



Holy Family School Newsletter

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2022 SCHOOL THEME - 'MAKE A DIFFERENCE'

School Closure Day - Tuesday 14th June

Dear Families,

Our students have returned to school with a sense of excitement for what Term 2 has to offer.

- Cross Country
- Interschool Sports
- Running Club Fridays
- First Eucharist
- Open Days
- NAPLAN
- Mother's Day Stall (Friday 6th May)
- Mother's Day Prayer Service (from 8:15am Friday 6th May)
- Year 3/4 School camp to Sovereign Hill
- National Reconciliation Week
- Excursions
- National Simultaneous Storytime (Wednesday 25th May)
- End of Term Mass and Celebration of Learning (Friday 24th June)

I am attending a Principal Conference for the remainder of this week. Eithne King will be in charge during this time.

Mother's Day

Our school community wishes all the ladies in our community a wonderful day on Sunday. Thank you for all of your help and the support you give to our students, staff and school community.

I hope all of our ladies have the opportunity to enjoy this day with your family.



Involvement in our Parish Community

Our Holy Family Parish would love to involve more school families in our weekend Masses. Father Justel is looking for people to welcome, read and altar serve. Once our students have made their First Eucharist then they can altar serve.

Please email me if your family would like to participate in the life of our Holy Family Parish - jdavid@hfmw.catholic.edu.au

Thank You

Our school has welcomed a family from Ukraine in the last couple of weeks. I would like to thank our staff and parent community for making Anastasiia and Markiiian (Prep CK) feel welcome at our school.

Communication

As mentioned in our newsletter last term, Holy Family has a variety of sources for you to access to find out what is happening in our community.

Please keep in mind that we do our best to inform you of events or changes in our school but at times this is not possible due to unforeseen circumstances.

An example of this is our upcoming 'Ladies Event' for Mother's Day. We had planned to hold an afternoon tea in the hall but this venue was not available at the last minute due to election

preparation. I then had to think of another way to acknowledge the amazing ladies in our community without a large venue being available. This has resulted in a morning for our ladies this Friday 6th May from 8:15-9am.

As Principal, I am always open to feedback on how we can continue to improve our communication with families. I would much prefer immediate feedback (face to face) to enable me to rectify what is deemed as not being effective in terms of communication.

Introducing Holy Family's Cyber Safety Hub

We are delighted to introduce you to a new resource made available to you through our partnership with Family Zone - our new school Cyber Safety Hub.

As you may already be aware, our partnership provides your family with access to the Family Zone tools to use at home with your children if you wish. The purpose of the Cyber Safety Hub is to complement those tools with practical guidance and information to further support you in engaging with your children in their digital development. These tools and resources also allow the school and parent body to work together on creating a holistic approach to guiding each student's online journey.

You can access the Cyber Safety Hub using the link below:

<https://hfmw.onlinesafetyhub.com.au/>

Staffing Updates

This term we welcome back Sue Gleeson and we welcome Rebecca Lark to our teaching team.

Sue Gleeson will teach Year 1/2PG with Christine Page for the remainder of 2022.

Rebecca Lark has replaced Sharyn Govic and Karen Boyle for the remainder of 2022. Sharyn Govic has resigned from her position at Holy Family for family reasons and Karen Boyle is on leave for the remainder of this year.

I appreciate that this change occurred quite quickly but I can only inform our community of changes when I am made aware of them.

Coronavirus Update

As restrictions have eased parents are now able to access the school buildings without a mask. Please remember to try and keep your 1.5 m distance from others and refrain from

personal contact.

We have hand sanitising stations in the foyer for parents and visitors to use.

When a parent notifies me of a student positive COVID case, I must notify everyone in the school community so you can monitor for symptoms.



Exposure notification

Schools must send these communications out as soon as possible after you have been notified that a person/people with COVID-19 was on site at school.

This pack includes:

1. Letter from principal to families
2. Letter from principal to staff
3. School website and social media message (Contacting families via email, Compass or other direct channels is preferred instead of using social media).

School Counsellor

I am pleased to inform you that Clare Brownlow is our counsellor this term. Clare will work on Wednesday and Friday each week.

Please email me if you would like your child to access this service j david@hfmw.catholic.edu.au

Illness

This week we have had an average of 30 students away from school each day due to illness. Please remember to keep your child at home if s/he is unwell (COVID, cold, flu, gastro) to prevent these illnesses from spreading further.

Secondary School Experience Day

Our Year 4 and 5 students had a fabulous day on Tuesday! They had the opportunity to experience a day at secondary school with Avila College and Salesian College. I would like to thank these colleges for providing this wonderful experience as the transition to secondary school can be quite daunting.



House Cross Country

Thank you to everyone who supported our Year 3-6 students at House Cross Country on Monday. It was great to hear the Avila students encouraging and cheering on our students. Congratulations to Green house for winning the 'House Cross Country' this year.

School Advisory Council

Our School Advisory Council will meet on Wednesday 18th May (6-7pm) in the Principal Office.

Friday Running Club

Our Running Club commences this Friday 6th May from 8-8.30am on our school oval. Parents are welcome to join their children for a morning run.

Election

Our Parish Hall will be used for the Federal Election voting on the following days and times -

Mon 9 May – Fri 13 May (8am–8pm)

Sat 14 May (9am–4pm)

Mon 16 May – Thu 19 May (8am–8pm)

Fri 20 May (8am–6pm)

Father Justel will have parishioners directing traffic and being Child Safe Marshalls outside the hall to ensure the safety of everyone.

Enrolments for 2023 Now Open

Don't forget to pop into the office to get an enrolment form for Prep 2023.

Open Days

Our school is now able to host face-to-face Open Days. Please let your friends, neighbours, work colleagues, local kindergartens and family know that our tours are back.

Our other Open Days is -

- Wednesday 11th May (9.30am/12pm)

Please phone the office to book your tour 9807 3300.

Ritchies IGA Community Benefit Program

Sign up to Ritchies Community Benefit Program and every dollar you spend in Ritchies IGA goes towards donations to our school. Sign up, select 'Holy Family Primary School Mount Waverley' as your chosen school to support and make sure you scan your card whenever you shop at Ritchies IGA

Enjoy your weekend,

Julie David (Principal)



From the REC Miss Considine

This Easter Season after the Resurrection is a time of wonder and awe. While nothing can trump the Easter Triduum, in my opinion, this time of hope after the resurrection is exactly what we all need in our world's context.

Last week on Friday, our students learned that the occasions where Jesus reappeared post resurrection can be categorised into Stations of Light. Each classroom created an artwork to depict one of the times where Jesus came back after the resurrection to prove to the Disciples that he really was the Lord. It was wonderful to see the whole school enter the parish hall and spend time learning and praying about the message of hope that Jesus gave to us all.

I especially loved seeing the students make links to the well known passages of the Road to Emmaus and the event of Pentecost as part of a bigger picture, not just an isolated event we learn about in class. My favourite moment of all the stations was when Mrs Standfield and myself explained to the Preps (by acting out) the station Jesus tells Peter to feed his Sheep.

To make it make sense we asked the students to think about Peter as a friend who shared the last supper with Jesus- something we had spoken about last term. We then explained that after sharing a meal with his friend Jesus, Peter got scared and told people he didn't know who Jesus was 3 times! Maybe you remember the story? Isn't it relatable to our own lives? We have all had moments like that where we pretend we don't know someone or something in fear of getting in trouble.

Well the really beautiful part is then when Jesus reappears to Peter post resurrection. *“After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?’ He answered, ‘Yes Lord, you know I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He replied, ‘Yes, Lord, you know I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Look after my sheep.’ Then he said to him a third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ and said, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.”*

Have you noticed the symbolism? My Preps did! Jesus had to ask Peter if he loved him three times so that Peter truly believed it was him! It is to reflect the three times that Peter denied Jesus before he was Crucified. Suddenly Peter knew Jesus still loved him and that he was truly forgiven, encouraged and entrusted to tell the world all about Jesus’ message of love, hope and salvation.

Take some time this week to ponder the following:

I wonder how you are forgiven and how you forgive others?

I wonder what you would say to Jesus if he was sitting next to you?

I wonder can the hope of the Resurrection can bring light to the dark places of your life?



Sport News

Mrs Michelsson

This term is another action packed Term

Friday Inter-School Sport is back. Our Winter Sports are AFL, netball (girls and mixed), soccer rounders, kickball and volleystars.

Year 6's participate every week. Year 5's fill in on the weeks their class is listed in red.

Round 1 - April 29 - Home game against Highvale PS class S and B

Round 2 - May 6 - Away game against Glen Waverley PS class P and YW

Round 3 - May 13 - Home game against Burwood East PS S and FG

- May 20 - District Cross Country

Round 4 - May 27 - Home game against Syndal South PS YW and B

Round 5 - June 3 - Away game against Pinewood FG and P

- June 10 - wet weather postponement catch up round

I liaise with schools each week deciding on which 3 sports will be played at which school depending on each school's facilities.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all our Year 3-6's who competed in our House Cross Country on Monday May 2nd. Thanks to the Avila VET students and their teachers that helped coordinate the event. Thanks also to the parents who helped Marshall on the course.

The Top 8 finishers for each age group have been selected to represent Holy Family at the Syndal **District Cross Country on Friday May 20.**



Running Club -

Every Friday Morning 8.00am-8.30am. Preps- Year 6 welcome. Students can come and run/walk laps of the school oval each week and enjoy some fun and fitness.

AFL Clinics -

Our Prep -2's will be involved in 2 free clinics provided by AFL Victoria to promote the upcoming Auskick/Junior AFL football season. These have been in during their PE lessons on Thursday April 28 and May 5.

Soccer Round Robin Day

We have entered 1 girls and 1 boys team (Year 5's and 6's are eligible to participate). This event will be held on **Friday June 17**. Selection trials for this event will be held shortly, during school hours.



Community News



Benwerrin Kindergarten

120 - 122 Burwood Highway, Burwood East 3151

**2022 Vacancies currently available
in our 4 Year old program**

For 2023 enrolments in our 3 Year old
and 4 Year old groups, join us on our
Open Day, Saturday 14th May
9:30am - 12:30pm.





Discover Avila

Book your May Twilight Tour Now!

Applications for Year 7, 2024 close Friday 19 August

Monday 2 May, Wednesday 11 May, Thursday 19 May, Thursday 26 May & Monday 30 May
Information session and school tours at 3.45pm and 4.45pm. Book at avila.vic.edu.au



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