

**HOLY NAME SCHOOL
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Hello Everyone,

Prayer Service for Asylum Seekers

Fr Peter, Mr Tierney and I attended a prayer service last Tuesday, highlighting the plight of 267 asylum seekers currently living in Australia and under the threat of being deported to Nauru. This number includes around 12 children who were born in this country. I don't usually get political in the newsletter, but this to me and Fr Peter, is a total injustice and against the values of a multi-cultural country.

Prep Families Wine and Cheese Night

Next Tuesday night, commencing at 7.00pm and concluding at 8.30pm. Children are welcome to attend, they will be supervised by staff in another room. This is a great opportunity to meet new families and hopefully start to develop some long term relationships with other people, as part of the Holy Name community. Thank you to the Parents & Friends Association for organising this event. Please return the RSVP on the bottom of the form to your child's teacher tomorrow, if you haven't already done so.

Chocolate Drive

Boxes went home today. This is a major fundraiser for the school and I hope you support it by buying the box, or if you can sell more than one box, that would be fantastic. Thanks to the band of mums and Dennis, who boxed up the chocolates this morning.

For those who opted not to take a box, and who sent in a donation instead, we thank you.

School Tours

Enrolment tours for 2017 have already started. If you know of any family interested in sending their children to school here next year, could you encourage them to contact the office and book a tour before the end of term. For Holy Name families with children due to start Prep in 2017, come to the office to collect an enrolment form.

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'. We want all families to read the newsletter each week, so you know what's happening at the school. So many times we hear parents remark that they didn't know about something important, when it has been prominent in the newsletter for two or 3 weeks!

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.

<http://www.ccinsurance.org.au/insurance/products/schoolcare.htm>
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I encourage all families to have their own private health insurance. All families especially need to have ambulance cover.

Class Representatives

We now have class reps for the following grades - PD, 1B, 1Z, 3F, 3G, 4B, 6K, 6L & 6P

**We are still seeking reps for the following grades :
PI, 2C, 2M, 4C, 5D & 5N.**

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.

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 encourage families to attend Parents and Friends functions and assist with the collection of goods and other activities surrounding the fete. The Reps also let the office know of any births, deaths or marriages! They also circulate a class contact list. If you would like to be considered to be a Rep, please let **Leanne** (not the teacher), know ASAP.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION INFORMATION

Dear Year Six Parents,

Reminder that applications for Year 7 at Catholic Secondary colleges are due by 26th February, 2016. 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.

2016 Acceptable Use Internet Permission forms

Every child from Gr1 to 6 brought home the 2016 Internet Agreement booklet. Pages 9,10 & 11 must be completed and signed and returned to your child's classroom teacher please by Friday 26th February.

Thank you to

Vince Mercuri (grandfather of Joshua & Mia) for his great work in re-cementing the bluestone edging blocks. On behalf of the students and school community, thank you!

David Delaney,
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Opening of the School Year Mass

Last Sunday, our school and parish community celebrated our beginning of the school year, with a special celebration of the Eucharist. Our theme, "Celebrating a Year of Mercy", originated from Pope Francis's declaration of this year, being a year of mercy. Pope Francis has asked that as a Christian community, we celebrate the endless mercy of Jesus Christ, and remind us of our own mission, to follow in Jesus's footsteps and try and be people of mercy.

Our Mass was a spirit filled occasion, with nearly seventy families in attendance and over thirty students having an integral role in the liturgy. It was fantastic to see nearly all our new Year Prep students in attendance with their parents, as they were warmly welcomed into our community. The bright balloons given to each Year Prep, were a symbol of our joy at having these boys and girls becoming new members of our community.

I would like to thank Father Peter for again being such a warm and nurturing leader of our community's faith journey and to Natalie Oman, for her tireless work in organising music and songs for our liturgies.

St Patrick's Mass for Refugees

Father Peter, Mr Delaney and myself attended a special liturgy at St Patricks cathedral on Tuesday, at which the congregation gathered to pray for refugees across the world and in particular, those who are being held in detention centres in Australia before being deported to detention on the Island of Nauru. Of course, this policy means that many children are being held in detention, including some who have been born into this harsh environment. Many schools were represented by both staff and a small cohort of students. Other Christian organisations were also in attendance. Bishop Long, himself a "boatperson" in the early 80s and who was the main celebrant, reminded all, that as Christians, we are called to look after the less fortunate in our community. He called upon all Australians and our Federal Government in particular, to show more compassion for those who are fleeing from war and discrimination.

For any members of our community who are interested, there is a "**Walk for Refugees**" on Palm Sunday, March 20th. The walk begins at 2pm and commences at the State Library. A poster advertising the event is posted at the school entrance.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR HEALTH CARE CARD/PENSION CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS

If you hold a current and valid Health Care card/pension concession or are a foster parent OR Veteran Affairs pensioner, you are eligible to apply for the Education Department CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund) for your primary school student. CSEF is \$125 per year paid to the school and can ONLY be used for camp/excursion/incursion type activities. Application forms are available from the school office and we would like all forms to be returned BEFORE 29 February, so payments can be received around March.



2016 ANNUAL FEES & LEVIES STATEMENT

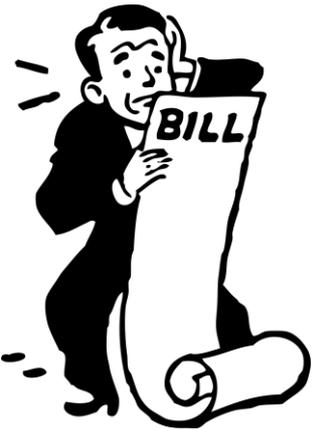
All families should have received their 2016 annual fees / levies statement either by email or post, last week.

The levy for this year per child is \$285, which has been broken into \$220 levy & \$65 excursion levy on your statement.

Payment methods are cash, cheque, Bpay, direct debit (come in to collect a form), EFTPOS or credit card in person/over phone to Leanne.

Also, the Grade Five & Six camp (\$300), must be paid for PRIOR to the child departing for camp, unless prior arrangements have been made with the Principal.

***If you are eligible and have already applied for 2016 CSEF government funding by completing and lodging your form at the school office by Feb 29, we will apply CSEF towards your child's camp, just let us know, as you will then only pay the camp levy minus \$125.*



REMINDER ABOUT OUR 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.**



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

TOMORROW is the last day to order Bookclub for this issue. If you wish to order, please return your form (and money) 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.



STUDENT BANKING

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!).



**WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME 11:00AM - 11:40AM
FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 4, 5 & 6**

BOUNCE BACK AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to this week's bounce back winners:

PrepD	No award this week
PrepI	No award this week
1B	Marcus C
1Z	Dylan G
2C	Peter P
2M	Alessio C
3F	Imogen Y
3G	Eva M
4B	Emilio P
4C	Evan H
5D	Teacher absent
5N	Sienna K
6K	Ariana P
6L	Angelique A
6P	Dante M



P.S. Don't forget to check out our honour board in the Office Corridor

UNIFORM ITEMS FOR SALE AT THE OFFICE

The school office has legionnaires hats only for \$10 and replacement sunglasses for \$15.



ICY POLE SALES FOR TERM ONE

Started earlier this week..... Not that we have had much warm weather, however the children have still been eager to purchase a treat.

Thank you to the small group of mums who have volunteered to sell, we really appreciate you giving up your time.

** If it is cold and raining, we do not sell icy poles.

The products and prices are:

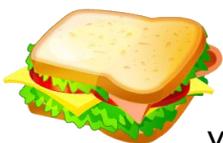
***Prices:	Icy Twists (lemonade) -	\$1.20
	Mini Calippo (rasp/pine flavour) -	\$1.00
	Paddle pops (choc, banana, rainbow)	\$1.30

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.*

CLASSROOM CUISINE LUNCH ORDERS – MONDAY & FRIDAY

Go to the website classroomcuisine.com.au and have a look at the great menu offered. **(Today we have sent home a printed copy of the menu, via your eldest child, for you to keep on hand).**



**Don't forget to log in and update your child's 2016 grade. Just a reminder that the ordering system *really* does close at 8.30am! (If your child doesn't go to school on the day of the ordered lunch, you can simply use the cancel option).

ORDER ACADEMY UNIFORMS ONLINE - academyuniforms.com.au

If you want to order online or by phone with your credit card, Academy will deliver the item to the school for free. If you choose to order online, our password is - reservoir

PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE NEWS

The following committee roles have been filled :

- Chairperson Diana Napoletano
- Assistant Chairperson Dafina Zdravkovski
- Treasurer Joanna Apostolopoulos
- Assistant Treasurer Maria Palbas
- Secretary Bernadette D'Angelo
- Assistant Secretary Bec Smarrelli

In addition to the above committee, this year we have put in place a separate Fete Committee

They are :

- Fete Coordinators Vicky Sartor & Santina Doucas
- Treasurer Joanna Apostolopoulos
- Secretary TBA**
- Roster Coordinator Lina Doupe & Lisa Benetti
- Donations & Silent Auctions Coordinator Scott Harding
- Stage Coordinator Patrick Evans
- Rides Coordinator Maria Mereos
- Internal Stall Coordinator Diana Napoletano
- External Stall Coordinator Maria Palbas
- Food Coordinator TBA**
- Grounds Coordinator Vicky Sartor & Santina Doucas
- Communications Coordinator TBA**
- Sponsorship Coordinator Melanie Meehan

***You will note that there are still a few roles (highlighted in green) that need to be filled.

If you are interested in taking on any of these roles (or would like to ask what is required), please contact Vicky Sartor on 0423 719 364 or email vicky@previewblinds.com.au

**We encourage anyone in the community who would like to help out at the Fete, to attend our meetings or contact Vicky.

P&F Easter Egg Chocolate Drive



Today, your eldest child brought home your Cadbury Easter Egg Chocolate Drive box of chocolate goodies! (Unless you sent back an 'opt-out' slip). The box contains assorted Cadbury egg packets and some Cadbury Variety bars, totalling \$60 per box. All prices are printed on a sticker on the box) and there is a notice inside. Prizes will be awarded to the families who sell the most amount of boxes during the drive!

A HUGE thank you to the small band of parents who collated and delivered the boxes to the children today.

Thank you in anticipation,
Maria Palbas, on behalf of the P & F Committee



PARISH THANKSGIVING

Please contact Carolyn 9471 0832 to pay by credit card over the phone, or drop back your envelope to the Parish.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST MONICA'S COLLEGE EPPING – MORNING TEA WITH PRINCIPAL

You are invited to attend a Morning Tea with the Principal and take a tour of the College on the following dates, beginning at 9.30am from the Theatre of All Nations, Dalton Road Campus: Fri 19/2, Wed 24/2, Thur 25/2 & Fri 26/2. To make a booking go to www.stmonicas-epping.com/mtwtp or contact the Registrar, Mrs Sinopoli on 9409 8444 or email registrar@stmonicas-epping.com

Enrolments are currently being accepted for Year 7, 2017-2018.

** A reminder that Yr 7, 2017 enrolments close Friday 26 Feb, 2016.

DAREBIN COMMUNITY HEALTH – CHILD DENTAL BENEFIT SCHEME

Your child may be eligible for \$1,000 worth of free basic dental treatment if they are aged between 2 – 17 years AND you receive Family Tax Benefit A or any other relevant Government payments.

If you are eligible for the CDBS there is **no** out of pocket expenses, Darebin Community Health is based at three locations: Northcote – 42 Separation St. Phone 9403 1200

PANCH Preston – 300 Bell St. Phone 9485 9000

East Reservoir – 125 Blake St. Phone 8470 1111 (hours vary site to site)

** Just call one of the locations for further details.

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)
- Gr5&6 NGV excursion permission notice to ALL Gr5&6 students (pink)
- 2016 Internet Acceptable Use information book (incl forms to be completed) to EVERY child Gr1 to 6 (white)
- **P&F Easter Egg Choc Drive box to eldest (unless you opted out)**
- Classroom Cuisine menu to eldest (white)
- Catholic Schools Guide to eldest in Gr2 to 6
- Notice to all GrPrep parents re newsletter (small orange)
- Grade Four Friendship List notice to ALL Gr4 students (white)

Calendar of Known Dates

Reminder - some dates may need to change & dates will be added

TERM ONE

PREP PARENT WINE & CHEESE NIGHT TUES 23 FEB *(note date change)*

PDPSSA SWIM CARNIVAL	WED 24 FEB
PREPS START FULL TIME	MON 29 FEB
NUDE FOOD DAY	TUES 1 MARCH
YEAR 5&6 CAMP AT PHILIP ISLAND	WED-FRI 2-4 MARCH
LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	MON 14 MARCH
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS	THURS 10 MARCH (1.00pm finish)
PREP 2017 INFORMATION EVENING	MON 21 MARCH
END OF TERM ONE	THURS 24 MARCH (1.00pm finish)

TERM TWO

TERM TWO COMMENCES	MON 11 APRIL
GR3 GYMNASTICS COMMENCES	FRI 15 APRIL
SCHOOL PHOTOS	TUES 19 APRIL (2 nd week Term 2)
ANZAC DAY (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)	MON 25 APRIL
MATHS NIGHT	WED 27 APRIL
NUDE FOOD DAY	TUES 3 MAY
LIFE ED VAN STARTS	THURS 5 MAY
MOTHERS' DAY PRAYER SERVICE	THURS 5 MAY (evening 7pm)
NAPLAN	TUES 10 TO THURS 12 MAY
YEAR FOUR CAMP	THURS 12 & FRI 13 MAY
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS	MON 16 & TUES 17 MAY
CROSS COUNTRY	WED 18 MAY
YEAR SIX CONFIRMATION	SUN 22 MAY
NUDE FOOD DAY	TUES 7 JUNE
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	MON 13 JUNE
MID YEAR REPORTS GO HOME	FRI 17 JUNE
END OF TERM TWO	FRI 24 JUNE (1.00pm finish)

TERM THREE

TERM THREE COMMENCES	MON 11 JULY
GRANDPARENT'S DAY	FRI 29 JULY
NUDE FOOD DAY	TUES 2 AUGUST
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS	THURS 25 AUGUST (1.00pm finish)
YEAR FOUR COMMUNION	SUN 28 AUGUST
FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST	FRI 2 SEPT
NUDE FOOD DAY	TUES 6 SEPT
END OF TERM THREE	FRI 16 SEPT (1.00pm finish)

TERM FOUR

TERM FOUR COMMENCES	MON 3 OCT
NUDE FOOD DAY	TUES 4 OCT
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY	MON 31 OCT
MELB CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	TUES 1 NOV
PREP 2017 INFORMATION EVENING	WED 2 NOV
FIRST PREP ORIENTATION SESSION	TUES 8 NOV
REMEMBRANCE DAY	FRI 11 NOV
HOLY NAME FETE	SUN 13 NOVEMBER
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY	MON 14 NOV
SECOND PREP ORIENTATION SESSION	TUES 15 NOV
THIRD PREP ORIENTATION SESSION	TUES 22 NOV
PREP TO TWO SWIM PROGRAM BEGINS	MON 5 DEC
NUDE FOOD DAY	TUES 6 DEC
CAROLS NIGHT	THURS 8 DEC
END OF YEAR REPORTS GO HOME	FRI 9 DEC
YEAR SIX GRADUATION EVENING TO BE ADVISED	FRI 16 DEC
PREP TO TWO SWIM ENDS	FRI 16 DEC
END OF SCHOOL YEAR	FRI 16 DEC (1.00pm finish)



Extend OHSC at Holy Name Primary School



Welcome back!

We hope you have had a fantastic summer holiday and are looking forward to the exciting opportunities that 2016 will bring.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of familiar faces at After School Care and to welcoming lots of new faces as well.

Existing Families

Don't forget to manage your 2016 bookings.

Last year's bookings do not roll over so log on to the parent portal NOW to secure your bookings for 2016.

You can book for the entire term or year or even book specific dates.

New Families - 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

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

We have mobile phone that you can text or leave phone messages if you need to contact the Educator of the Program for whatever reason during operation hours. **Mob: 0439 555 875.**

Recap of the week

This week we did "Dye Flowers", we got all sorts of colours changing the flower. We also made white and dark chocolate in shapes of Love Hearts and a Racing Car too. The boys liked the idea of Racing Car shape chocolate. We also had Leah W joining us from Duke of Ed.

Activities

Monday 22nd February

Using Bodies to form the Alphabet

Tuesday 23rd February

Using Buttons and Balloon Bowl

Wednesday 24th February

Jenga Game Competition

Thursday 25th February

Stones for Eyes

Friday 26th February

Fridge Magnets

NOTE:

In coming weeks we will be having Children from Santa Maria college joining us in Term 1 to do their Community Service Duke of Ed.