**Year 6JF Leading the Way to Success**

Each fortnight the school leaders meet with Mr Twomey, Ms Drossaert, Ms Moran and Ms Feddersen to organise and discuss upcoming events in our school. On Tuesday we met to plan three upcoming events at Holy Family.

The first event will be the Sydney to Hobart Race which promises to be lots of fun and is guaranteed to be a success, especially if many families attend.

Secondly, we will be celebrating Holy Family Day on Friday the 1st of March. For this event we are seeking family members who would be willing to read the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass in their native languages. We are also looking for ‘Wrinklies’. A ‘Wrinklie’ is anyone who has some spare time and would be willing to come into the classrooms to read with students. It could be a grandparent, aunty, uncle, family friend, neighbour etc. We hope to launch our Wrinkle program on Holy Family Day. As we are learning about history this term, we are hoping that the ‘Wrinklies’ can come and share some stories with us about their lives and what it was like when they were growing up. If you are interested please come and see us.

Finally, on Sunday March the 3rd it is our Whole School Commissioning Mass. At this Mass the teachers will be commissioned and the Year 6’s will receive their long awaited leadership badges. We hope to see you all there!

**Connecting with our community**

Last Monday, former Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd was in Doveton and Hallam.

Mr Rudd had the idea of building the “Hallam Trade Centre” where many high school students are attending, including Joseph Stewart’s brother Daniel.

He was engaging with the community about things that matter. Corey’s mother Allison is an active member of the Doveton Community and gets to chat with many people who pass through her shop at Autumn Place. Corey was lucky to get his photo taken with Mr Rudd.

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**Holy Family Catholic School**

**We are your community school**

- We welcome everyone
- We provide spiritual and personalise learning for your children
- Experience the benefits of a small, family school

**21/02/2013**

**Our School Vision**

Holy Family School aspires to be a school community where all are celebrated and challenged to be the very best they can be in the image of Jesus with a desire for life long learning.

**Principal’s Message**

Hello Holy Family Community,

This week we had our family teacher meetings. These were an opportunity for families to talk to teachers about their children and also for us to get some of our paper work tidied up. We also had our ‘parking lot’ outside each classroom.

This was to gauge from you what you thought of the parent interview process. Thank you to the parents who posted comments.

Getting the opinion of our school community is something that we intend to do more of. We have a number of events over the year that we hope to get parent involvement in. After events we will be looking at different ways of getting your opinion. The idea here is that the feedback we get will help us when organising future school events.

We are also going to use it with the children to get their opinion of how school events, incursions and excursions are going. Excursions and excursions are about creating different types of learning experiences for the children. We believe that by getting the children’s views around these types of learning activities we will come up with ways of enhancing the learning opportunities in incursions and excursions.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter we started this year with the introduction of our before and after school care program. This was introduced because of the needs of our parents. It needs the support of our community for it to be viable. I hope to see it grow and be a permanent part of Holy Family. At the moment before and after school care is based by the canteen. Soon it will move into the hall, which will be its permanent home.

Principal

**Dates & Reminders**

- **Monday 25th February**: Healthy Eating Incursion 12pm-1.30pm
- **Tuesday 26th February**: Sydney to Hobart– Big Kids Little Kids 6.00pm
- **Friday 1st March**: Whole School Mass Commissioning of Staff and Teachers 11am
- **Monday 4th March**: Preps commence 5 days a week
- **Monday 11th March**: Labour Day Public Holiday NO SCHOOL

Could you please ensure your child has an art smock at school for art lessons.
We are now in the season Lent. Lent is a time when we remember the forty days and nights Jesus spent alone in the desert, without food, being tempted by the devil. So as in the Bible, Christians spend forty days in preparing themselves to rejoice at the resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Serving others is something Christ calls us all to do. Putting our love into action, demonstrating our faith by serving has been shown to be an important action during Lent. Our children are influenced by what they see us doing and how we live the Christian life day to day. Try and do some things with your child where together you are serving others e.g. make a card and visit a sick friend, help a charity, talk with a lonely neighbour.

Below are some photos.

Sacramental Program

This year the Year 4 students will be making their Reconciliation and Eucharist. The Year 5 & 6 students will be making their Confirmation. Please note that Confirmation is only celebrated every two years at Holy Family, so it will not be offered again until 2015. Only students who are baptised can receive their Sacraments. Going home today with the newsletter is a form to return if your child is wanting to make any Sacraments this year. Please provide a copy of your child’s Baptism certificate if there is not one already at the school office. Please note the following dates:

Reconciliation Family Workshop - Thursday 30th May 6.30pm
Confession Family Workshop - Thursday 12th September 6.30pm
Sacrament of Confirmation - Friday 11th October 7pm
Eucharist Retreat - Friday 15th November 9am-3pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation - Thursday 13th June 7pm
Confirmation Retreat - Thursday 10th October 9am-3pm
Eucharist Family Workshop - Wednesday 30th October 6.30pm
Sacrament of Eucharist - Sunday 24th November 11am

Congratulations to all our leaders we hope our school community can support them when they receive their badges at the Commissioning Mass on March 3rd at 11am

School Captains
Greg Pega & Monica Opiew
Vice Captains
Shavonn Fernandez & Eva Topalovic
Environment Leaders
Joshua Rollins & Joseph Stewart
Events Captains
Simone Pega & Benjamin Cherian
Social Justice Leaders
Jasmine Gilford & Lina Putros
Communication Leaders
Chris Grundy & Titus Chol
Yellow House Captains
Jordan Lafiame & Bethany Pega
Red House Captains
Gael Rose & Jeremiah Mulipola
Green House Captains
James Timmins & Corey Cornell
Blue House Captains
Vivya Lemi & Oskar Abdalla

Happy Birthday to
Naveen, Frazier, Kelisha, Hannah and Caroline

Congratulations Dayne, Greg, Anthea, Jade, Monica and Kuirowl

Mrs Gemmell is happy to take a guitar playing session Tuesdays at lunchtime for all children from year 4-6 who have a guitar and would like to learn or extend their playing. They will need to bring the guitar to school each Tuesday.

Our Year 6 Leaders

Our Year 6 students have been working on a variety of projects this term as part of their student leadership roles. The developmental stages of Social and Emotional stages shows that as students become older they enjoy being active participants as well as being involved in educational opportunities to teach other children about Social and Emotional development. Our leadership groups therefore are a fabulous way for the children to demonstrate positive ways that promote and develop their personal and interpersonal skills.

One of the groups (pictured below) have been instrumental in planning our Big Kids Little Kids event next week. They have suggested ideas for races and will be assisting on the night to ensure that it is a successful evening for all families.

Shrove Tuesday

The Yr 6s make pancakes with their Yr 2 Buddies

Big Kids, Little Kids
Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race
February 26th
Commencing 6.00 pm