Hello Everyone,

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend with your families, I know the teachers who were on camp certainly appreciated theirs......

**Parent Teacher Interviews**
Next Wednesday commencing at 1.10pm, the years One to Six will be conducting the Term One Parent – Teacher Interviews. Each interview is scheduled for ten minutes, but if you feel you need more time, you can negotiate this directly with your child’s teacher. Bookings are all done online at: [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and you need to enter our **individual school code** which is: **VG9FD**

Teachers will have blocked out certain times for their breaks. This interview is a two-way conversation where you can share information about your child and the teacher can inform you as to their progress and testing results. At the conclusion of the interview, some forward goals will be discussed and the mid-year report will reflect on the success of these goals. I urge you to book in with your child’s specialist teachers as well, as they are also available during this time.

**School finishes at 1.00pm on this day.** If you need After School Care for the early finish, please book asap with Extend.

**Year Five and Six Camp**
All children and staff returned from this wonderful experience last Friday. They all looked like they could use a decent night’s sleep, especially the Year Fives, who had to battle extreme winds and rain. This didn’t dampen their enthusiasm and they still managed to participate in most of the activities. One lesson the Year Fives learnt, was to really hammer in the tent pegs. The teachers were amazing and tackled all the activities, hiccups and lack of sleep magnificently. The beach afternoon with surfing was a definite highlight for the children. We now look forward to the Year Four overnight experience in central Melbourne later this year.

**Class Representatives**
Unfortunately, two grades are **STILL** missing a rep(s):

3G & 4H

It would be a terrible shame if all grades except these two have a rep. If you have a child in one of these grades, please consider volunteering.
Prep 2016 Enrolment
**School families who have a child starting next year should collect an enrolment form from the office now. All siblings MUST be enrolled BY Friday 24 April. Don’t forget to attach a photocopy of birth, baptism certificates and Immunisation History Statement (download from Medicare or visit a Medicare Office), with your enrolment form. We are still conducting enrolment tours, if you know of any families looking at enrolling at our school, ask them to ring and book a tour soon.

Reading the Newsletter each week
We have quite a number of different ways in which parents can access and read the weekly newsletter: website, phone app, email or collecting a hard copy from the office counter. If you wish to have the newsletter emailed, please send your preferred email address to Leanne
office@hnpe.catholic.edu.au and you can be added to her ‘newsletter email group’.
David Delaney,
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BURSAR
The Student levy of $220 is now overdue. We have a large number of families who have not yet paid….. if this is you, please do so now. You may pay at the office by cash, eftpos, cheque, credit card (or by phone with credit card). You can also Bpay. If you would like to set up a direct debit, collect a form at the office.

FROM THE REC
Project Compassion
In the Catholic Church, the time of Lent is one in which we make an extra effort to build upon our relationship with Jesus. As adults, we are asked to pray, fast and give alms. During this season, the students are also asked to think about their faith in Jesus and use his way of life as a model for their choices and decisions. In Catholic schools, the students are asked to think about the less fortunate, both within and outside, their community. Students are given the opportunity to raise money for Caritas Australia through the Project Compassion campaign. This year, we again have a friendly competition between the six house groups to see who raises the most money for Caritas Australia. I am very proud to say that the magnificent students in our school have given a total of $320 in the first two weeks of our campaign. This is an impressive amount and shows the generosity of our students and their families.

Catholic Education Week Mass
As was detailed in last week’s newsletter, we are celebrating Catholic Education Week with a whole school Mass next Friday 20th March
The Mass will be at **12.00pm** and will be a celebration of the Catholic identity of our school. We are hoping the Mass will remind us all, of the unique characteristics of Holy Name as a Catholic School. This past year, we have been strengthened with the increase in the number of parents attending our school liturgies. For students to see their parents attending the school Masses, reinforces their own commitment to the importance of their religious practices. We would love to see as many parents as possible, celebrating our Catholic nature next Friday.

**Sacramental Levy**
A sacramental levy was introduced by our school in 2013 to cover the costs associated with the students receiving First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. In the past, parents were asked to pay an amount each time their child prepared for a sacrament. This year, the levy was formalised on the school fees statement and becomes payable when your child is in year three, as this is the year that they prepare for and make their First Reconciliation. The levy is a one-off amount of $45 and covers certificates, medals, making of a stole and other associated costs with the three sacraments.

Mark Tierney
RE Co-ordinator

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS**
We have a number of parents who have **expired** WWC’s. You **cannot** volunteer at school in any capacity without a CURRENT WWC. **If you received an SMS yesterday to your phone, please drop by the office with your new card, or email a copy to office@hnpe.catholic.edu.au**

If you are a new parent and wish to volunteer at school and you don’t have a WWC, then go online to the Dept of Justice, Working with Children section, complete the online form and take it to a post office. There is no charge for a volunteer WWC: (http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)

**BOOKCLUB**
Bookclub order forms and money are due TOMORROW (Fri) if your child wishes to order.

**CHESS CLUB EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**
If your child is interested in participating in the beginner or experienced chess group lessons, please fill in the form and return it by Thurs 19th to the teacher or the office. Please do NOT send any money yet. Geraldine Sloan, Chess Club Co-Ordinator

**MAD ON MUSIC**
To avoid disappointment, please enrol before the end of Term 1. MOM do not take enrolments in Terms 3 & 4.
P & F NEWS

**Hot Food Day treat!**

This term’s Hot Food Day is a choice of ‘Sausage sizzle lunch’ OR ‘Sushi lunch’. If your child does NOT wish to participate, they just bring their normal lunch instead.

*Hot Food Day is Thursday 26 March***

(Money and slip back to classroom teacher please by Thurs 19/3). No late orders will be accepted and NO change will be given. Any extra money enclosed will be treated as a donation.

**As usual, we will need helpers on the morning please.** If you can help, see one of the P&F OR leave your name at the office with Leanne.

Easter Raffle

An Annual Easter Raffle notice was sent home to all families today, seeking Easter donations to make up raffle prizes. No raffle ticket purchase is necessary.

**On Monday 23rd March (on the morning of the raffle draw), we are having a mini working bee in the hall to wrap the prizes.**

Many hands make light work, and toddlers are welcome. Just come along to the hall after drop off. Even if you can only spend an hour or so, that would definitely help.

Prep Family Wine & Cheese Evening

An invitation went home today inviting all of our prep families to a Wine & Cheese Night on Thursday 26th March, from 7 to 8.30pm.

Please return the RSVP on the bottom of the form to your child’s teacher.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Sacred Heart Centenary Fair - Sunday 22 March**

Please come along and join us as we hold our Centenary Fair at 1 Clifton Grove, Preston from 11am to 4pm. There will be attractions such as Vintage Tea with scones, jam and cream, stalls, jumping castle and rides, stalls, music, food, bric-a-brac and much more. All welcome!

**Thornbury High School Yr 7 Information Evening**

Tonight - Thurs 12 March – 7PM, at 238 Collins St, Thornbury. Tour the school and hear from School Captains, students, staff and the Principal Peter Egeberg. Phone 9480 4066 (ext 7).

**Simonds Catholic College** - www.sccmelb.catholic.edu.au

Enrolments for Yr 7 2016 close 20 March 2015. Simonds is a secondary catholic college for boys, with approx 500 students operating across two inner city campuses in West Melbourne & Fitzroy North. For a prospectus, school tour information or enquiries, call Nikki Williams 9321 9206 or (nwilliams@sccmelb.catholic.edu.au)
CLASSROOM CUISINE LUNCH ORDER SERVICE
Lunch orders are Monday & Friday - www.classroomcuisine.com.au

HOLY NAME PLAYGROUP
If you are interested in joining our playgroup, please call Julie (Prep Mum) on 0406 926 228. Playgroup will be held every Wednesday morning commencing in Term 2 at Cleary House (the house next to the staff carpark). Fees are $50 per term.

AFL VICTORIA SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
For children 5 – 8 years (Footy fun day) and children 9 – 12 years (Skills battle), from 9am to 3pm. Venues include: Box Hill, Moorabbin, Mornington, Essendon, Preston, Footscray, Kew, Casey and loads more. A day packed full of footy fun! Test your skills in a mini AFL draft. Visit the website for more details, locations and to register – www.aflvicholidayprograms.com.au

HOOPSMART BASKETBALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP
Mon 30 & Tues 31 March from 9.30am to 3pm at Coburg Basketball Stadium, 25 Outlook Rd, Coburg North. For boys and girls, all levels aged 6 to 14 years. Separate programs are held for beginner, intermediate and advanced with national and international players and coaches. There is a cost involved to participate in this camp (free NBA ball & prizes to be won). Please call 0406 488 313 for more information, or register at hoopsmart.com.au Registrations close 29 March.

RESERVOIR COLTS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
Are seeking new players (boys and girls) – aged 8 to 17 years of age. No previous playing experience necessary. Registration day 14 March, 12noon to 2pm at the ground, Crispe Park, Gloucester St, Reservoir. Training for U12’s and above Tuesday & Friday at 5pm U11’s and below on Wednesday at 5pm. Great facilities, training and community spirit. For further information contact the President Steve 0412 080 065 or Vice President Carmel 0400 847 500. **We also have a great Auskick Program on Wednesdays 5pm from April 15th. http://www.aflauskick.com.au

Reflection of the Week
I know why I am here and my only real focused goal is to live each day to the fullest and to try and honor God and be an encouragement to others. What the future holds is firmly in God’s hands, and I am very happy about that!
Ken Hensley

With today’s newsletter the attachments are:
- Parish News to eldest (white)
- P&F Easter Raffle notice to all families via eldest (white)
- P&F Prep family wine & cheese night invitation to ALL preps (white)
- Prep Class Rep invitation for ‘Fun in the Park’ to ALL preps (white)
CALENDAR OF KNOWN DATES FOR 2015
Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, some dates may need to change.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
YEAR 1 / 2 MASS
Gr1-6 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
WHOLE SCHOOL MASS
PREP 2016 INFORMATION EVENING
P&F HOT FOOD DAY
PREP FAMILY WINE & CHEESE NIGHT
TERM ONE ENDS
TERM TWO COMMENCES
ANZAC DAY PLAY – yr3-6
ANZAC DAY
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
NUDE FOOD DAY
CONFIRMATION
NUDE FOOD DAY
QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
TERM TWO ENDS
TERM THREE COMMENCES
NUDE FOOD DAY
FIRST EUCHARIST DATES
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
BOOK WEEK AUTHOR INCURSION
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
SCHOOL PRODUCTION
NUDE FOOD DAY
TERM THREE ENDS
TERM FOUR COMMENCES
NUDE FOOD DAY
WHOLE SCHOOL TABLOID SPORTS
RECONCILATION
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
GRADE FOUR CAMP
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
NUDE FOOD DAY
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
MON TO FRI 16-20 MARCH
TUES 17 MARCH
WED 18 MARCH 1.00pm finish
FRI 20 MARCH 12noon parents invited
WED 25 MARCH 7.00pm
THURS 26 MARCH
THURS 26 MARCH 7pm
FRI 27 MARCH 1.00pm finish
MON 13 APRIL
TUES 21 APRIL
SAT 25 APRIL
TUESDAY 28 APRIL
THURS 30 APRIL
FRI 1 MAY
TUES 5 MAY
SUN 24 MAY 10.30am
TUES 2 JUNE
MON 8 JUNE
FRI 26 JUNE 1.00pm finish
MON 13 JULY
TUES 4 AUGUST
SUN 16 & 23 AUGUST 10.30am
WED 19 AUGUST 1.00pm finish
MON 17 & TUES 18 AUG (date change)
MON 31 AUGUST
POSSIBLY SECOND LAST WEEK T3
TUES 1 SEPTEMBER
FRI 18 SEPTEMBER
MON 5 OCTOBER
TUES 6 OCTOBER
WED 21 OCTOBER 4pm–7pm
THURS 29 OCTOBER 12 noon
MON 2 NOVEMBER
TUES 3 NOVEMBER
THURS 12 & FRI 13 NOVEMBER
WED 25 NOVEMBER
TUES 1 DECEMBER
WED 16 DECEMBER 1.00pm finish
Extend OSHC at Holy Name Primary School

AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM

COMING SOON

Our team have been working hard on the Autumn Holiday Program and bookings will soon be open. We have heaps of fun activities planned that you won’t want to miss out on! Be sure to check our website for updates and watch this space...

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!


Our weekly recap:
This was a short week at the Program due to the Anzac Public Holiday. Children had lots to share on what they did with the extra day weekend. A lot of outdoor playing for the week was what the children wanted, next week we hope to have some indoor activities planned for the St Patrick’s day “Tuesday”.

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

We are asking all children using the Program to have a hat and leave it in their bags or in the container left at the Program, your choice.

No hat will mean children will only be allowed to play ONLY in the shared area at the Playground.

Next week’s activities:
Monday 16th March
St Patrick Activities-Hat Making
Tuesday 17th March:
Green Pancake making/Games
Wednesday 18th March:
Introducing Traffic Cop Game
Thursday 19th March:
Lawn Bowls Competition
Friday 20th March:
Cooking Experience

NEXT WEEK IS ST PATRICK’S DAY...
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...