



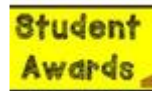
# Holy Family School Newsletter

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# From the Principal's Desk Mrs David



Dear Families,

Our year has started off well with great opportunities for everyone to engage with others in one way or another.

- Parents and teachers have engaged for 'get to know you' chats and the Curriculum Information Evening
- Our Parents and Friends Committee have met and are looking forward to hosting our first 'community' event - 'Welcome Drinks'
- The Year 5/6 classes and teachers have been fortunate enough to capture an outdoor camping experience while being COVIDSafe
- Students have gathered online for weekly assemblies hosted by our incredible school leaders
- Our whole school community will begin the year with an outdoor Mass next Tuesday 22nd February at 9.15am. Parents are encouraged to bring along a chair and join us at this Mass
- The School Advisory Council is meeting online next Wednesday 23rd February

Each class is working well and are very settled. Classes have developed their own 'Behaviour Expectations' for this year and I have been visiting classes to remind students of the behaviour expectations of Holy Family to ensure the safety of staff and students.

## **Health Update**

We are navigating uncertain times and I ask that families take things day by day. The next 4 weeks will be challenging for all schools. During these 4 weeks we will not gather as a whole school community for assemblies, meetings, .. and adults are requested to not enter school

buildings due to the limited space in corridors. If parents need to enter the administration building they must check in via our QR Code, wear a mask and wash their hands before entering.

**Holy Family currently has a gastro outbreak. Please do not send your child/ren to school if they have a sore stomach or feel unwell.**

## 2022 Opening School Year Mass

Father Justel will celebrate Mass with our School and Parish communities on Tuesday 22nd February at 9.15am. Our Student Leaders will be presented with their Leadership badges at this Mass.

The Mass will be held outside to enable as many people as possible to attend.

## Shade Sail Grant

I am pleased to inform families that our school has been successful in receiving a \$25,000 grant to install shade sails on the side of our oval. These works will commence shortly.

## Curriculum Evening

Thank you to those parents who were able to make it to our 2022 Curriculum Evening last Wednesday.

For those of you not able to attend I have attached the slideshow links for each level.

[Year 3/4](#)

[Year 5/6](#)

[Year 1/2](#)

## Contacting Staff

**Parents are welcome to contact staff via email. Please be aware that staff will not look at emails between the hours of 6pm and 8am as part of our workplace Occupational Health and Safety guidelines.**

Please be mindful that staff may not get back to you straight away but will endeavour to respond within 24 hours.

If the subject matter is urgent then please email me directly [principal@hfmw.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@hfmw.catholic.edu.au)

# School Advisory Council

Our School Advisory Council (previously Parish Education Board) will meet for the first time on Wednesday 23rd February at 6pm. This meeting will be held online.

School Advisory Councils are advisory bodies which form an important expression of the educational partnership that exists between parents, schools, parishes and the wider community to support all students. This is reflected in the ex officio membership of both the principal and the parish priest on the council.

School Advisory Councils ensure that, at the local level, Catholic schools will remain 'actively embedded in the life of the faith communities of the local Church, which in turn is tangibly manifest in the life of each school' (Statement of Mission).

The members of our 2022 School Advisory Council are -

- Father Justel Callos (Parish Priest)
- Julie David (Principal)
- Eithne King (Staff Representative)
- Julia Paszkowski (Parish Representative)
- Daniel Trettel (Parent Representative)
- Nicole Mardell (Parent Representative)
- Amelia Younane (Parent Representative)
- Stephanie Wood (Parent Representative)

## Welcome Drinks (Parents Only)

We are looking forward to gathering as a parent community on Friday 25th February from 7pm to acknowledge the beginning of another year. The event will be COVID safe as our Parents and Friends will follow government regulations.

All parents will be required to sign in via the QR code supplied on the night.

You can book your place by clicking on this link [Welcome Drinks](#)

## Assembly

On Monday 21st February we are hosting our assembly for week 5 2022 at 2.45pm.

**This assembly will be online due to current restrictions.**

# Year 3-6 Athletics Trials Day

Just a reminder that our students in Years 3-6 are involved in athletics trials this Friday 18th February at Bill Sewart Athletics Track.

## Holy Family Annual School Sports

Our Annual School Sports Carnival will be held onsite on Friday 4th March. Families are welcome to bring a chair and cheer our students on. This is an amazing community event!

The timetable for the day will be -

- 9.15am (Prep-Year 2) Ball Sports and Shuttle Relay
- 10am (Year 3-6) Ball Sports and Shuttle Relay
- 2.30pm (Years Prep-Year 6) assemble on track
- 2.40pm - Sprints
- 3.30pm - Circular Relay
- 4pm - Holy Family Gift (Year 6)
- 4.10pm - Toddler Race and Pack Up
- 4.20pm - Presentations
- 4.30pm - Dismissal from House Areas by teachers



## Term One Class Masses (TBC)

Our Term 1 class masses will hopefully commence in a few weeks. We look forward to families joining our classes for Friday morning Mass at 9.15am.

Once some restrictions are lifted I will share the Mass timetable with you.

## Congratulations

I would like to congratulate Mrs Santamaria on the safe arrival of Benjamin Joseph. We are looking forward to meeting Benjamin very soon!

## Condolences

On behalf of our school community I would like to extend our condolences to the O'Brien Family (Patrick and Charlotte) on the passing of their grandpa. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

# School Closure Days - Term One

We advise parents that staff will be undertaking professional development on **Friday 11th March. This is a school closure day for all students.**

## **'Unexplained Student Absence' - Notifying the School Office of Student Absences**

It is essential that parents contact the school either by phone, from 8am, via email - office@hfmw.catholic.edu.au, or via the Skoolbag App, if your child will be absent from school. Parents who do not contact the school will be phoned throughout the day seeking clarity on the whereabouts of their child.

As a means of saving our administration team from making multiple phone calls we ask that parents contact the school to advise of student absences. If a child is to be absent for a number of days then parents are asked to advise the class teacher of an extended time of absence. This may be applicable to family holidays, extended periods of illness etc.

This process has been put in place as a matter of safety for the children in our care. We thank parents for your support of this new procedure.

## School Uniforms

The Holy Family school uniform reinforces in our students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral member of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing the school. Therefore we ask that all students wear their correct school uniform and only wear the sports uniform for timetabled sports lessons or sporting events. **A reminder that green socks are to be worn with school uniform and white socks with sports uniform only.**

## Dates

- Thursday 17th February - Open Day
- Friday 18th February - Year 3-6 Athletics Day
- Tuesday 22nd February - Opening Year Mass (9.15am) Everyone welcome
- Wednesday 23rd February - School Advisory Council meeting (6pm) online
- Friday 25th February - Parent Welcome Drinks (Everyone welcome)
- Tuesday 1st March - Shrove Tuesday
- Wednesday 2nd March - Ash Wednesday
- Thursday 3rd March - Welcome Dinner (TBC)
- Friday 4th March - School Sports

- Sunday 6th March - Prep Welcome Mass (10am)
- Sunday 6th March - Open Morning (11.30am)
- Tuesday 8th March - Parents and Friends Meeting (7pm)
- Wednesday 9th March - Prep Curriculum Evening (6.30pm)
- Friday 11th March - School Closure Day
- Monday 14th March - Public Holiday (School closed)
- Tuesday 15th March - Catholic Education Week ('Take the Way of the Gospel')
- Thursday 17th March - Open Day
- Thursday 17th March - St. Patrick's Day
- Friday 18th March - Community Colour Run
- Friday 18th March - Bullying No Way Day
- Monday 21st March - Harmony Day
- Wednesday 23rd March - Halogen Young Leaders Day
- Wednesday 30th March - Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Tuesday 5th/Wednesday 6th April - Parent/Teacher/Student interviews
- Friday 8th April - Last day of term (Students finish at 1pm)





# Make a difference

Families are everything. A group of imperfect individuals who come together in their uniqueness to accept each other unconditionally through love. Our Holy Family Family is no different. We come together as a school and parish community with all our quirks, troubles, differences of opinions and yet woven together as a family who always look after each other. We are enriched by the encounters we have each day and inspired always to be the best we can be. With this in mind, I introduce our 2022 school theme 'Make a difference' to you all. This year our students, staff and wider community will be called to *make a difference* everyday.

Our number one question will always be *how have you made a difference today?*

Maybe, just maybe:

- you listened in class when your friends were distracted
- you recycled something instead of just putting it in the bin
- you held the door for someone
- you played with someone new and made them feel welcome
- you led prayer for your class and encouraged a connection to your faith
- you supported the parish in some way
- you told someone you care about them and made them feel special
- you learned a new concept in maths, or how to spell a new word

See its all the little things in our days that make a difference. This year we are verbalising them and asking our students to acknowledge how they can make a difference everyday.



What if we are lacking inspiration though? Why not look to the Holy Family as our mentors and inspiration about how we can make a difference in the world. I honestly believe that there was no coincidence that God called these three unique people to guide us. They came together always looking to make a difference to God and the world around them.

Mary, although often seen as gentle, was courageous! She was chosen, and willingly accepted God's call to carry His child Jesus. She was faith filled and always sought to do right by God and her earthly family. Joseph, the ultimate handyman who always looked for ways to fix the problems at hand. He accepted Mary, even when she was pregnant and it went against social norms, he found a place for them to stay when Mary needed to give birth and he led them to safety when they needed to flee to Egypt. He was a just man who believed in God and in his family. Lastly there is Jesus, the man, God's son who came to make a difference to all people, to call them back to God's love. I wonder who you resonate most with?

This week I had a discussion about the Holy family at home. I wonder what your family knows about these three incredible individuals? I wonder who they inspire to be more like? I wonder how they think they can make a difference in the world around them?

Have a wonderful week!



# Sports News

## Mrs Michelsson

### **Team Vic Nominations Primary Schools 2022**

(Basketball, Netball, Soccer and Football)

Students who turn 11 or 12 in 2022

The Online Registration process closes on March 1, 2022

The selection process for students to trial for the representative team for Victoria in basketball, netball, soccer and football is **to be attended by those who are considered to be a genuine chance to be selected for the final state side – it is not just ‘a come and try’ scenario.** Parents are responsible for taking their children to the trials. To be considered students need to be playing in their club’s highest representative team and parents need to consult with the school by February 23, 2022.

If you believe your child is suitable please refer to the School Sport Victoria website. [www.ssv.vic.edu.au](http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au)

**Team Vic nominations are now open for cricket and close March 1**

**Girls and boys born 2009 and 2010**

**As outlined for the other Team Vic sports those attending need to be a genuine chance for selection in the final state side and must be playing club cricket. Important information is available on the School Sport Victoria website. Please contact me if you would like to discuss a nomination by Wednesday, 23rd February.**

**Susan Michelsson [smichelsson@hfmw.catholic.edu.au](mailto:smichelsson@hfmw.catholic.edu.au)**

Participation in a School Sport Victoria Team Vic state team is self funded. As a guide it may cost between \$1,000-\$2,000 to participate. Costs may include uniforms, host state levies, flights, transport, accommodation and meals. Costs will vary depending on the location of the Championship.



## Student Awards

Prep CK	All Preps -what an amazing start to school, we are very proud of you all! Keep on smiling!
Prep WK	
1/2J	Dayshan Rajapakse - for making a fantastic start to the year at Holy Family!
1/2H	Noah Portman - For making an incredible start to the year. You have shown a fantastic attitude to your learning. Keep it up!
1/2LP	Cooper Shelley for his excellent beginning to the year. Cooper shows a quiet, responsible and respectful approach to all tasks. Well done Cooper!
3/4D	Anthony Wilson - for a wonderful start to Grade 3 at Holy Family. Welcome to our school!
3/4GB	Naya Rajapakse - for settling into 3/4GB with such confidence and ease. You are polite and organised and have engaged in our lessons well. Great effort!
3/4M	Joshua Moore - For having a fantastic start to the school year and being actively involved in class discussions! Well done Joshua!!
3/4C	Noah Mitchem- for settling into the Holy Family Community with ease. We are very lucky to have you Noah!
5/6YW	Avery Buckingham and Tahlia Rajapaske for a great start to their time at Holy Family. Welcome!
5/6FG	Indygo Stroud for showing compassion by thinking of others before herself.

5/6S	Campbell Miller for an excellent start to the year, working hard to complete work. Well done!
5/6B	Zoe Molinaro - for being a great contributor to class discussions. Great start Zoe!
5/6P	Olivia White — for being organised and being a helpful member of the class. Great job!

Prep WK	Alessia S-your amazing listening ears. What a Superstar!
Prep CK	Aston Tran-settling into Prep with confidence and wonderful listening ears!
1/2J	Riley Morrison - for his fantastic attitude towards his learning and giving tricky things a go! Great Work!
1/2H	
1/2LP	Brayden Vorster - for being a kind classroom friend and for 'never giving up'. Thank you Brayden.
3/4D	Olivia Bellato - always being ready to learn, starting her work promptly and working to her best ability!
3/4GB	Lucas McFarlane for always being ready to learn, responsible and respectful. Thank you for sharing your kindness with others.
3/4M	Tia Jegan - For being a dedicated learner and always giving everything a go! Well done Tia!
3/4C	Hayden Morrison- For embracing challenges and displaying a positive attitude.



# Book Club News



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## Book Club

Dear families,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our class is participating in **Scholastic Book Club** this year. Up to twice a term, during the school year, I will send home the Book Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop) or by using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our classroom, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

**PARENTS & FRIENDS**

COMMITTEE

# Parents and Friends News

My name is Sarah Lane and I am this years Parents and Friends Co-Ordinator. I have Jimmy in Grade 4 and Billy in Grade Prep.

We held our first meeting via zoom last Tuesday and it was great to see some new faces. At our first meeting we confirmed some of the events that we will hold over the next two terms. Unfortunately, over the last couple of years many of our events have had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. So lets hope nothing gets in our way this year!!!

Our first **Parent Social Night** is being held on Friday the 25th of February at the Mt Waverley Bowls Club. This night has always been a great night to catch up with old faces and meet some new ones. Nancy Bellistri (P&F committee member) has been working hard to ensure it will be a great night. So please join us for a social night of bowls or just a drink and chat. Don't forget to RSVP to [holyfamilyparentsfriends@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilyparentsfriends@gmail.com) or use the link attached to the invitation.



# 2022 WELCOME DRINKS!



Holy Family Parents and Friends Association

invite all parents and guardians to our

## Welcome drinks

**Date:** Friday 25th February 2022

**Time:** 7-10pm

**Location:** Mt Waverley Bowls Club

Cnr Alvie Road and Wadham Parade, Mt Waverley

**RSVP:** By Monday 21st February, to assist with catering.

*Click here to RSVP or via email: [holyfamilyparentsfriends@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilyparentsfriends@gmail.com).*

Drinks at club bar prices, finger food will be provided.

Lawn bowls optional on the night, cost: \$10

We look forward to seeing you there.



We will also be running an **AFL Footy Tipping** competition this year. We have changed the rules this year so please look out for the information flyer that will be coming to you soon.

Our annual **Colour Run** is on Friday 18th March. As many of you know this is a favourite among our children and parents. We have been running this for the last couple of years and it too is a fantastic night. Lauren Wilson (P&F committee member) is coordinating this with a small committee of parents who are currently organising the event and they will be looking for some helpers to help run this event on the night. More information will be coming out soon.

Our **Term 1 Special Lunch** will be on Friday 8th April and its Hot Cross Buns. Your child will be able to order a Bakers Delight Hot Cross Bun and a drink through CDF pay. This will then be distributed to your child's class by volunteer parents. Fiona Livolti (P&F committee member) is coordinating this and more information for that will come out closer to the day.

We are hoping to open **Kid's Café** soon once restrictions change. Jaclyn Wong (P&F committee member) is our Kids Café Coordinator along with Lauren Wilson who organises



the roster.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March at 7pm. If you would like more information about our committee or would like to join us please feel free to email us on [holyfamilyparentsfriends@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilyparentsfriends@gmail.com)

**Term One Helpers needed for :**

Colour Run – Friday 18th March

Special Lunch – Friday 8th April

Kids Café – TBA as we are waiting to open this when restrictions change

Sarah Lane

Holy Family P&F Coordinator

**SAVE THE  
DATE!**

Holy Family School

**COLOUR  
EXPLOSION**

**FRIDAY MARCH**

**18th 5-7pm**