Hello Everyone,

**Fete Wrap Up**
What a brilliant event! So many people through the gates, so much positive feedback and so much work from our Parents and Friends Committee. As I woke to the sound of rain, I, like most people, thought Oh No! But the day turned out beautifully, eventually.
The P&F are going to thank many people in their last newsletter tomorrow, but they are the ones that need thanking. It was twelve months in the planning and the last few weeks were hectic. They can feel justified in their pleasure through their exhaustion.
The money banked, (yet to be finalised) is amazing. Money will be given to the school to pay for the new shade structures and paving. It is hard to mention everyone who assisted in organising the fete, but our genuine heartfelt thanks go out to all the parents who coordinated the different facets of the fete. These areas were from the catering, sponsors, stall organising, setting up and pulling down, donations, auctions and the raffle.
Thank you to all the staff who attended and assisted on the day and a special mention to Ian Edwards who labored for days preparing the site.
Hundreds of families worked extremely hard on the day and for this we are very grateful.
As I have said to some of the fete committee, the money raised was terrific, but the community spirit, public relations and sheer joy of the children is worth much more.

**Funfields**
Today we are all at Funfields. The children are genuinely excited by the event. They all watched a safety video before leaving and were jumping out of their skins as they climbed aboard the buses. Thanks to the parent helpers...... I’m sure they’ll be very weary tonight.

**75th Anniversary Mass**
Next Sunday November 30, we are having the last of our celebrations for our 75th Anniversary celebrations with a mass and open school from 10.30am. Many children have a role in the Mass, which is terrific and we encourage all families to attend.

**Year Three Reconciliation**
Last Tuesday, a large number of our Year Three children made their sacrament of Reconciliation. They were very well prepared by Ms Gough, Mr Delaney and Mrs Bregu, and the children were very reverent throughout the ceremony. This is most likely the first sacrament that they remember, so it is a very important step in their Catholic faith journey.
**Parent Helper Morning Tea**

On next Thursday, 27th November, we are inviting all the parents who have helped out in the school in any capacity to attend morning tea with the staff. This is just a very small token of appreciation for all the voluntary work they have done for the school. We hope to see many, many parents in attendance.

**Start Date for Term One in 2015**

We are having a Professional Development day on the first day of Term 1 (Thurs 29th Jan), so **ALL STUDENTS, PREP TO SIX**, will commence school on **FRIDAY 30th JANUARY 2015**.

David Delaney  
Principal

**REC NEWS**

**Congratulations to these students on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time:**

| Venice A | Isabella D | Talia D | Alyssa L | Mikayla M |
| Celina S | Genevieve S | Zara T | Jesse B | Lachlan D |
| David D | Daniel F | Aidan M | Jordan R | Jacob R |
| Eli W | Alyssa C | Mario D | Sienna K | Imogen M |
| Liliana O | Kirsten P | Natalie R | Ada S | Isabella V |
| Charlotte W | Max B | Makaio D | Jordan F | Luke M |
| Alex P | Jimmy T | Luca V | Mia C | Siena B |

On Tuesday, the above students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. In a prayerful ceremony witnessed by many family members, the reconciliation candidates reflected upon their choices and decisions and how these impacted upon others, and their relationship with God. It was obvious from the students’ respect for the ceremony, that they realized this was an important step in their faith journey.

I would like to congratulate our Year Three teachers Ms Gough, Mr Delaney and Mrs Bregu for their diligent work in preparing the students, and Father Peter, for his tireless guidance of our faith community.

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**I would also like to take the opportunity to remind our school community of our very special 75th Anniversary Mass, on Sunday 30th November at 10.30am. I have been enthused with the number of students who have indicated by the return slip, that they wish to be involved in the ceremony. Planning for the Mass is in its final stages, with our goal being a ceremony befitting this very special occasion for our school community, both current and past.**

**We hope to see you there!**
BOOK CLUB NEWS
Due to teething problems with a new computer system, the last issue of bookclub has only just arrived. I have decided not to send home issue 8 in case similar problems occur on this issue, and we do not have the order back by the time the children break up.
However, if there is anyone collecting series, I will have order forms in my room which children can collect and I will put in a small order so no-one is disappointed. Because of the long delay, earlier this week a representative from Scholastic came to school with a bag of books I will pass on to the library. Unfortunately, these things happen, especially in this modern word of technology.
Thanks for understanding.
Sue Torney
Book Club Organiser
*** PS Scholastic Warehouse Sale is next Thursday 27th Nov and Friday 28th November. All are welcome. Books range from $1 upwards. They are situated at 9-11 Northern Road, West Heidelberg.

PREP TO TWO SWIM BAGS FOR SALE
If you wish to purchase a Holy Name swim bag for your swimming child, please come to the office. They are $13 each (not compulsory, just an item for sale to make your life easier!)

LIBRARY REMINDER
All library books must be returned to the Library by Thursday 4th December please.
No borrowing after this date for children until next year. All missing/lost books must be paid for, so make sure your child looks carefully for any outstanding books.
Thank you,
Gordana, Library Technician

BOUNCE BACK AWARD WINNERS
Congratulations to last week’s bounce back winners -
PrepB Sonny C
PrepH Xavier P
1B Nicholas B & Isaac B
1Z Samuel C
2C Zara B
2N Charles R
3D Angela T (grown-up person!)
3G Imogen M & Ryan C
4B Chris D
4F Jessica F
4P Montana T
5G Daniel P
5M Justin E
6L Jackson F
6M Michael H

P.S. Don’t forget to check out our honour board in the Office Corridor
GRADE ONE CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER - TUES 16 DEC
Last Friday (or Monday), a Grade One Christmas party notice (being organised by the Class Reps), was sent home to all Gr1 students. If your child was away and didn’t get the notice, please pick one up from the office.

MINI VINNIES
Dear Parents,
Thanks to those who have already sent in a donation for the Christmas Hampers. **We are asking each grade to bring the following items if possible please:**
- Preps - lollies OR chocolates or sweets
- Ones - chips or soft drink
- Twos - fruit cake or long-life custard
- Threes - shortbreads or biscuits or mince tarts
- Fours - lollies OR chocolates or sweets
- Fives - fruit cake or long-life custard
- Sixes - shortbreads or biscuits or mince tarts
**Items can be left in the classrooms to be collected by Mini Vinnies**
We are very grateful for the contributions made to this very worthy cause.
Many thanks for your ongoing support, Maureen G, Mary P. and the Mini Vinnies

P&F NEWS

***Fete News***

A HUGE THANK YOU to the P&F, Staff, Volunteers and Families for making this year’s Fete such a success.
From the planning committee, the Saturday set-up volunteers, the stall helpers, the counters, and the pack-up crew, everyone’s help was fantastic!
Please check your eldest child’s bag tomorrow for the Final Fete newsletter and thank you’s!

ELECTION DAY BBQ
As you may be aware, our Hall is a voting centre, and on Election Day, Saturday 29th November, we are holding a BBQ outside the hall. If anyone can help out during the day, anytime from 7.30am to 6.00pm, could you please contact me on 0439 300 398. Thank you,
Joanna Apostolopoulos, P&F Committee

COMMUNITY NEWS
St Gabriel’s Election Day Fete - Saturday 29 November from 9am to 3pm
It must be Fete season for schools....... because St Gabriel’s Primary School, 237 Spring St, Reservoir (enter via Viola Street) is holding one too! There will be rides, jumping castle, sausage sizzle, BBQ breakfast & lunch, cake stall, coffee, lots of market stalls, face painting, art show and lots more! For stall info, contact Dominique 0433 434 656 or stgabrielsprimary@outlook.com
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

Some changes to the coming week activities: Thursday 13th November we are now having Hole Punching Craft experience and Dakota Netball experience date has been changed to 20th November.

Depending on the numbers on Thursday 20th November we have planned a Netball Game where Dakota T will teach the children this game.
Also if possible we will attempt to make Necklace cookies.

Next week’s activities:
Monday 24 November:
Hacky sack balls
Tuesday 25th November:
Wink Assassin
Wednesday 26th November:
Simpson Game/Hawaiian Lei Craft
Thursday 27th November:
In the Garden Art
Friday 28th November:
Uno cards Minute to win it