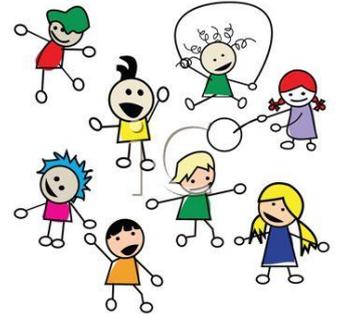


HOLY NAME SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO. 2 9 FEBRUARY 2017



School website www.hnpe.catholic.edu.au

Hello everyone,

The year has started off incredibly smoothly. The Preps are all settled and developing the school routines. Specialist classes started this week and the children and Miss Pacella seem to be relishing the changes to Italian classes.

We will soon be offering extra-curricula activities during some of the lunch times, such as Art Club, Craft Club, Choir and Mini Vinnies.

Opening School Mass

It would be brilliant to see as many school families as possible at our Opening of the School Year Mass at 6.00pm on Saturday 18th February. We are especially keen for the prep families to attend, as we welcome them to not only Holy Name School, but to the whole parish community.

Robb Street Pedestrian Crossing

The council, as mentioned last week, have installed a pedestrian crossing in Robb Street. Following my enquiry to them, the council informed me that they haven't budgeted for supervisors this year. After lobbying from Councillor Julie Williams (Jessie's mum), the Council has now found the funds to provide a supervisor in the near future.

Just a reminder to stay behind the yellow line and wait until whoever is on the crossing indicates it is safe to cross. I've had to speak to a couple of parents who have either parked on the crossing or in the adjacent no standing area, about moving their cars. The excuse that 'I'll only be a minute', isn't good enough, these areas are not for parking under *any* circumstance.

Swimming Trials

Next Wednesday, children in Years 4-6 who can confidently swim 50 metres will be trialling to make the school swim team. We will bus the children to the Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre and put them through their paces. Parents won't be attending these trials. Only children who can swim 50 metres without stopping should attend.

A note has already been sent home by Mr Harnett; please return the permission tomorrow.

First Aid Training

Next Monday, the whole school will undertake First Aid training provided by St John's Ambulance. Even children as young as preps will learn how to ring emergency services and provide vital first aid. This is the third year we have provided this to the children. On Monday evening, get your child/ren to articulate what they learned over the session.

Prep 2018

It may seem ridiculous to talk about this so soon into the school year, but we are starting enrolment tours for next year's Prep. If you know of any families with children in kindergarten, can you pass on the message that they can contact the office and book in to take a tour of the school. We have already been answering many enquiries over the phone.

School Uniform Policy

Could I ask all parents to read our school uniform policy, which has been updated this year. It is on the website.

If you would like a hard copy, please see Leanne at the office.

The policy is especially important in regard to what jewellery is allowed to be worn and hair management. In regard to queries about school shoes... they *must* be black with laces, buckles or Velcro. Black runners are not proper school shoes. Please make sure you clearly label all items of uniform.

Insurance

The school contributes to the Catholic Churches Insurance to provide cover for all the children in our school. This is distinctly different to government schools where the parents must supply their own insurance. The cover is called "School Care". It is a **limited** cover that does not cover the Medicare Gap. It does not cover ambulance costs for children who have an allergic reaction, asthma attack and a few other health concerns. I urge you all to look at this link to their website to further understand what the insurance covers. Any excursion note has a waiver that not all costs may be covered by our insurance, but these exceptions would be very rare.

<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.

David Delaney
Principal

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.

**Thank you to the parents who have volunteered for –
Grades PF & PI and 3G.**



PARENTS AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE MEETING

We are holding our first P&F meeting for 2017 at 1.30pm on Thursday 16th February in the meeting room. We would love to see lots of new faces. Come along, join us for a cuppa and see what we do for our children. We'd love to see you there!

2017 ANNUAL FEES & LEVIES STATEMENT

All families received their 2017 annual fees / levies statement either by email on Tuesday or snail mail today or tomorrow.

The levy for this year per child is \$235 & \$75 incursion/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 (\$330) & Six (\$340) camp fee must be paid by Tuesday 28 February.

****ALL camps 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 2017 CSEF government funding by completing and lodging your form at the school office by Feb 28, we will apply CSEF towards your child's camp, just let us know, as you will then only pay the camp fee minus \$125.*

MINOR HEAD BUMPS – SMS NOTIFICATION

For our new families..... 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)



ICY POLE SALES AND CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Icy pole sales start on Monday at first lunch, and we need two volunteers each day to run five days per week. If you can help and have a current Working With Children check, please email me at vicky@previewblinds.com.au OR text 0423 719 364 with your name, contact number and available days. (No sales on rainy/cold days)

****You only need to be here for a short time – 10.55 to 11.20am and are welcome to bring your pre-schoolers. I will put out a roster soon.**

Thank you

Vicky Sartor, Icy Pole Co-Ordinator, P&F Committee

ICY POLE PRICES

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.*



VITAL OFFICE STUDENT SUPPLIES - TISSUE BOX ORDERS

Message to all parents who ordered their back to school stationery from Vital Office.....The tissue boxes which weren't included in your home delivery pack, have arrived and been given to your child's teacher.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



Bookclub order forms were sent home today to all children.

If you wish to order, please return your form (and money) by Friday 17 February 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.

PREP – TWO LITERACY PARENT HELPER TRAINING

The Literacy Parent Helper Training will be held on Monday, 20th February at 9:00am upstairs in the ILC. This is for parents who have not been trained before. A note has gone home today with further information and a return slip. All parents volunteering in any capacity at the school must have a current Working with Children check.

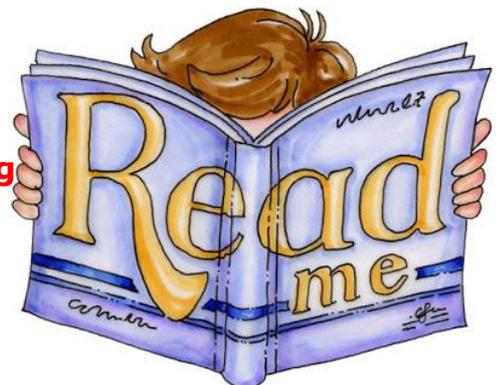
A reminder that if you have done the training before, and you would like to help in the classroom, just fill in the slip on the note sent home today, letting us know when you can help (there are spare copies at the office). We will then get in contact with these parents to let them know when they can start helping. Thank you for all of the interest with helping in the classroom. Parents are a fantastic help for the teachers at Holy Name, helping to free up the teachers for their small group focus sessions. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the training.

**Your classroom teachers will be in touch with you soon if you have already trained to begin helping in the classroom.

Prep to Two Home Reading Letter

Please see your child's bag today for a notice which explains in detail, our P-2 Home Reading program.

Thanks
Susan Mitchell
Literacy Leader



eSmart

In 2016, Holy Name Primary School became a registered eSmart school. This involved a long process of staff working together to formulate policies and teaching practices, to provide a safe environment for our students to work within the digital world.

It is important that we keep working together to keep our children safe in this ever-evolving field.

Each week, we will feature a tip, or recommend a site to visit, to help keep the internet a safe place for our children to visit.

This week's tip:

All internet enabled devices (e.g. iPad, phone, iPod, Xbox) should be in a common area in the house where you can see what they have access to. The devices should not be in bedrooms. Be aware of what they are watching and who they are talking to, and watch out for any mood changes.

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 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.

STUDENT SUNGLASSES

Could all parents please ask their child (or check yourself when you drop off or pick up), if 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.

LOST PROPERTY BASKET

Has been moved today to the multi-purpose area outside Mrs Sloan's room. *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.

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.



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.

READING THE NEWSLETTER EACH WEEK

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)

TIME CHANGE TO SECOND LUNCH BREAK

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)

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Our Camp Australia Co-Ordinator is Helen, and she is happy to chat to parents about the program offered.

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 accepts enrolments ONLINE 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, and now we need people to start using the service.

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

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.

P&F Easter Egg Chocolate Drive!



We are super egg-cited to start our year with the Easter Egg Chocolate Drive. Please check your child's bag for the notice. The chocolate drive is always a very successful fundraiser for the school, with all funds raised going towards improving our facilities and resources.

The boxes will be going home to families on the 23rd Feb, however if you do not wish to receive a box, please return the slip by Friday 17th Feb to the school office.

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

****Help needed please to pack the boxes**

If any parents can help collate the Chocolate drive boxes straight after morning drop off on Thursday 23rd Feb, please come to the hall. All help would be greatly appreciated. Even if you can only spare an hour or so, that would be great!

Thank you in anticipation,

Maria Palbas, on behalf of the P & F Committee

Reflection of the Week

*Clouds may cover the sunshine,
they cannot banish the sun.....*

With today's newsletter the attachments are:

- Holy Name Parish newsletter to all families via eldest (white)
- Prep to Two Classroom Helper Literacy Training notice to all P-2 parents
- Prep to Two Home Reading explanation letter to all GrP-2 families (white)
- Prep Newsletter Reading Reminder to new Prep families (small red)
- Yr 5 Camp notices
- Yr 6 Camp notices
- Yr 5 & 6 Camp – Surf Lesson notice (blue)
- Yr 5 invitation re the Opening School Mass (orange)
- Catholic Schools Guide to all families from 2 to 6 via eldest
- P&F Easter Chocolate Drive Information letter via eldest (white)
- Themes Secondary Education magazine to all Gr4 students

*****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

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

ST MONICA'S COLLEGE, EPPING - 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

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

For further information please contact the College Registrar, Mrs Enza Sinopoli 9409 8444 or email 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.

SIMONDS CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGE FOR BOYS

Simonds College welcomes families to an open afternoon at the St Mary's Year 7-10 campus in West Melbourne on Tuesday 21 February from 3.30 to 6.00pm.

The Principal, Mr Peter Riordan also leads 1 hour morning tours of St Mary's Campus starting at 9.15am during Term time. If you would like to know more about the College or the tour dates, please go to www.sccmelb.catholic.edu.au or ring 9321 9200. Reminder that Year 7 2018 enrolment applications close on 24 March 2017 and Year 7 2019 applications close on 8 September 2017.

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

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
Added dates appear in red in today's newsletter

FEBRUARY

Swim trials (Gr4,5&6)	Wed 15
P&F Meeting	Thurs 16 (1.30pm)
Opening School Mass	Sat 18 (6.00pm)
Parent Helper Training	Mon 20 (9.00am in ILC)

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
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)