as well as the importance of making decisions that will bring them closer to Jesus, during these forty days of Lent.
Earlier this week, a notice went home to all families informing you of our Beginning of School Year Mass. This very special celebration will take place next Sunday 14th February at 10.30am. This year the theme for our Mass is based upon Pope Francis’s decision to celebrate a Year of Mercy across the Catholic Church. Our Beginning of the School Year Mass will be an opportunity to reflect upon how we as a school community bear witness to Jesus’s model of mercy. At the time of writing, we have thirty-seven families who have replied that they will be attending our celebration, which is fantastic. It would be great to see double that number of families joining our other parishioners to celebrate the start of our school year.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR HEALTH CARE CARD/PENSION CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS
If you hold a current and valid Health Care card/pension concession or are a foster parent OR Veteran Affairs pensioner, you are eligible to apply for the Education Department CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund) for your primary school student. CSEF payment is $125 per year paid directly to the school and can ONLY be used for camp/excursion/incursion type activities. Application forms are available from the school office and we would like all forms to be returned BEFORE 29 February, so that payments will be received around March.
UNIFORM ITEMS FOR SALE AT THE OFFICE
The school office has legionnaires hats only for $10 and replacement sunglasses for $15.

STUDENT BANKING
Student banking has resumed for 2016!
If your child would like to open a bank account and deposit some coins each week, or every now and again, please see Leanne in the office for an application form.
The great thing about the CDF student accounts is that children can watch their balance grow, in an old-fashioned way (a passbook folder!).

BOUNCE BACK AWARD WINNERS
Congratulations to this week’s bounce back winners:
PrepD  No award this week
PrepI  No award this week
1B  Sam Falcone
1Z  Sebastian C
2C  Thomas H & Matthew R
2M  Shaeleigh H
3F
3G  The whole grade!
4B  Alessio C
4C
4M
5D
5N
6K  Stevie M
6L  Max D
6P  Lachlan M

CLASSROOM CUISINE SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS
We are again offering our Monday & Friday lunch order service to Holy Name students. Go to the website classroomcuisine.com.au and have a look at the great menu offered.
If you are a previous user of the service, don’t forget to log in, and click on ‘my account’ to edit your child’s profile with their new CORRECT class for this year. Just a reminder that the ordering system really does close at 8.30am! No orders are accepted after 8.30am for that day, however don’t forget that to make life easier, you can order in advance for one day or as many days as you like in the one transaction! (If your child doesn’t go to school on the day of the ordered lunch, you can simply use the cancel option).
** Only CONFIRMED orders arrive! After you have completed your order and payment has been confirmed, you will see the message ‘Successful transaction’ on the screen AND you will receive an email confirmation.
** Avoid double processing your payment! Click just ONCE on the payment button and WAIT! Close the payment page once payment is confirmed. We hope you enjoy our service!
From Geraldine, Alison and the Classroom Cuisine Team
ORDER ACADEMY UNIFORMS ONLINE - academyuniforms.com.au
If you want to order online or by phone with your credit card, Academy will deliver the item to the school for free. If you choose to order online, our password is - reservoir

WHEN -
WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME  11:00AM - 11:40AM
FOR STUDENTS IN  GRADES 4, 5 &6

GET SMART
MAKE ART

PARISH THANKSGIVING
Please contact Carolyn 9471 0832 to pay by credit card over the phone, or drop back your envelope to the Parish.

COMMUNITY NEWS
PARADE COLLEGE OPEN DAY  -  SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY
Preston Campus, 8 Clifton Grove  -  10am  to 2pm
Bundoora Campus, 1436 Plenty Road  -  11am  -  3pm
Talk to our Principal and the staff, listen to the College Bands and enjoy a free BBQ and café, and enjoy the awesome science show! Pick up an information pack with a special gift for your son.
** A reminder that Year 7, 2017 enrolments close Friday 26 Feb, 2016

SANTA MARIA INFORMATION NIGHT – for prospective families
Santa Maria College is an independent Catholic Secondary School for girls, established by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of Saint Benedict in Northcote in 1904 with an approximate enrolment of 920 students from Years 7 - 12. Prospective families are warmly welcome to attend an Information Night on Tuesday, 9 February 2016 commencing at 7:30pm in the Auditorium, Benedictine Centre. An optional tour from 6:30pm is also available. Bookings are not required. The College is located at 50 Separation Street, Northcote. Parking is available at the Northcote Plaza car park opposite the College. Enter via the main gates on Separation Street. For further information phone Kylie Lawtey on 9489 7644 or email registrar@santamaria.vic.edu.au
**ST MONICA’S COLLEGE EPPING – MORNING TEA WITH PRINCIPAL**

You are invited to attend a Morning Tea with the Principal and take a tour of the College on the following dates, beginning at 9.30am from the Theatre of All Nations, Dalton Road Campus: Wed 10/2, Thur 11/2, Fri 19/2, Wed 24/2, Thur 25/2 & Fri 26/2. To make a booking go to www.stmonicas-epping.com/mtwtp or contact the Registrar, Mrs Sinopoli on 9409 8444 or email registrar@stmonicas-epping.com

Enrolments are currently being accepted for Year 7, 2017-2018.

**SEALPONY SOCCER – For boys and girls aged between 5 – 10 years**

It’s a developmental and participation program, which teaches the basic/intermediate skills, with fun games, activities and giveaways, every Sunday morning from 13 March to 29 May, at James St Reserve, Heidelberg Heights. Registration day is Sat 5 March, 10am - 11am. For information call Joe 0415 388 028, email jyamen@optusnet.com.au

**ZOUZOUNIA GREEK CLASSES FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS AGED 1 TO 5 YEARS**

In Cleary House (the After School Care house), there is a ‘Greek Language’ playgroup/class offered. For further information please ring Evie 0407 916 518 or Mary 0425 857 466. www.lexischoolofmoderngreek.com.au

**DAREBIN COMMUNITY HEALTH – CHILD DENTAL BENEFIT SCHEME**

*Your child may be eligible for $1,000 worth of free basic dental treatment if they are aged between 2 – 17 years AND you receive Family Tax Benefit A or any other relevant Government payments.* If you are eligible for the CDBS there is no out of pocket expenses, Darebin Community Health is based at three locations: Northcote – 42 Separation St. Phone 9403 1200
PANCH Preston – 300 Bell St. Phone 9485 9000
East Reservoir – 125 Blake St. Phone 8470 1111 (hours vary site to site)

**CRANROSS TENNIS COACHING** - Sign Up for Term 1, 2016

At Ruthven Reserve. Places Still Available For All Levels. FREE RACQUET for every NEW Term 1, 2016 sign up (12 yrs and under). **We Offer:** ANZ Hot Shots - After School Group Lessons (30min & 45min Classes) ANZ Hot Shots - After School Group Coaching (30min & 45min Classes), Junior Performance Squads (1hr & 1.5 hour class), Tots Coaching – Launch Pad (4 & 5 year olds), Private/Semi Private lessons, Adult Coaching, Cardio Tennis, Women’s Coaching (Monday - Friday Mornings), Racquet Sales & Re-Stringing, Junior Tournaments, Holiday Clinics, School Clinics For All Levels. Term 1 begins Monday 1 Feb.
Bookings & Enquiries: www.futuredemandtennis.com.au Alexei Demajo - Head Coach, (Tennis Australia Club Professional) – 0418369763, Stewart Andrew - Head Coach, (Tennis Australia Junior Development) - 0403536470

**Reflection of the Week**

*Some people drink at the fountain of knowledge, others just gargle.*

**With today’s newsletter the attachments are:**
- Parish News to eldest (white)
- Year level letter to parents & attached classroom organisational details (white & or coloured)
- Prep Opening School Mass invitation to ALL prep families (orange)
- Curriculum overview parent letter to eldest & year level Term One overview to all students
Calendar of Known Dates
Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, some dates may need to change & dates will be added

TERM ONE
YR4-6 SWIM TRIALS MON 8 FEB
SHROVE TUESDAY TUES 9 FEB
ASH WEDNESDAY MASS WED 10 FEB (9.15am)
OPENING SCHOOL MASS SUN 14 FEB 10.30am
PDPSSA SWIM CARNIVAL WED 24 FEB
PREPS START FULL TIME MON 29 FEB
NUDE FOOD DAY TUES 1 MARCH
YEAR 5&6 CAMP AT PHILIP ISLAND WED-FRI 2-4 MARCH
LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY MON 14 MARCH
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS THURS 10 MARCH (1.00pm finish)
PREP PARENT WINE & CHEESE NIGHT WED 16 MARCH (tbc)
PREP 2017 INFORMATION EVENING MON 21 MARCH
END OF TERM ONE THURS 24 MARCH (1.00pm finish)

TERM TWO
TERM TWO COMMENCES MON 11 APRIL
GR3 GYMNASTICS COMMENCES FRI 15 APRIL
SCHOOL PHOTOS TUES 19 APRIL (2nd week Term 2)
ANZAC DAY (PUBLIC HOLIDAY) MON 25 APRIL
MATHS NIGHT WED 27 APRIL
NUDE FOOD DAY TUES 3 MAY
LIFE ED VAN STARTS THURS 5 MAY
MOTHERS’ DAY PRAYER SERVICE THURS 5 MAY (evening 7pm)
NAPLAN TUES 10 TO THURS 12 MAY
YEAR FOUR CAMP THURS 12 & FRI 13 MAY
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS MON 16 & TUES 17 MAY
CROSS COUNTRY WED 18 MAY
YEAR SIX CONFIRMATION SUN 22 MAY
NUDE FOOD DAY TUES 7 JUNE
QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY MON 13 JUNE
MID YEAR REPORTS GO HOME FRI 17 JUNE
END OF TERM TWO FRI 24 JUNE (1.00pm finish)

TERM THREE
TERM THREE COMMENCES MON 11 JULY
GRANDPARENT’S DAY FRI 29 JULY
NUDE FOOD DAY TUES 2 AUGUST
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS THURS 25 AUGUST (1.00pm finish)
(Please note that Grade Four communion will be during August, dates to be confirmed)
FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST FRI 2 SEPT
NUDE FOOD DAY TUES 6 SEPT
END OF TERM THREE FRI 16 SEPT (1.00pm finish)

TERM FOUR
TERM FOUR COMMENCES MON 3 OCT
NUDE FOOD DAY TUES 4 OCT
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY MON 31 OCT
MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY TUES 1 NOV

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### TERM FOUR CONTINUED

- **PREP 2017 INFORMATION EVENING**: WED 2 NOV
- **FIRST PREP ORIENTATION SESSION**: TUES 8 NOV
- **REMEMBRANCE DAY**: FRI 11 NOV
- **HOLY NAME FETE**: SUN 13 NOVEMBER
- **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**: MON 14 NOV
- **SECOND PREP ORIENTATION SESSION**: TUES 15 NOV
- **THIRD PREP ORIENTATION SESSION**: TUES 22 NOV
- **PREP TO TWO SWIM PROGRAM BEGINS**: MON 5 DEC
- **NUDE FOOD DAY**: TUES 6 DEC
- **CAROLS NIGHT**: THURS 8 DEC
- **END OF YEAR REPORTS GO HOME**: FRI 9 DEC
- **YEAR SIX GRADUATION EVENING TO BE ADVISED**: 
- **PREP TO TWO SWIM ENDS**: FRI 16 DEC
- **END OF SCHOOL YEAR**: FRI 16 DEC (1.00pm finish)

### PDPSSA Summer Sports Fixture 2016

#### Grand Final — Thursday March 24th

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Welcome back!
We hope you have had a fantastic summer holiday and are looking forward to the exciting opportunities that 2016 will bring.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of familiar faces at After School Care and to welcoming lots of new faces as well.

Existing Families
Don't forget to manage your 2016 bookings.

Last year’s bookings do not roll over so log on to the parent portal NOW to secure your bookings for 2016.

You can book for the entire term or year or even book specific dates.

New Families  -  Enrol online – allow 24 hours
Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply set up your own account online via the Parent Portal. Please note it is government regulation that all children must be enrolled BEFORE attending an Extend service. For information on operating hours and fees for your school, visit your After School Care venue or school website.

Enrol now, pay later
The annual enrolment fee per family of $20 is NOT payable until you first use the service. So why not enrol now so you can access the service later? It doesn't matter if you don't end up using the service, because you won't be charged.

Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS
We have mobile phone that you can text or leave phone messages if you need to contact the Educator of the Program for whatever reason during operation hours. Mob: 0439 555 875.

Recap of the week
It was great seeing the children after a long break. They are looking very refreshed.
The children were happy to spend their time mostly catching up with other children.
We haven't played bingo in a while and this week the children enjoyed it so much, that we played it twice within the two days.
Next week we have some nice activities for the children to do, including putting in a new fresh Vegetable Garden in the small Play Ground.

Activities
Monday 7th February
Dye Flowers Experiment
Tuesday 8th February
Using Natural Resources
Wednesday 9th February
Valentine Card Making
Thursday 10th February
Vegetable Patch Making
Friday 11th February
Baseball Team Game