Hello Everyone,

**Smooth Start to the Year**
The children have settled into the school year very well. With the increasing hot weather, I encourage all children to bring a drink bottle to school and rehydrate regularly. Also, they all need to have their name clearly labelled on their jumpers, as I have been picking up a lot of strays at the end of the day lately.

Last Saturday’s Mass was well attended by our Preps, school leaders and children who had roles in the Mass. It is a lovely way to start the school year and give thanks to God. Fr Peter is very keen to grow the attendance at Saturday night Mass and this was a very encouraging sign.

Father used the opportunity to explain the Parish finance difficulties as the two tiered school fee – parish contribution system has ceased. The Parish, last year, lost one quarter of its income off the back of falling contributions from school families. I urge you to consider contributing to the parish, all they ask for is $7.00 per week. The parish made the school, fully supports the school and has the running costs of the presbytery and church to consider. Contact Carolyn at the presbytery on 9471 0832 if you are prepared to support the good work of the parish (our parish).

**Insurance**
The school contributes to the Catholic Churches Insurance to provide cover for all the children in our school. This is distinctly different to government schools where the parents must supply their own insurance. The cover is called “School Care”. It is a **limited** cover that does not cover the Medicare Gap. It does not cover ambulance costs for children who have an allergic reaction, asthma attack and a few other health concerns. I urge you all to look at this link to their site to further understand what the insurance covers.


I encourage all families to have their own private health insurance. All families especially need to have ambulance cover.

**School Fee Statements**
We have a new Bursar this year and have experienced some difficulties with our SAS system, however we expect your 2015 fee statement to be emailed or posted to you next Wednesday. In the meantime, you may still pay as usual at the office (or over the phone), and a handwritten receipt will be issued to you.
Swimming Trials
Tomorrow, Mr Hartnett is taking a large group of children to the Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre for trials to make our school swimming team. It is imperative that your child can comfortably swim 50 meters non stop. The school swimming program in Prep – Two does not prepare the children for this task. Once again, I implore all parents to give their children private swimming lessons. As a country surrounded by water, and with many of our relaxation activities involving water, children need to know how to swim confidently. Please note: the trials are student only, no parents to attend, thank you.

Prep 2016
It may seem ridiculous to talk about this so soon into the school year, but we are soon starting enrolment tours for next year’s Prep. If you know of any families with children in kindergarten, can you pass on the message that they can contact the office and book into a tour of the school. We have already been answering many enquiries over the phone.

Class Representatives
Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to be a class rep for PB, PH, 1B, 1Z, 6L & 6M.
We are still seeking reps for the following grades - 2C, 2P, 3F, 3G, 4D, 4H, 5B, 5G & 5M. It would be great for all grades to have at least one rep. If you have a child in any of these grades, please consider volunteering this year.
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 ASAP.

Second Hand Uniform Sale
We still have a few second hand uniform items left for sale at the office until next Wed 18th. Please bring along a few coins if you wish to purchase anything.

Parent Teacher Interviews
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, we have decided to change the times of our two Parent Teacher Interviews. These will now be conducted in Week 8 of Term 1 & Week 7 of Term 3. The school believes that the timing of these will provide more information to parents and set further goals for student improvement in their learning. A letter has been sent home today about p/t interview process and reporting, via your child (Grade 1 to Grade Six). Please check their school bag.

David Delaney,
Principal
CALENDAR OF KNOWN DATES FOR 2015

(added dates are in red)

We ask that parents check the calendar over the next few weeks as dates are added. Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, some dates may need to change.

ASH WEDNESDAY PARISH MASS
YEAR 5/6 MASS
PREPS COMMENCE FULL TIME
GRADE FIVE & SIX CAMP
YEAR 3 / 4 MASS
LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
YEAR 1 / 2 MASS
Gr1-6 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
PREP 2016 INFORMATION EVENING
TERM ONE ENDS
TERM TWO COMMENCES
ANZAC DAY PLAY – yr3-6
ANZAC DAY
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
CONFIRMATION
QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
TERM TWO ENDS
TERM THREE COMMENCES
FIRST EUCHARIST DATES
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
BOOK WEEK AUTHOR INCURSION
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
SCHOOL PRODUCTION
TERM THREE ENDS
TERM FOUR COMMENCES
RECONCILIATION
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
GRADE FOUR CAMP
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

WED 18 FEBRUARY  9.15am
THURS 26 FEBRUARY
MON 2 MARCH
WED TO FRI 4-6 MARCH
THURS 5 MARCH
MON 9 MARCH
MON TO FRI 16-20 MARCH
TUES 17 MARCH
WED 18 MARCH  1.00pm finish
WED 25 MARCH  7.00pm
FRI 27 MARCH  1.00pm finish
MON 13 APRIL
TUES 21 APRIL
SAT 25 APRIL
TUESDAY 28 APRIL
THURS 30 APRIL
FRI 1 MAY
SUN 24 MAY  10.30am
MON 8 JUNE
FRI 26 JUNE  1.00pm finish
MON 13 JULY
SUN 16 & 23 AUGUST 10.30am
WED 19 AUGUST  1.00pm finish
TUES 25 & WED 26 AUGUST (TBC)
MON 31 AUGUST
POSSIBLY SECOND LAST WEEK T3
FRI 18 SEPTEMBER
MON 5 OCTOBER
THURS 29 OCTOBER  12 noon
MON 2 NOVEMBER
TUES 3 NOVEMBER
THURS 12 & FRI 13 NOVEMBER
WED 25 NOVEMBER
WED 16 DECEMBER  1.00pm finish

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub order forms were sent home today to all children.
If you wish to order, please return your form (and money) by next Friday 20 February to your classroom teacher.
For those who are new to the school – There is NO obligation to purchase any items from Book Club. Book Club is an ‘extra’, but often Scholastic have some good bargains on offer.
SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION INFORMATION
Dear Year Six Parents,
It is most important that you have commenced thinking about the school you wish your child to commence their secondary schooling at in 2016 and beyond. Most Catholic/private schools commenced the application/interview process in the later stages of last year and applications will have either already been submitted or will need to be in by the 27th of February, 2015.
If your choice is a government school, then the enrolment process will begin around late May, when you receive a letter from the Ministry of Education through our school. This letter will set out in detail, the application process for the government schools. If you have any queries about the process, please speak to me.
Mark Tierney, Deputy Principal

FROM THE REC
Dear Parents,
In last week’s newsletter, the dates for the 2015 Year Four candidates’ celebration of the Eucharist were published. Again these dates are Sunday the 16th and 23rd August. Father Peter, being a very accommodating man, is most happy for all parents to be granted their first option amongst the two dates, no matter the repercussions for group sizes. Please be assured that you can plan your post Eucharist celebrations with confidence in the date you choose.
If you wish to inform your child’s teacher of the date you want for First Eucharist, please do so in the coming weeks, by written note or email.

Opening of the School Year Mass
Last Saturday evening, we celebrated the beginning of the school year, with a Parish mass at 6pm. Thank you to all those families who attended, and especially to those children who volunteered to do tasks on the night. A special thank you to our beautiful school/parish choir, in particular Ms Natalie Oman (parent), whose skill and enthusiasm makes the choir an integral part of our celebrations. A highlight of the mass was the preps receiving helium-filled balloons at the conclusion of the mass. Again, thank you to Father Peter for his continued nurturing of our faith community.
Mark Tierney, REC

REMINDER RE SMS FOR MINOR HEAD BUMPS
This is a reminder to all new families: if your child receives a MINOR bump to the head or neck, but doesn’t need to go home, for example, a soft plastic ball to the forehead or bump to the head, that at home you probably may not even notice, we send an SMS message to one parent (usually mum) to advise that this has occurred. **We ONLY SMS for minor issues. There is no need to respond.
For any serious bump, knock, illness etc we always ring you immediately and appraise you of the situation (and ask that you collect your child), so please make sure your current work/home/mobile numbers are up to date at the school office.
**SWIM TRIALS**
Tomorrow, some of our Grade Four to Six students will be participating in swim trials. Please note, parents are not to attend the trials, they are for students only.
Thank you
Ryan Hartnett, Phys Ed Teacher

**P-2 READING AT HOME**
Welcome back to school for another exciting year of learning at Holy Name. The students have well and truly settled in with their new teachers and classmates. I’m sure you are aware that reading is a major part of the students’ school day and we aim to foster a love of reading as well as develop our student’s literacy skills that will support all areas of their learning.

Over the coming weeks, the students in Prep to Year 2 will be bringing home a book to read in order to practise and consolidate their reading skills. **Please be assured the book that your child brings home will be EASY for them to read, not challenging.** We want reading at home to be an enjoyable experience and the students to become independent readers. After your child has read their book, please have a conversation with them about the story. This will assist in building their comprehension skills and help them to understand that reading is all about meaning.

“One of the greatest gifts adults can give—to their offspring and to their society—is to read to children.” —Carl Sagan

**BECOME A LITERACY CLASSROOM HELPER!**
Please check your child’s bag for a letter that will explain what is involved and the times and dates of the P-2 Parent Helper Course for 2015.

If you have any questions or concerns in regard to your child’s reading, please don’t hesitate to contact me.
Maree Foley-Smith (Literacy Leader)

**CLASSROOM CUISINE LUNCH ORDER SERVICE**
If you would like to order lunch for your child on Mondays or Fridays, check out the Classroom Cuisine website www.classroomcuisine.com.au

**UNIFORM ITEMS FOR SALE AT THE OFFICE**
The school office has legionnaire hats **only** for $9 and replacement sunglasses for $15.
STUDENT BANKING
Student banking has resumed for 2015!
If your child would like to open a bank account and deposit some money 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 our first bounce back winners for 2015:-
PrepB    No award this week
PrepH    Catherine B
1B       Eric L
1Z       Thomas A
2C       Briana Z
2P       Whole Class
3F       Bridget C
3G       Whole Class
4D       Jordan R
4H       Sophia K
5B       Elias B
5G       Julian T
5M       Andrew M
Gr 6’s   Noah M & Carla S

ICY POLE SALES FOR TERM ONE
**The icy pole roster was sent home today. Thanks to the parents who volunteered their time. (Volunteers..... please check your child’s bag.
The products and prices are:
***Prices: Icy Twists (lemonade) - $1.20
Mini Calippo (rasp/pine flavour) - $1.00
Paddle pops (choc, banana, rainbow) $1.30
Remember: Contrary to what your child may tell you.... children do not have to have an icy pole each day, it is a treat. Due to severe food allergies, children are NOT to buy for any other child.
** We do not pass on icy pole money left at home.

UPDATE ON EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
The government no longer provides the Education Maintenance Allowance scheme. However, eligible families in receipt of Family Tax Benefit A, automatically receive the Schoolkids Bonus, paid in January and July, or as a lump sum. There is no need to make a claim through Centrelink. Your eligibility will be based on the income information you have already provided to Centrelink. Check the Department of Human Services website: Schoolkids Bonus Section, or alternatively come to the school office where we have downloaded a fact sheet for families.
COMMUNITY NEWS

ST MONICA’S COLLEGE MORNING TEA & TOUR
The co-educational College would like to invite interested families to attend morning tea with the Principal and learn more about the values of a Monican Education. Tours commence from The Theatre of All Nations, Dalton Road Campus. To make a booking or for further information, contact the College Registrar Mrs Enza Sinopoli on 9409 8444 or registrar@stmonicas-epping.com. Tour dates for Term One are: Fri 20, Thurs 26 Feb & Mon 2 & Thurs 5 March, all beginning at 9.30am. ** Enrolments are currently being taken for Year 7, 2016-2017. Pls note that 2016 enrolments will close on Friday 27 February, 2015.

PARADE COLLEGE OPEN DAY - www.parade.vic.edu.au
A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG MEN SUNDAY 15 FEB 2015
Preston – 8 Clifton Grove 10am til 2pm
Bundoora – 1436 Plenty Road 11am til 3pm
Talk to our Principal and all of our staff, watch the awesome science show, listen to college bands, enjoy our free BBQ and café and pick up an information pack with a special gift for your son. Listen to the Principal’s address at 10.30, 11.30, 1.00 (Preston) & 11.15, 12.15 & 2.15 (Bundoora)
**Year 7, 2016 enrolments close Friday 27 February 2015**

PARADE COLLEGE 40th ANNUAL ART SHOW
Held at ’The Greening Auditorium’, Parade College, 1436 Plenty Road, Bundoora. Opening night - Friday 13 Feb – 7.30pm (tickets $16 or $8 for concession), available from Parade or at the door. ALL ART IS FOR SALE!
Also Saturday 14 Feb – 10am–9pm, Sunday 15 Feb – 9am–4.00pm.
For more information, p: 9468 3300 e:artshow@parade.vic.edu.au or www.parade.vic.edu.au All Welcome!

PRESTON BULLANTS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
If your son/daughter is looking to experience the joys of playing Australian Rules football, during the upcoming 2015 season, then the Preston Bullants Football Club may be the place for them. A number of students at Holy Name currently play for the Bullants. The Bullants’ home ground is the beautiful Cramer Street Oval which is also home to the Northern Knights and Northern Blues. Games are on a Sunday and training is usually twice per week. The Bullants play in the Yarra Junior League which is a most professionally organised and run league. If you are interested and would like further information about the club, please research the club website and or contact me at the school.
Mark Tierney (a Bullants’ coach)

KOUTA FIT CLUB - FREE GROUP FITNESS
Our free group fitness sessions are open to all abilities and ages, whether you exercise regularly or for the very first time..... Running Mondays & Wednesdays @6.15pm at Preston City Oval, Cramer St, Preston. Contact Charlene 0400 083 518 (cj@koutafitclub.com.au) to join.
CARLTON FOOTBALL CLUB
Are holding a FREE ‘Kids Superclinic’ for children aged 5 to 14 on Saturday 21 February, kicking off at 9.45 to 11.00am. Go to their website for further details and to register.

SEALPONY SOCCER - REGISTRATION DAY Sat 28/2 from 10-11am
Developmental & participation program introducing boys and girls aged between 5–10 to soccer, with the focus on teaching basic skills. For information call Joe (0415-388-028), jyamen@optusnet.com.au **Every Sunday Morning starting 8 March, James St Reserve, Heidelberg Heights.

Reflection of the Week
Clouds may cover the sunshine, they cannot banish the sun

With today’s newsletter the attachments are:
- Parish News to eldest (white)
- Themes magazine to all Gr 5 students
- Letter to all Gr1-6 families via eldest re Parent/teacher interviews/reporting (green)
- Catholic Schools Guide to eldest in family (Gr2-6)
- Parade Open Day flyer to all boys in Gr 4 & 5
- Bookclub notices to ALL students
- Icy pole roster to volunteers (white)

Extend OSHC at Holy Name Primary School
Welcome!

We hope you have had a fantastic summer holiday and are looking forward to what exciting possibilities 2015 holds. We are looking forward to welcoming lots of new faces at Before & After School Care. Please pop in and say Hi!

From AnnaMaria

Enrol now!
Be sure to enrol so you can use the service if you need it! It is a regulatory requirement that children are enrolled before attending. To access an enrolment form visit extend.com.au

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