

HOLY NAME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO. 4 23 FEBRUARY 2017

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Hello everyone,

Start of School Year Mass

Last Saturday night, we had a wonderfully full church for our beginning school year Mass. I said on the night that Fr Peter would be thrilled if the church was like that every Saturday night. Mr Tierney did a great job in the organising and the children who participated were superb. I hope the preps who attended, enjoyed the experience and celebration afterward. Thanks to the Parents and Friends Association for organising the celebration after Mass for our Prep families.

Open Morning

Next Tuesday between 9 -12.00noon, we are throwing open the doors of the school for an Open Morning. Please feel free to wander through the school as it is working and see what the children get up to on a daily basis. We are particularly encouraging new families to witness what a great school we have.

Ash Wednesday

The whole school will be attending Mass next Wednesday to celebrate Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Mass will commence at 9.00am, and parents are welcome to attend.

District Swimming

Next Wednesday is the District Swimming Carnival at the Northcote pool. We will be sending a very enthusiastic team, with high hopes for personal bests. Representing the school is a huge honour and I'm sure these children will do us proud.

Prep Tours

We are starting to get some good enquiries for school tours for 2018 Prep. If you have a child due to start next year in Prep, you can get an enrolment form from Leanne.

Parent Agreement Clarification

A couple of parents have questioned a few items on the new Parental Agreement form. Firstly, it was distributed because new enrolments for prep next year will receive the form.

The first point about participating in all religious activities, simply means attending Religion classes and services. Obviously non-Catholic children do not make their sacraments, so they will be excluded from this. The second item concerns paying school fees by the end of Term Three, once again parents on direct debit or payment plans are excluded. We have always asked for school fees to be paid by the end of October.



Thirdly, the permission to attend local excursions covers the school if we take the children outside to count cars for example, or if we have a bomb threat and need to evacuate to Preston Primary. The older children already have a permission form to walk to Ruthven Reserve for inter-school sport.

If the children do participate on an excursion, we do require parent permission and hopefully later in the year, this will be done electronically through the Tiqbiz App.

The Agreement will be placed onto our website and parents will get a yearly reminder.

P&F Committee 2017

Congratulations to our new P&F Committee for 2017. All positions have now been filled and we have a good number of general committee members. I'm sure it will be another very successful year for the committee..... *(details on page four of this newsletter)*

David Delaney
Principal

FROM THE REL

Opening of the School Year Mass



Last Saturday evening, our school and parish community celebrated our beginning of the school year, with a special celebration of the Eucharist. The theme for our Mass was, "Celebrating a Year of Hope".

Our two school leaders, Kirsten and Jimmy, welcomed the gathered congregation and asked all present to pray that our year be one of hope.

On behalf of the congregation, they asked God to help us to have trust, courage and faith, both in ourselves and each other, so that we can aspire to help make Holy Name School become an even better community.

Our Mass was a spirit filled occasion, with nearly eighty families in attendance and over forty 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.

A new initiative this year, was having our Year Five students give their Year Prep buddies the balloon. It was great to have so many Year Five students in attendance

I would like to thank Father Peter for again being such a warm and nurturing leader of our community's faith journey and to Elvira Pileggi, for her tireless work in organising such beautiful music and songs for our liturgy. Elvira and her musicians added to the occasion with music and song that befitted the joyous occasion.

Ash Wednesday/Lent

Next Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. All students from Year One to Year Six will be attending the parish **Ash Wednesday** celebration. Mass commences at **9.00am**, and all parents and friends are warmly welcomed to join our students and other parishioners, at this significant event in our faith calendar.

In the coming days, each of the classes will be reflecting upon the season of Lent, and its challenges for us all, as people of faith. The students will be looking at the role of prayer in their daily lives, as well as the importance of making decisions that will bring them closer to Jesus, during these forty days of Lent.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Thank you to those who volunteered after last week's newsletter plea...

We now only need reps for 3F, 4B, 5H & 5M

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered so far –

PF Susy Perizzolo & Lucy Wilson

PI Kelly Johnson (Gakios) & Danie Nathan

1B Sandra Horton

1Z Chessy Borrelli (De Sensi)

2C Jackie Di Stefano & Rachel Reckerman & Vesna Stefanovski

2M Maria Kolimackovski & Vesna Stefanovski

3F -----

3G Kathy Moysiadis & Vittoria Montesano-Sloan

4B -----

4C Jackie Di Stefano & Maria Kolimackovski

5H -----

5M -----

6K Meri Ristevski & Marianna Kotoulas & Josie Franco

6L Danie De Santis & Leanne Chatziopoulos

If you would like to volunteer as a Rep, please let Leanne know.

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 & coffee, or a family dinner at a local venue. Reps also let the office know of any births, deaths or marriages!



eSmart

This week's tip:

Most children won't tell a parent/teacher if they are being bullied or harassed online because they worry that they will lose internet access. When discussing internet use, don't threaten total disconnection.

Make sure your children understand that they won't get into trouble if they tell you about a problem.

P&F COMMITTEE NEWS

Congratulations and thank you to our Committee Members for 2017.

They are:

Chairperson: Vicky Sartor
Assistant Chairperson: Jackie Di Stefano
Treasurer: Daniela Nathan-Caon
Assistant Treasurer: Marcie Atanasovski
Secretary: Celia Date
Assistant Secretary: Bernadette D'Angelo

General Members:

Doniya Foundoglou, Susy Perizzolo, Maria Palbas, Di Napoletano, Melanie Meehan, Joanna Apostolopoulos, Silvana Cassar, Frances Monteleone, Josie Di Iorio, Alissa Mitchell, Lucy Wilson, Ange Gangi, Santina Doucas, Karine Larche, Jo Costanzo, Carolina Pachioli

It was fabulous to have some new faces attend the meeting and to nominate themselves for some of the main roles.

We also had some new ideas suggested, which we will be looking into.

We look forward to a productive and fun year, which we'd love you all to be part of.

If anyone would like to be a General Member, please email me with your name, mobile number and email address as soon as possible please, so we can add you to the committee and new 2017 distribution list.

(We're starting a new distribution list so people from previous years aren't inundated with emails).

Another P&F meeting will be organised shortly.

Vicky Sartor

(vicky@previewblinds.com.au Mobile # is 0423 719 364)

HOLY NAME HONOUR ROLL

The Honour Roll Certificate winners for this week are:

PF	Hailey N
PI	Olivia A
1B	Makayla D
1Z	Antonio D
2C	Abby B
2M	Alessia M
3F	Eric L
3G	Sonny C
4B	Madeline L
4C	Mia A
5H	No award, teacher absent
5M	David N
6K	Natalie R
6L	Aidan M



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

ART SMOCKS - COMPULSORY FOR ART LESSONS

All students Prep to Six, must have an art smock to participate in art. For older students, an oversize shirt or t-shirt can suffice.



DO YOU HAVE A HEALTH CARE/PENSION CONCESSION CARD?

If so, come to the school office and complete an Education Department CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund) application form for this year. If you were **eligible as at the 30th 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.



MINOR HEAD BUMPS – SMS NOTIFICATION



If your child has an accidental bump to their face or head, no matter how minor, an SMS is sent to one parent's mobile phone. (Of course, this happens only if the student reports it to a teacher). It is a **generic** SMS. You do *not* need to respond or call.

In the event that your child is sick or hurts themselves and needs to go home, we will ring you immediately.

**It is extremely important that you keep the school office up to date with new phone numbers, work details and home address. This can be done by phone, note or email to Leanne (office@hnpe.catholic.edu.au)

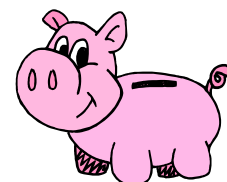
LOST PROPERTY BASKET

Is now located in the multi-purpose area.

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. We do NOT throw out lost property, unless the item is mouldy or unwearable.

STUDENT BANKING

Student banking has resumed for this year. If you would like to open an account for your child, please collect a form from the office.



STUDENT SUNGLASSES

Please check your Yr1 – 6 child's sunnies (or ask your child), to make sure their school issue sunglasses are in good condition, i.e. not scratched or broken. Sunglasses with scratches may lead to eye problems. Encourage your child to clean their glasses at least weekly before going outside. If your child needs new glasses, they are \$15 per pair and come with their name engraved, neoprene strap and pouch.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Hi everyone,

It's Helen here from Camp Australia. Hope everyone is settling into Term One, especially the new prep children. This week Daniella, Natasha, Hayley and Ndella told me they love pancakes, so we have pancakes and Milo for breakfast during Before Care.

Last week for After Care, our theme was puzzles, the children worked in pairs solving word search and cross word puzzles.

This week's theme is cooking.

On Tuesday, we made popcorn and fruit kebabs during After Care, and on Wednesday morning we made some frozen banana which we had in the afternoon, as it was a hot day!

Hope everyone has a nice week!

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

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.

PARISH THANKSGIVING

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

P&F EASTER EGG CHOCOLATE DRIVE

The chocolate drive is always a very successful fundraiser for the school, with all funds raised going towards improving our facilities and resources.

THE EASTER EGG CHOCOLATE BOXES WENT HOME TODAY!



As always there will be a prize for the family that sells the most boxes during the drive.

A BIG thank you to our parents who helped pack and distribute the boxes!

Maria Palbas, on behalf of the P & F Committee

Reflection of the Week

*Leaders are only as good as their team
and everyone has something worthwhile to contribute.*

*Don't be afraid to suggest an idea,
You never know, it could be the next great thing!*

With today's newsletter the attachments are:

- Holy Name Parish newsletter to all families via eldest (white)
- **P&F EASTER CHOC DRIVE BOXES VIA ELDEST** (to those participating)
- Catholic Education Melbourne 'Welcome to 2017' brochure (via eldest)
- Letter to all families re Child Safe Standards & Volunteers, via eldest (white)

****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)

COMMUNITY NEWS

SANTA MARIA OPEN DAY – WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH - 2:30pm – 6:30pm

Santa Maria College is a Year 7 to 12 Catholic Girls' College. We are an International Baccalaureate World School delivering an international standard of education through the Middle Years Programme (Years 7 to 10).

Discover Our School

Open Day is an annual event held at Santa Maria College. The primary aim of Open Day is to showcase what is on offer at the College for prospective students. Current students at Santa Maria will take you on a tour around the College to discover the amazing array of subjects and opportunities that are available. Students and staff prepare and facilitate activities and displays which provide an insight into life at Santa Maria College and what being a 'Santa Girl' is all about.

Open Day is not to be missed for any student considering enrolment at Santa Maria College.

You will be provided with an opportunity to: undertake a guided tour of the College and its facilities, see learning in action, visit the range of learning spaces and meet the Principal and staff. We invite you to enjoy afternoon tea and collect an enrolment pack.

KEON PARK TENNIS CLUB - FREE OPEN DAY

On Sunday 26 Feb from 10am to 12.30pm at J.C. Donath Reserve, Wagga Rd, Reservoir. All welcome. Free coaching clinics, showbags and sausage sizzle.

www.tennis.com.au/keonparktc

See over page for calendar dates!

Calendar of Known Dates for 2017

Reminder – some dates may need to change
Added dates appear in green in today's newsletter
Dates added last week are in red

FEBRUARY

P&F Chocolate Drive begins

Thurs 23 TODAY!

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
P&F Hot Food Day	Fri 24
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
Book Fair Viewing Only	Tues 20 to Thurs 22 (viewing only)
Book Fair Sale	Fri 23 to Thurs 29
P&F Hot Food Day	Fri 16
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
P&F Hot Food Day	Fri 15
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 st Prep Orientation	Tues 14
P&F Hot Food Day	Fri 17
2 nd Prep Orientation	Tues 21
Whole School Sports Carnival	Thurs 23
3 rd 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)