Hello Holy Family Community,

This week we had our start of year parent teacher interviews. The teachers found them very valuable and we hope that they were also informative for the parents. If you didn’t come for an interview, your child’s teacher will contact you and arrange a time to suit you both.

On Monday, we had our first meeting with the Architect who is going to prepare the school’s master plan. He collected a lot of ideas about what the school buildings could look like in the future. We will be arranging another meeting in March to look at possible ways that the buildings could be changed to cater for the educational needs of our Holy Family children. This meeting will be open to everyone. I would like to get as many different opinions as possible about what will be in our new Master Plan so please come along and share your ideas.

There are times when children have disagreements at school and of course, discuss these with mum or dad at home. If any parents have concerns about an interaction your child has had with another child you need to come and talk to me about it. I will find out what has happened and get back to you. It is inappropriate for any adults to approach children at school to discuss issues. This can easily get out of hand and needs to be handled by either myself or the teachers.

We have a year of birthdays for the children ahead of us. If your child wishes to celebrate their birthday at school, the teachers have asked that the children bring cupcakes and not cakes that need to be cut. The cakes create a few problems in the classroom; the time it takes to cut them up and they are also making quite a mess. Cupcakes would make the process a lot simpler.

On Wednesday we had our Ash Wednesday Social Justice Day. Our grade 6 students organised activities for the rest of the children to do during the middle block and put on a play in the hall at 3pm. All the activities and the play were extremely well done. The children all put in a big effort to make this day a success. We are all very proud of them for the way they have stepped into the responsibility of being leaders in our school and setting a good example to the other students.

Drop off and pick up at school can be a problem. Parents are getting frustrated when people park in places they shouldn’t. We have two main driveways. One is at the school entrance on Power Road and the other one is by the big gate on Pittosporum Gve. Could parents please not park or drop children off in front of the black gate at the end of the driveway. When people stop there it creates a hazard for children and other vehicles. If you use the main driveway on Power Road you need to drive into the carpark, drop your child off near the small hall and continue around the carpark, back out onto Power Road. As part of the Master Plan for the school the Architect will be looking at ways of creating a drop off and pick up zone that is safe and easy to use.

Principal

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On Sunday February 8th, we celebrated our first Whole School Parish Mass. Thank you to all the students and families who attended. It was fantastic to see some of our new students come along to share in this special occasion. The teachers were commissioned, receiving a special blessing from Father Michael, to strengthen them in their vocation of teaching. Our Year 6 leaders were also blessed by Father and were presented with their leadership badges. Congratulations to the following Yr. 6 students who were chosen for leadership positions this year: Via Buena, Leonard Omar, Leon Heng, Alexandria Barany, Mario Kojan, Jessica Pega and Ater Koth.
Welcome New Staff & Students

At the beginning of each school year it is lovely to meet new students who have come to our school from other schools throughout Melbourne. This year we welcome 9 students—ranging from Year 1 to Year 6. We would also like to introduce and welcome Sam who is helping the Preps settle into Holy Family and Joanne Peterson, who we all know. She is working in 1/2SM on Tuesdays. We hope you and your families will enjoy being at Holy Family.

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- Monday 9th March: Labour Day, NO SCHOOL
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Stars of the Week
- Congratulations to Jessica, Abi, Nyatieem, Kelisha, Jack, Bijany and Lucas

Birthdays
- Happy Birthday to Aravinth, Reece, Darren, Alana, Leonard, Alexandra and Naveen

Welcome New Students
- Ayuri Mora
- Samantha Semmens
- Nisayini Sharuggesh
- Chuel Chuel
- Tumoana Bedelph
- Nyamal Gatwech
- Bijany Chuel
- Tietdong Chuel
- Bidong Pan
- Christina Gatwech
- Mrs Joanne Peterson
Welcome our Prep Students for 2015

Brenna  Jovan  Margaret  Lucas  Nevaeh  Joshua

Dinora  Shakthivel  Ruby  Frazier  Nicole  Mounika

Gabriel  Alice  Jalishan  Tiarna  Puoth

Sierra  Nisan  Matilda  Aravinth  Tabella

Rekishan  Andee-Lei  Michael  Ineya  Kunwarpartap

Breana  Jovan  Margaret