Hello Everyone,

This will be the second last newsletter for the year. In next week’s I will reflect on the year passed and give you some dates for 2015.

Last Sunday was the culmination of our year-long celebration to mark our 75th anniversary. The Mass was generously attended, and a number of past and present families wandered through the school following the service to look at some memorabilia. The children who participated in the Mass did a terrific job and it was a true celebration. I hope our families enjoy the anniversary book that went home, and treasure it as a memento marking this event. It seems like we have been celebrating for months, but it has been fun.

School Leaders
At last Monday’s Assembly, I announced the six School Leaders for 2015. Many children volunteered to take on these roles and the staff and peers voted for the six. It is with great pleasure that I can announce that the following children will be our leaders next year:
Carla S, Jasmine D, Elloise S, Terence D, Noah M and Daniel P

From these, we will determine who the two School Captains will be for next year. Congratulations!

Year Four Camp
Next Wednesday, the Year Fours head off to Sovereign Hill for an overnight adventure. For many children, this may be their first time away from family, but rest assured they will be closely monitored and looked after. We expect them to return to school before the 3.30 pm bell on Thursday.

Staff Comings & Goings
It is with sadness that one staff member will be leaving us at the end of the year. Miss Jessica Nettelbeck has secured a permanent position at Lutheran College in Croydon. It is with great fondness that we reflect on her relatively short time at Holy Name, but how she has made a huge impact on the children in her care. We do welcome back Jane Hubbard from maternity leave four days a week.

School Reports
The second semester school report will be distributed next Friday (technology willing). Families with outstanding fees and levies will not be given their reports until their accounts have been settled or contact has been made with me.
Transition for 2015
The teachers are finalising the class lists for next year and the children from Prep – Year Five will spend an hour with their new teacher and class on Monday 15 December at 9.00 - 11.00 am.

Last Day of Term
The last day of term is Wednesday 17th, and students finish at 1.00pm. If you need ASC on this day, please remember to book ASAP.

David Delaney
Principal

REC NEWS
Dear Holy Name Community,
Congratulations for show-casing our school as a community of faith, by your attendance and involvement in our 75th Anniversary Mass last Sunday. To see the church full with a congregation comprising current families, some visitors and older parishioners, was a fitting symbol of the celebration of the school’s history.
I would like to thank the staff for their willingness to be involved in the Mass and giving the celebration a priority in their classrooms. I would like to thank in particular, Angela Gangi for all her assistance in planning and implementing the ceremony, Naomi Marron and Natalie Oman for all their work preparing both the school and parish choirs, which came together on the day with songs and music that were an integral part of the festive nature of the Mass, and Derryn Ling for his ability to coordinate song lyrics, mass responses and power point presentations.
A separate invitation/notice was sent home today for the traditional Family Mass on Christmas Eve. With the success of our Pets’ Mass earlier this term, Father Peter has decided that the Family Mass will take place in the school grounds and on the basketball courts. We are in the process of organising the Mass and further details will follow next week. In the meantime, if you or your child would like to be involved in the music, see the notice for details.

Advent Paraliturgies
Families are invited to join us for our paraliturgies in the Church.
Year Six at 2.45pm tomorrow and Year 1 & 2 at 2.45pm next Friday 12th.

ARE YOU MOVING HOUSE OVER THE HOLIDAYS?
If your child will be attending a new school in 2015, could you please advise us as soon as possible, either by letter addressed to the Principal, or email to either principal@hnpe.catholic.edu.au OR the office, office@hnpe.catholic.edu.au
Please state what school your child will be attending, so we can send a transfer note if applicable.

STUDENT BANKING
The last day for student banking is NEXT Tuesday 9 December.
Banking will resume for 2015 on Tuesday 3rd February.
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-fashion way (a passbook folder!).
DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF TERM

PREP TO TWO SWIMMING  MON TO FRI  1 – 12 DECEMBER
YEAR 5 END OF YEAR FUN NIGHT  TUES 9 DECEMBER
GRADE 4 CAMP  WED 10 & THURS 11 DECEMBER
YEAR 6 FUN DAY OUT  FRI 12 DECEMBER
END OF YEAR REPORTS  FRI 12 DECEMBER
GRADE 2 END OF YEAR FUN NIGHT  FRI 12 DECEMBER (evening)
TRANSITION FOR NEW STUDENTS  MON 15 DECEMBER 9-11am (not Preps)
YEAR 1 END OF YEAR FUN NIGHT  TUES 16 DECEMBER (evening)
YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS (7pm)  TUES 16 DECEMBER (note change of date)
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  WED 17 DECEMBER  1.00pm finish
GRADE 3 END OF YEAR PARK FUN  WED 17 DECEMBER (evening)
YEAR 6 DISCO  WED 17 DECEMBER  1.30pm

STAFF PROF. DEVELOPMENT  THUR 29 JAN, 2015 (no students)
ALL STUDENTS RETURN FOR 2015  FRI 30 JAN, 2015

PARISH THANKSGIVING
Thank you to the families who have made their voluntary thanksgiving payment to the Church. You can pay by cash, cheque (made out to Holy Name Parish), or credit card in person or over the phone. The parish office is open from 9.00am to approx. 2.30pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and also Wednesday from 9 to 12.30pm. Thank you

CLASSROOM CUISINE LUNCH ORDER SERVICE
The final day for lunch orders this year is Monday 15th December.
Lunch orders resume for 2015 on Monday 2nd February.

BOUNCE BACK AWARD WINNERS
Congratulations to last week’s bounce back winners -
PrepB  Isabella P
PrepH  Jackie M
1B  Natalia S
1Z  Emily P
2C  Isabella S
2N  Yianni G
3D  Jesse B
3G  Jimmy T & Natalie R
4B  Damian D
4F  Nikolas M
4P  Alexander C
5G  Marianna A
5M  Johnathon V
6L  Olivia B
6M  Brandon L

GRADE ONE CHRISTMAS PARTY RSVP
Could we please have all RSVP’s and money back by Monday 8th to your classroom teacher. Thank you from the Class Reps
LOST PROPERTY BIN
As parents often remark, we have LOTS of items in Lost property which cannot be reunited with their owners, as they are often hand-me downs, with names of students from five years ago, OR most of them have the labels cut off or are illegible. We do our best, but we need you to please label everything.....

PREP 2015 FAMILIES NOTICE
A few families with preps beginning next year, are meeting for a park play and morning tea. All 2015 preps and their families are welcome. It’s on Thursday 18th Dec, 10am til 12pm at Davis Reserve (playground end), Wood St, Preston, near corner of Plenty Rd.

MEN’S BOWLING NIGHT
Thanks to all the Dads who attended the Lawn Bowls Night... a record attendance this year and a great opportunity for our school dads to catch up!
Thank you to Simon (Hugo’s Dad) for organising and Steven (Lua’s Dad) for looking after the barbie.

MAD ON MUSIC KEYBOARD & GUITAR LESSONS 2015
Grades 2-6  -  Enrolments are NOW being taken for Gr 2 – 6 Keyboard & Guitar lessons commencing Term1.  Grade 1  -  Enrolments are NOW being taken for Gr1 Keyboard lessons to commence in Term 2.  To save disappointment, please enrol before the end of Term 1, 2015.  **MOM do not take enrolments in Term 3 & 4.**

COMMUNITY NEWS
Santa Maria College Information Night for Prospective Families
Santa Maria 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. The values underpinning the Sisters of the Good Samaritan Order, give direction to our College community. Prospective families are warmly welcome to attend an Information Night on **Wednesday, 11 Feb commencing at 7:30pm** in the Auditorium, Benedictine Centre. Bookings are not required. We are 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 9489 7644 /email registrar@santamaria.vic.edu.au

Reflection of the Week
Every year we celebrate the holy season of Advent, O God.
Every year we pray those beautiful prayers of longing and waiting,
and sing those lovely songs of hope and promise.
Karl Rahner

With today’s newsletter the attachments are:
- Parish News to eldest (white)
- Parish Choir Invitation notice to families via eldest (white)
EXTEND OSHC at Holy Name School
New Families –
Have you enrolled in Before & After School Care?
Allow 5 days notice
As part of government regulation, all children must be enrolled BEFORE attending an Extend service. Without a complete and confirmed enrolment (including payment details), children cannot be accepted into the program.

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.

Express Enrolments incur an additional $40
Any enrolments submitted with less than 5 days notice are considered an Express Enrolment and will incur an additional $40. We encourage all families to enrol NOW to avoid paying the Express Enrolment fee.

Submit enrolments to Head Office, not your school office or the service
To ensure your enrolment is processed as quickly as possible, please submit all enrolments to Extend Head Office by email (preferred method) or fax.
Enrol today at extend.com.au

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM
AT A LOCATION NEAR YOU
Booking deadlines apply and excursions fill fast.
Book now to avoid disappointment at extend.com.au.
All holiday programs are open to primary school aged children from the wider community.

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

REMINDER
Any clothing left at the Program will be put in the Lost Property held at the school in future, so you can directly claim it in the Lost Property Basket. Thank you for your co-operation.

MUST HAVE HATS AT THE PROGRAM

Summary for last week ending 28th Nov
We started on Christmas Card Hand Prints now instead of making them on the Tuesday 2nd December. We will make Hawaiian Lei Craft on this day.
We did not get to do the Hacky Sack Balls so we will do this as an activity on Monday 1st December, as well as put up our Christmas Tree at the Program.
Also on Friday 5th December, we will play a game called Crab Soccer.
The children did enjoy making mice out of toilet rolls.
REQUEST for donation of Glass pasta jars
*Does anyone have empty glass pasta jars (with lids) which you are willing to donate for an activity we would like to make before Term ends. We would need at least 12 to be able to do this activity.

Next week’s activities:
Monday 8th December
Science water experiment
Tuesday 9th December
Christmas Bubble-Print Gift Wrap
Wednesday 10th December
Dangling Monkey
Thursday 11th December
Capture the bean bag with Daniel P
Friday 12th December
Mosaic Art