Hello Everyone,

Yesterday, the entire school (except the Preps) attended Ash Wednesday Mass. This is the start of the Lenten season which culminates in Holy Week. This is a time where people give extra help, forgo some favourites and contribute to the poor, through the Project Compassion campaign.

**Prep 2016**

School tours for new prospective families are underway for our Prep class for next year. We will be asking existing families to fill out an enrolment form for any siblings who will be attending next year. We ask that this is done by the end of the term, so we can gauge how many additional places we will have available for next year.

**Master Plan**

The school is currently developing a building master plan for the future needs of the school. One key priority is raising the corridor ceiling that runs along the McColl street side of the school. This is a consultative process, and yesterday the architect met with staff, parents and Fr Peter. Due to funding applications and the system processes, realistically nothing will be done for at least twelve months, but we live in hope.

**School Advisory Board**

The first meeting for the year is next Tuesday night. The Board this year consists of Bianca Azzopardi, John Mereos, Matthew Meehan, Tania Ilijoski, Tania Caligiori, Richard Fernandez, Michael Doucas, Patrick Evans, Mark Tierney, Derryn Ling, Fr Peter and myself. If you have anything you want raised, feel free to speak to one of these people.

**Class Representatives**

We are slowly getting there.......... We now have reps for - PB, PH, 1B, 1Z, 2C, 3F, 6L & 6M. Our Grade Prep and One reps have already sent home a friendship list and get-together notice today!

**We are still seeking reps for the following grades – 2P, 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.

If you would like to be considered to be a Rep, please let Leanne (not the teacher), know ASAP.
**Insurance**

Our school cover through CCI is called “School Care”. It is a **limited** cover that does **not** cover the Medicare Gap. **It doesn’t cover ambulance costs for children who have an allergic reaction, asthma attack and a few other health concerns.** Please check this 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.

David Delaney,
Principal

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**CALENDAR OF KNOWN DATES FOR 2015 (added dates are in green)**

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

**SWIM CARNIVAL** (selected Gr4-6)
**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**
**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 25 FEB**
**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 (& money) are due back TOMORROW! No late orders will be accepted.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION INFORMATION
Dear Year Six Parents,
Reminder that applications for Year 7 at Catholic Secondary colleges are due by 27th 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
First Eucharist dates are Sunday the 16th and 23rd August.
Please either email or write a note to your child’s teacher with the date you choose. Regardless of the group size, Father Peter is happy for all parents to have their first option. You can plan your post Eucharist celebrations with confidence in the date you choose.

BECOME A LITERACY CLASSROOM HELPER!
If you would like to do the Classroom Helper course, you must have your reply slip back in by tomorrow (Fri 20th).

** 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)

BOUNCE BACK AWARD WINNERS
Congratulations to our bounce back winners for this week:-
PrepB Gianni D & Scarlett H
PrepH Zane R
1B Shaeleigh H
1Z Isabella P
2C Jake D
2P Tan N
3F Eshkaa S
3G David D
4D Celina S
4H Daniel F
5B Aliiya M
5G Jessica F
5M Marcus E
Gr 6’s William H & Joseph P

P.S. Don’t forget to check out our honour board in the Office Corridor
STUDENT BANKING
If your child would like to open a **FEE-FREE** 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!).

REMINDER RE SMS FOR MINOR HEAD BUMPS
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.**

P & F NEWS
We have our first meeting for 2015 NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING, 25TH FEB starting at 7.00pm in the School Staffroom.
**It will be our Annual General Meeting.**
Come along and see what we do for our school........ We promise not to vote you in to any positions!! P&F is a great way to meet other parents and help the school. All welcome!

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS
BANYULE COMMUNITY HEALTH DENTAL PROGRAM
Has your child had a dental check up recently? Did you know all children 12 and under are eligible for FREE dental treatment at the Dental Clinic? An initial examination is undertaken and any treatment required including clean, xrays, sealants to prevent decay, fillings and extractions are FREE! Children are always prioritized with appointments. Pre school children welcome. Emergency appts are always available. The Clinic is located at 21 Alamein Road, Heidelberg West, phone 9450 2000.

PARADE COLLEGE OPEN DAY - www.parade.vic.edu.au
**A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG MEN**
**Year 7, 2016 enrolments close Friday 27 February 2015**
ST MONICA’S COLLEGE (CO-EDUCATIONAL) MORNING TEA & TOUR

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.

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.

Reflection of the Week

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

Francis of Assisi

With today’s newsletter the attachments are:
- Parish News to eldest (white)
- Gr1 friendship list notice from the class reps to ALL Gr1 families (white)
- Gr1 get-together invitation to ALL Gr1 parents (white)
- Gr Prep family get-together invitation to ALL Prep families (white)
- Gr Prep friendship list notice from the class reps to ALL Prep families (white)
Extend OSHC at Holy Name Primary School

New Families – Enrol in After School Care

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

Our weekly recap:
We had planned a few activities this week, children chose to go outside into the Playground. Therefore we will re-introduce the activity we did not do during the week, next week.

We made a big Dragon to help celebrate the Chinese New Year which is displayed at the Program.

** REMINDER THAT ALL CHILDREN AT OSHC REQUIRE A HAT FOR TERM 1.**

Next week’s activities:

Monday 23rd February
Stain Glass experience

Tuesday 24th February:
Catch 3 balls in a bucket on top of the head

Wednesday 25th February:
Puzzle with a Soccer Ball

Thursday 26th February:
Pyramid cup minute to win it game

Friday 27th February:
Banana Cooking Experience

We wish to advise Parents that we are currently having girls from Secondary School doing their “Duke of Edinburgh” at the Program and we will continue this into Term 2...

From AnnaMaria