Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to school and a special welcome to all our new families joining the school. In addition to our forty-eight new preps, we welcome eight new students, Elise C (1Z), Eshkaa S (3F), Taki T (4D), Natalia (1Z), Francesca (2P) & Romano (4H) D’A and Shaeleigh (1B) & William (6L) H.

The holidays hopefully were an opportunity to rest up, spend quality time with your children and prepare for the new school year.

There was a buzz in the school last week as the children either returned or the new Preps started. Mums and Dads had catch ups and the corridor was full of expectant Prep parents and excited children.

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. 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 letter 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.

I am available to parents fairly readily and my main office is out on the playground before and after school.

**Opening School Mass**

This Saturday at 6.00pm is our opening of the school year Mass. It would be fantastic to see as many of our families in attendance as possible. We do make a special fuss of our Preps at this Mass. On Fr. Peter’s instruction, there is no parental photography allowed in the Church for school services anymore.

**School Assembly**

The school assembly will be held at 2.50pm on Monday’s in the hall. Parents are most welcome to attend. It is an opportunity to give out awards, inform the children of what is going on in the school and let our school leaders get some public speaking practice.

**Mad on Music for 2015**

The first MOM lesson will be held next Thursday 12 Feb, with all students to bring books and guitars (where applicable) on this day.
**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.

**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.

**Paving of 75th Anniversary Shade Area**
On the back of last year’s magnificent fundraising, the Parents and Friends Association fully funded the new shade structure, paving and the future tables and benches. Once again, I am in awe of the magnificent work they do for the good of the children in this school.
The pavers look fantastic under the new shade area and in the not too distant future, we’ll have tables and benches installed there as well. A parent, Rob Franco, did an amazing job laying the pavers. Thanks Rob!

**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.
**Parent Teacher Interviews**

This year the school has 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. If you have any concerns or queries, the staff are more than happy to talk to you at a convenient time.

**Home Learning Policy**

Following last year’s consultation with parents and staff, the School Advisory Board ratified this new Home Learning Policy which replaces the previous Homework Policy.

**HOLY NAME HOME LEARNING**

**Rationale:**
Home learning, if undertaken meaningfully, could contribute to a student developing responsibility and independence with their own learning. We also shouldn’t under-estimate that the home too, is a learning environment and extra curricula activities are learning too. In stating this, reading daily and revision of basic number facts are essential in your child’s learning development.

**Proposal:**
- Home study will look different in different year levels
- It will be a reinforcement of what has been covered at school
- The home study assigned reflects the maturity of the student and their attention span
- Daily reading is essential
- Teachers will not correct the activities
- It becomes more formalised in Years Five and Six
- Depending on the activities it may span two weeks
- It gives the children an opportunity to reflect on their learning
- It encourages discussion and problem solving
- It may involve research
- Learning of basic number facts is beneficial

**How It Will Look**

**Year Foundation (Prep)**
Reading every night recording in their reading Log (10 minutes)
M100W words introduced in the second half of the year

**Year 1**
Reading every night recording in their reading Log (10/15 minutes)
M100W and Oxford words and occasional religion and inquiry work

**Year 2**
Reading every night (15 minutes) with a specific purpose e.g. focussing on the main idea and recording in their reading log
Basic number facts

**Year 3**
Reading every night and record in student diary (15/20 minutes)
Some targeted spelling
Revision of basic number facts
Complete work not finished in class time
**Year 4**
Reading every night (15/20 minutes)
Basic number fact revision
Spelling revision

**Year 5**
Reading every night (15/20 minutes)
Mental maths computation games (introduced in class for 10 minutes)
Other activity occasionally given to reinforce learning undertaken in class

**Year 6**
Formalised Home Learning activity sheet with a variety of activities reinforcing learning undertaken in class to be completed over a two week period
Read every night

We fully understand that many children have a variety of other activities that they are involved in after hours, and this impacts on the times Home Learning can occur. We want to give families the flexibility to cater for all the activities and spend time with their children reflecting on their learning.
Please note that it is not appropriate to request the teachers to supply additional home learning activities. If you desire to add to this list, it is an individual choice and you can source your own activities quite easily on the internet.

**Please check the page 5 of this newsletter for the known Calendar of Dates for 2015.**
David Delaney,
Principal

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**FROM THE REC**

Dear Parents,

A friendly reminder that we celebrate our Opening of the School Year Mass, this Saturday evening at 6.00pm. We would love to see as many families as possible joining us for this significant event.

Thank you to all those students who have confirmed that they will be attending the Mass and offering their services on the night. Due to the short period for practising the Mass, I have had to allocate the majority of tasks to the older students in our school. In future, students from all year levels will be allocated tasks at our whole school masses. Our beautiful students in the school choir will have received a letter from Mrs Marron today, inviting them to be part of the parish choir on Saturday night. For those children interested, there is a practice on TOMORROW after school in the Church from 4 til 5pm and on Saturday at 5pm before the Mass.

Some important dates that have been confirmed this week for some of the liturgies are as follows:

**First Eucharist** 16th and 23rd August 10.30am  
**First Reconciliation** 29th October 12.00pm  
**Ash Wednesday** 18th February 9.15am parish mass  
**First term class masses:**  
5/6 - 26th February 9.00am  
3/4 - 5th March 9.00am  
1/2 - 17th March 9.00am
### CALENDAR OF KNOWN DATES FOR 2015

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.

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### FROM THE OFFICE

Thank you everyone for your patience, the office email system is now working again for queries and student absence emails.

### 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](http://www.classroomcuisine.com.au)

### Active After School Sport for 2015

As advised last year, the Government funding for this program has expired. They are looking at introducing some other sport program later this year, we will keep you informed.
UNIFORM ITEMS FOR SALE AT THE OFFICE
The school office has legionnaires hats only for $9 and replacement sunglasses for $15.

ICY POLE SALES FOR TERM ONE
_Icy pole sales began TODAY!_
**As usual, we are seeking volunteers (you must have a **current Working with Children Check), to help sell from approx 10.55am for 45 mins.** If you can help, please text (or ring) your name, contact number and available days to Sarah (our parent Icy-pole Co-Ordinator) on 0429 900 063 before next Tuesday.
A roster will then be sent home next Thursday afternoon via your child.

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.**

STUDENT BANKING
Student banking has resumed for 2015!
*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!)._

PARISH THANKSGIVING 2015
The Parish thanksgiving for 2015 is still $364 per family. You may pay by the envelope system, quarterly, half yearly or yearly to the Parish, or drop your envelopes in to school for weekly collection by Carolyn, the Parish Secretary. The Parish thanksgiving is voluntary, but we would hope that all school families continue to support the Parish and School by paying this contribution.

UPDATE ON EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
As you may know, 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 if you claim Family Tax Benefit in 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. If you would like to know more about the Schoolkids Bonus, go online to the Department of Human Services website, and look at the Schookids 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: Tues 10, Thurs 12, 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 Sund a y 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

The U14 team is looking for new players for the upcoming football season. If any of our ex-students are interested in playing, they can contact Mr Mark Tierney (U14 coach for 2015) at the school (or email mtierney@hnpe.catholic.edu.au). Games are played on Sundays, usually early after lunch around 1pm, and the home ground is Preston City Oval, Cramer St, Preston. Training is two nights a week, at this stage Friday at 5pm (the other night still to be confirmed).

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.
SEALPONY SOCCER - REGISTRATION DAY Sat 28/2 from 10-11am
It’s a developmental & participation program that introduces boys and girls aged between 5–10 to soccer, the focus is teaching the basic skills.
*Fun games, activities & giveaways. For information call Joe (0415-388-028), E-mail: jyamen@optusnet.com.au **Every Sunday Morning starting 8 March at James Street Reserve, Heidelberg Heights.

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)
- Commemorative windcheaters notice for ALL Gr6’s (yellow)
- Gr 6 Class organisational letter to parents (white)
- Camp permission forms & list of requirements to ALL Gr5&6 students
- Surfing (camp) letter/permission form to ALL Gr5&6 students (white)
- Parish stewardship/thanksgiving letter in envelope to Prep families
- Interschool sport permission slip & fixture to Gr5 & 6 students
- Choir Invitation to all 2014 choir members (small 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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