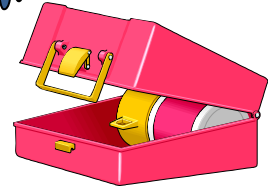


**HOLY NAME SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER NO. 1  
2 FEBRUARY 2017**

Welcome to 2017



School website [www.hnpe.catholic.edu.au](http://www.hnpe.catholic.edu.au)

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to school and a special welcome to all our new families joining the school.

In addition to our thirty-one new preps, we welcome new student Evie W (1Z) and her parents Alicia & David to Holy Name.

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

It has been a very smooth start to the year. The staff and children are quickly into a working environment.

You will receive a level notice and curriculum letter/overview in the next two weeks, 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.

The testing regime over the last two days went very well and this gives our teachers valuable information as they prepare to teach your child.

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.

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

### ***Specialist Classes***

These classes commence next week. This year we will be teaching Italian to all children in a dedicated classroom. This program will be run by Miss Amanda Pacella and we welcome Mrs Maria Buttifant to the role of Performing Arts teacher. This is a big year for her as it is production year.

### ***Assembly***

Assembly this year has changed to 3.00pm on Monday. Awards will be presented and parents are most welcome to attend.

### ***Bourke Street Tragedy***

The children may have seen disturbing images over the last few weeks following the tragedy in Bourke Street. If they are showing concerns over this, it is very important to talk to them about this and reassure them that they are safe. The State Government have put out a website that will help parents counsel their children.

### ***Opening School Mass***

We welcome the school year with a Mass on Saturday 18 February at 6.00pm. All families, no matter what religious denomination, are invited to attend. Father Peter is very keen to connect with as many families as possible.

Prep families are especially welcome, as we as a school community introduce them into our school.

### ***Parking & Children's Safety***

The Darebin Council, after many years of lobbying, have finally installed a pedestrian crossing in McColl Street. It is located up near the Church.

Parking restrictions will be enforced between 8.00-9.00am and 3.00-4.00pm. Please do not cross McColl Street unless using the crossing.

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.

Camp Australia only accepts enrolments ONLINE [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au). 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. 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, movie & pancake session at Northland, or a family dinner at somewhere like Zagame's. Class 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***

Next Friday, our students in Years Five and Six start their involvement in the Preston District interschool sport competition. This will continue each Friday throughout Terms One and Two.

\*\*Dancing classes for Year Five and Six start tomorrow\*\*

### ***Parents and Friends Committee***

At the end of last year there was a changing of the guard for the P&F with many long standing members either leaving the school or standing down. We do need a vibrant committee and we desperately need new members to join and continue the magnificent work of previous committees. If you are interested and want more details, please speak to me or a member who has previously been part of the committee. The first meeting will be in the next few weeks and you'll be notified of this.

### ***Reading the Newsletter***

Don't forget to download the Holy Name Primary School free tiqbiz app on your smartphone/Ipad and read the newsletter EVERY Thursday afternoon. The newsletter is also available on our Holy Name school website. You may also request the newsletter to be emailed to you, (send Leanne a request – office@hnpe.catholic.edu.au) If you are unsure of the app, please see Leanne in the office or myself.

### ***Greenlight Music***

Music lessons are ready to start and Mr Chris Borg has been thrilled with the amount of interest in his program. He has contracted instructors to deliver the program and their details are on the Greenlight website.

### ***Classroom Cuisine Lunch Service***

Due to the low number of students using the service, Classroom Cuisine have discontinued their service to our school. They have signed on much larger and profitable schools closer to their area, and could no longer guarantee to get our small amount of lunch orders here on time, and children waiting around for 20 mins into lunchtime without food is not ideal for our students or Classroom Cuisine's brand.

### ***Change of Afternoon Play***

Due to a change of specialist timetable this year, we have changed the afternoon break time. Students will now have second play at 1.30 to 1.55pm. Class begins at 2.00pm. (Previously 1.50 to 2.20pm)

### ***Parent Facebook Groups***

Our school does not encourage Facebook group pages for parent groups, however, if your child's year level does wish to have a Facebook group, there must be a moderator who is checking it regularly.

Under no circumstances are parents to post comments regarding teachers, staff or other families, and we ask that you not 'guess' answers to questions other parents ask online. This is the way false information spreads. Please see me, teaching staff or the office with your queries.

### ***Known Dates for 2017***

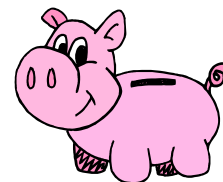
Please see page six of the newsletter for *KNOWN* dates so far.

Be aware that sometimes the published dates need to change, so you will need to check the date calendar weekly, for added dates and updates.

David Delaney  
Principal

## STUDENT BANKING

Student banking resumes NEXT Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.  
If you would like to open an account for your child, please collect a form from the office.



## FIRST AID FOR STUDENTS WITH ANAPHYLAXIS / ASTHMA

1. All students diagnosed with Anaphylaxis and/or Asthma must have a current (no older than 2 years from the date signed off) Anaphylaxis and/or Asthma management plan, prepared by a doctor. This current plan(s) must be provided to the school (teacher).
2. All students diagnosed with Anaphylaxis and/or Asthma requiring an EpiPen / EpiPen Junior and/or Ventolin for their respective management plan, will purchase their own privately, and have it available for use at all times whilst under the care of Holy Name Primary School Staff. The EpiPen should be in a clearly labelled/named sturdy container /or zip pouch which is able to be taken with them on excursions etc.
3. The Parent / Guardian will be responsible to ensure the EpiPen / EpiPen Junior & or Ventolin has not exceeded its expiry date.

## IMPORTANT NEWS FOR HEALTH CARE CARD/PENSION CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS

Application forms for the Education Department CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund) for this year are at the office on the counter.

If you were **eligible as at the 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2017** (holder of a current and valid Health Care card/pension concession or are a foster parent OR Veteran Affairs pensioner), you can apply for your primary school student. CSEF payment is \$125 per year paid directly to the school and can **ONLY** be used for camp/excursion/incursion type activities.

We would like all forms to be returned BEFORE 28 February, so that payments will be received at school around March.

## LOST PROPERTY BASKET

Is located in the office corridor (near the passageway to the staff amenities).

Please make sure you NAME every item of clothing clearly. It makes it easier for your child or yourself to find the missing item. Items not named (and unclaimed) at the end of the year form part of the second hand uniform sale.

## PARISH THANKSGIVING

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

## UNIFORM ITEMS FOR SALE AT THE OFFICE

The school office has legionnaires hats for \$11 and replacement sunglasses for \$15.

Also house colour t-shirts (all colours & sizes @\$8 each)



## **ORDER ACADEMY UNIFORMS ONLINE - [academyuniforms.com.au](http://academyuniforms.com.au)**

If you order online (our password is – reservoir), or by phone with your credit card, Academy will deliver the item to the school, at no extra cost.

### ***Reflection of the Week***

*Some people drink at the fountain of knowledge,  
others just gargle.*

#### **With today's newsletter the attachments are:**

- Grade 3 classroom organisation letter to all Gr3 parents via student (green)
- Parade College magnetic calendar to all Gr4 & 5 boys
- Kelly Sports Hip Hop Heroes lunchtime program for Prep to 4 (white)

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **PARADE COLLEGE – OPEN DAY - SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY**

We invite you to come along and view the facilities at our Bundoora & Preston Campuses.

Preston Campus, 8 Clifton Grove - 10am to 2pm

Bundoora Campus, 1436 Plenty Road - 11am to 3pm

Open Day registration via - [www.parade.vic.edu.au](http://www.parade.vic.edu.au)

### **ST MONICA'S COLLEGE, EPPING - [www.stmonicas-epping.com](http://www.stmonicas-epping.com)**

You are invited to attend a Morning Tea with the Principal. This is an excellent opportunity to see our facilities and to learn more about the values of a Monican Education.

#### **Dates for Term 1, 2017**

Monday 6 February, 9.30am, Wednesday 8 February, 9.30am, Thursday 9 February, 9.30am

Friday 17 February, 9.30am, Thursday 23 February, 9.30am

Tours commence from The Theatre of All Nations, Dalton Road Campus.

To make a booking online visit [www.stmonicas-epping.com](http://www.stmonicas-epping.com)

For further information please contact the College Registrar, Mrs Enza Sinopoli 9409 8444 or email [registrar@stmonicas-epping.com](mailto:registrar@stmonicas-epping.com)

Enrolments are currently being accepted for Year 7, 2018 - 2019.

2018 enrolments will close on Friday 17 February, 2017.

2019 enrolments will close on Friday 25 August, 2017.

HORIZONS Accelerated Learning Program is offered at Year 7 Level.

## **SEALPONY FOOTBALL**

SealPony Football is a developmental & participation program that introduces boys and girls aged between 5–10 to the game of football (soccer). It focuses on teaching the basic/intermediate skills. \* Fun games & activities \* Great giveaways. For more information, call Joe (0415-388-028) or visit [www.sealpony.com.au](http://www.sealpony.com.au)

Time: Every Sunday Morning Starting Date: 12 March 2017

Finishing Date: 28 May 2017 Registration Date: Sat 10 - 11 am 4 March

Address: James Street Reserve, Heidelberg Heights 3081

# **Calendar of Known Dates for 2017**

**Reminder – some dates may need to change**

## **FEBRUARY**

Year 5&6 Dance lessons commence      Fri 3  
Swim trials (Gr4,5&6)                      Wed 15  
Opening School Mass                        Sat 18 (6.00pm)

## **MARCH**

Ash Wednesday Mass                      Wed 1 (9.00am in Church)  
District Swimming Carnival              Wed 1  
Preps start full time                        Mon 6  
Nude Food Day                              Tues 7  
Year 5 & 6 Camp                            Wed 8 to Fri 10  
Labour Day Holiday                        Mon 13  
Parent Teacher Interviews                Thurs 16 (1.00pm finish)  
Prep 2018 Information Night              Mon 20  
Whole School Photos                        Wed 22  
End of Term                                 Fri 31 (1.00pm finish)

## **APRIL**

Term Two commences                      Tues 18  
Yr 3 & 4 Gymnastics starts                Fri 21  
School Closure Days for Review  
( – Staff Conference)                      Thurs 27 & Fri 28

## **MAY**

Nude Food Day                              Tues 2  
Yr5&6 Basket Supper                      Thurs 4 (evening)  
NAPLAN                                        Tues 9 to Thurs 11  
Mother's Day Prayer Service              Thurs 11  
Cross Country                                Wed 17  
Confirmation                                Sun 21 (10.30am)

## **JUNE**

Nude Food Day                              Tues 6  
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday        Mon 12  
Reports go home                            Fri 23  
Parent Teacher Interviews                Thurs 29 (1.00pm finish)  
End of Term                                 Fri 30 (1.00pm finish)

## **JULY**

Start Term Three                          Mon 17  
Grandparents/Special Friends Day      Fri 28

## **AUGUST**

Nude Food Day                              Tue 1  
First Communion                          Sun 20 (10.30am)  
Book Week Author visit                  Mon 21  
District Athletics                          Thurs 31

## **SEPTEMBER**

Nude Food Day                              Tues 5  
Whole School Production                Thurs 14  
End of Term                                 Fri 22 (1.00pm finish)

## **OCTOBER**

Start Term Four Mon 9  
Nude Food Day Tues 10

## **NOVEMBER**

Reconciliation Thurs 2  
School Closure Day Mon 6  
Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday Tues 7  
School Closure Day Wed 8  
Prep 2018 Information Night Mon 13  
1<sup>st</sup> Prep Orientation Tues 14  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prep Orientation Tues 21  
Whole School Sports Carnival Thurs 23  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prep Orientation Tues 28

## **DECEMBER**

Prep to Two Swim Program starts Mon 4  
Nude Food Day Tues 5  
Year Four Camp Thurs 7 & Fri 8  
End of Term Fri 22 (1.00pm finish)

***\*\*Assembly is on Mondays, beginning 3.00pm.***

**Children's Lunch & Afternoon break times: (note the change)**

**10.50am – children eat in classroom**

**11.00 – 11.45am– children play outside & 11.50am class begins**

**1.30 – 1.55pm - children play outside & 2.00pm class begins**

***(If it is raining, or the temperature is 32 and above, all children remain inside under teacher supervision)***