Principal’s Message

Hello Holy Family Community,

Welcome back everyone to 2015.

It was great seeing everyone back after the holidays. I especially welcome our new preps and their families as well as the children who are new to Holy Family, who have joined us in the other grades.

Work was done at the end of last year preparing for this year. The cosmetic changes to the Senior School are nearly complete. There are still a few things to finish. The changes that we have made to the learning environment are designed to improve the way that the children receive their learning and improve outcomes.

It was great seeing the large number of parents at Monday's flag raising. Next Monday assembly will be more like normal with certificates and heart tokens to give out.

Parent teacher interviews will be taking place on Tuesday the 17th of February. The interviews will start at 3:40pm and will go until 7:15pm. Each meeting will be for ten minutes. This is going to be an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and hear about how the learning will take place in their part of the school. You will also be able to tell them any relevant information about your child. You should have received a booking sheet for Parent Teacher Interviews with today's newsletter. Please return them to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Interview times will be sent home on Friday 13th February.

This year’s school camp, for the Grade 5 and 6 students will be from Wednesday the 29th April until Friday the 1st May. That is week 3 of Term 2. Information about camp will be going home this term, which will include all the forms that need to be filled out. At the end of this term on the evening of Thursday the 26th March we will have a camp meeting for parents and students at school. This will be an opportunity for the teachers to give you an overview of the camp and for you to ask any questions. Camp this year is at Anglesea. I went there last year for a look and was very impressed with the camp. I am sure that the children will really enjoy being there.

Any parents who have concerns about their child's learning or what is happening in the Junior or Senior learning areas please speak with your classroom teacher, If after that you do not have a solution to the problem please come and see me. Everyone at Holy Family is here for the children and we all need to work together to optimize their learning. Please don’t hesitate to make the staff aware of any issues, immediately.

Principal

S Twomey

05/02/2015
Thank you to all who helped make our school production a truly memorable whole school event. Parents, you were fantastic in supplying your children’s costumes and supporting our community by being there on the night. Teachers, thank you for taking the time to practice the production songs each week with the children and coordinating them on the night. Everyone looked and sounded outstanding. Jenny, thanks for helping to organise the costumes. Jo and Pete, a big thank you for your amazing work in creating most of the props. Mr. Twomey, for sourcing the brilliant Media Wall we used to create our backgrounds and for video-taping the show. Shaun, thanks for helping with our sound. And finally, a huge congratulations to our cast. You were exceptional. Florence, you really shined brightly as our lead. I knew you could do it!
Regards,
Ms Feddersen
Happy Birthday to all the children who celebrated their birthdays over the school holidays.

Welcome back to school for 2015. In our next newsletter we will introduce our 7 school leaders and find out a bit more about their intentions and plans for the year. We intend to host a number of events and activities throughout the year that will focus on fundraising – for the school and for the Missions.

We are hoping to liaise with the Parents and Friends and support them with their intention to enhance the playground for the children.

An outline of our plans for Term 1 will be sent to families very soon. To mention a couple of things - we will be hosting our Big Kids, Little Kids event. We didn’t host it last year, so hopefully existing and new parents will attend with the same enthusiasm that it has always been met with.

We will also be planning Harmony Day for later in the term. The response to the dances that parents helped prepare, children performed and some mums got into was very positive. We really value parental involvement and would like even more parents to be active participants this year. One area we thought of was getting parents involved in helping children prepare food associated with their heritage. As mentioned, details will follow very soon.

Enjoy the year.
Connie Drossaert
Student Wellbeing

We wish all our 2014 Year 6 students every success as they begin their new journey into secondary school. We hope they will always treasure their years at Holy Family and take with them fond memories. Goodbye and good luck, we will miss you!

Before School Care required 4 Days a WEEK

Would anybody in the community be able to help us out with before school care for Murray-Y2 and Ruby -Prep? We need someone to mind the children from 7.30am and bring them to school, every Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri. We are happy to arrange a child minding fee. Please phone the school if you are available to help. Thank you, kind regards.

Emma and Barry Foster.

Farewell 2014 students

Commissioning Mass

Please join us this Sunday 8th February for our Commissioning Mass, in the Church at 9.30am.

Our staff and Yr. 6 leaders will receive a special blessing from Father Michael to strengthen them for the year ahead. The Yr. 6 leaders will also be presented with their badges. Morning tea will follow in the staffroom and our Senior School will be open so you can have a look at the changes.

Hope to see you all there!
Prizegiving Night 2014