Dear Parents,

Now we are into our first term it has been fantastic to see how well the children (and teachers!) have settled into daily routines and are coming prepared for work and play in an environment where they feel safe and are encouraged to be their best! Teachers have commented how much more the children seem ready for the day ahead and walking around I have witnessed so many examples of students working collaboratively on various tasks.

All the school was rewarded yesterday with a longer lunchtime due to the fact every student has been lined up and ready to go quietly into class after each break.

Parents could help to continually promote this environment by making sure their children are at school by 8.45am after having a healthy breakfast and plenty of sleep.

It really is the simple (not always so simple) things that make the biggest difference. At school we have been working on coming quietly into class for over twelve months. Sometimes we just have to persist in order to make changes for the long term. Believe me it is worth the effort!!!

Our first Parents & Friends meeting was held on Tuesday and a number of ideas were suggested for the rest of the year. These will be highlighted in our newsletters so any assistance you may be able to offer will be most welcome. We had twelve people attend this meeting but we are always looking for new parents to take on roles in order to maintain and strengthen our family involvement in the school.

Please check out upcoming events. Thank you to the parents who were able to come along to the staff commissioning Mass last Sunday. It is a privilege to teach at Holy Child and we thank you for your support!!

Have a great week ahead!
Richard Keele
Parish BBQ at Bunnings Broadmeadows – This Saturday, 15th February

Families, please call into Bunnings Broadmeadows this Saturday and support the Sausage Sizzle run by the Holy Child Parish.

Holy Child School Expectations

As part of School Wide Behaviour Support (SWPBS) at Holy Child, staff are always trying to make our school a safe and happy place, where students are given the best opportunities to learn. One way of achieving this is to ensure the students know what behaviours are expected of them.

Our school expectations that we will be focusing on in Term 1 are:

1. We look, listen and follow instructions.
2. We are responsible for our actions.
3. We show respect in all we do and say.

Parents & Friends Notes

Mother’s Day and 2nd Bite Food Distribution

For those parents who would like a say in 'Mother’s Day' gift selection or who are willing to learn about our 2nd Bite Food distribution, please meet outside the school office next Tuesday, 18th February at 9.00am. The food distribution mainly involves the grade 1/2 classes but often there is more to go around to other grades.

Your assistance would be greatly valued!!!!!!

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Working Bee

Our first working bee is scheduled for 22nd March from 9.00am. I am keen to hear from parents if they would prefer another time for these working bees as often Saturday morning is taken up with other activities. You may prefer Friday afternoons for example.

Could you please fill in reply slip below giving your preference to particular days as well? Please note the first Working Bee will stay on Saturday 22nd March.

Working Bee Reply Slip

I, __________________________ would prefer the Working Bee days to be on a ___________________.

I am / am not available to assist at our first Working Bee on March 22nd starting at 9.00am.

My eldest child is ____________________________ in grade ____________

Signed ___________________________

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Icy Poles – 50c each - Will be sold from Friday 21st February.

Any parent who would like to assist is invited to speak to either myself, Richard Keele, or Robyn Chetcuti in the office.

Richard Keele
Year Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Family Information Evening
Monday 17th February from 6.00pm – 7.00pm

This is a reminder for families who have children in Years Prep, Years 1 and 2 that a Family Information Evening will be held in the Amphitheatre (the Years 5/6 Area) on Monday 17th February from 6.00pm until 7.00pm. We will provide you with information about upcoming events in the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 year level and it will also give you an opportunity to meet your child's teacher. There will be an opportunity for you to go to your child’s classroom after the meeting to talk to their teachers.

Thank you,
Prep, Years 1 and Years 2 Teachers.

New Break Times

It was mentioned late last year we would be changing our break times this year and having two 40 minute breaks rather than a short recess and longer lunch.
The new times are:

10.30 – 11.10am (1st Break)
12.50 – 1.00pm (Time for eating lunch)
1.00 – 1.40pm (2nd Break)

Your child’s classroom teacher may contact you in relation to what to bring for each break so that healthy eating is promoted throughout the day.

DO YOU OR YOUR PARTNER HAVE A HEALTH CARE / CENTRELINK CARD?
EMA Arrangements 2014
For Holders of Centrelink or Health Care Cards

The office has copies of the ‘Education Maintenance Allowance Form’ (EMA) for 2014. If you have a Centrelink or Health Care Card, you are eligible for a government payment towards each child’s Tuition Levies for 2014. The Federal Government will pay the parent portion of $150 for each child in Years 1 to 6 and $200 for each prep child. This means there will be only $50 still owing to Holy Child School on the Tuition Levy of each child in Years 1 to 6.
To receive this rebate you need to pick up a form from the office, fill it in and bring the completed form together with your Health Care Card (which we need to photocopy) to the school office by the 21st February 2014.
If you do not wish to do this you will need to pay the full tuition levy amount of $200 per child.

Italian Phrase of the Week

Mi piace L'Italiano - I like Italian

Holy Child School Website

You can now view the Holy Child School Newsletter online each week. News and events that occur in our school are also updated regularly on the website. The web address is www.hcdallas.catholic.edu.au
Newsletter 13th February 2014
Uniforms
Please make sure your child is dressed in the proper school uniform each day. Students will know which day to wear sport uniform. School hats are compulsory for term one and children will have to sit in shade if hats aren't worn.

Please make sure your children have the correct school shoes. Sneakers and sandals are NOT PART of the school or sport uniform.

**Uniform Shop** - Uniform Shop hours are from 8.30am to 9.00am on Tuesdays and Fridays ONLY.

**SUNSMART**
As our school is a SUNSMART school we need to follow their guidelines and it is important parents and teachers model the example by wearing hats if outside for extended periods of time during the summer months. Using sunscreen where appropriate, staying out of the sun at the hottest part of the day all help to decrease the chances of getting skin cancer later in life. If the school and family model together, our children will see that we are serious in this anti-cancer campaign!

**Food Allergy**
A number of children have severe nut allergies (eg. Peanuts, peanut butter, etc.). One child's allergy is so severe that if the child touches any part of his body with traces of nut he will go into severe shock. As a large school, we cannot ban any particular food product, but we ask you to show consideration and use your discretion about giving your child nut products for school. Thank-you

**The Physical Education Timetable is as follows:**

**Monday**
- 5/6 JFH  5/6JM  3/4DC  3/4PZ  1/2IR  1/2CK

**Tuesday**
- 3/4AM  3/4KE  5/6BA  5/6CA Prep FM Prep/1 LX

**Wednesday**
- 1/2CK  1/2HJ  All 3/4 Classes

Students can only wear their sports uniforms on their designated sports day.

**Drinks**
Children are NOT TO BRING sweet drinks to school. Soft drinks, cordials and milk drinks are not permitted. Children are always encouraged to drink water during the day, around the playground and in the classroom. They may bring cold/chilled water in drink bottles from home.

**School Hours**
Children, before school, are supervised from 8.30am to 8.45am only. Children can only leave the school (during school time) if a family member fills out the early dismissal book in the office. School finishes at 3.20pm. Children are supervised until 3.40pm. Please ensure your child is picked up before 3.40pm each afternoon.

**Kelly Sports**
Each Wednesday Prep to Year 4 Students are invited to Kelly Sports sessions from 3.30 to 4.30pm. Parents/Guardians must enrol their children at their first session before the child can participate.
FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

HOLY CHILD SCHOOL STAFF AND FAMILIES’ AFL YEARLY FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Are you interested in participating in a yearly footy tipping competition? Each interested family will receive a fixture for the whole year to complete by choosing who you think will win each game in each round for the whole year. Cost is $10 per family to enter. Completed fixtures with money must be returned by Tuesday 11th March. Late entries will NOT be accepted.

Mrs. Grace is available to answer any questions you may have regarding this tipping competition.

At the end of the season, the 3 families with the highest scores will receive the following:

1st Prize: $150.00
2nd Prize: $100.00
3rd Prize: $50.00

A regular update of the leading families will be published in the newsletter once a month.
Any money raised will purchase books and/or games for the library.

Please fill out the form below if interested in taking part and return to Mrs. Grace:

AFL YEARLY FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION
ONLY RETURN THIS FORM IF INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING BY MARCH 13TH

Family Name: ______________________________________
Eldest Child: ______________________________________ Class: __________

School Crossing
It is important that children and adults use the school crossings when crossing the road. Parents, please set a good example for your children by using the crossings. Please wait until the whistle is blown before crossing the road. Remember also to greet our crossing supervisors who do a wonderful job each day.

Parking
Please make sure when you park your car before or after school that it is in a car park space. We have had a number of times when people have left their cars and stopped others from getting out. This can be very frustrating when you have a meeting or appointment to make.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK NEAR THE CHURCH DRIVEWAY
IT IS NOT SAFE FOR FAMILIES AS THEY LEAVE THE SCHOOL EACH NIGHT!!
PARENTS OF YEAR 6 STUDENTS

Parents if you want your year 6 child to attend a Catholic secondary college in 2015 you need to make contact with that school as soon as possible.

All applications to these schools like Kolbe or Penola need to be sent to the schools by 28th February. Please note that you have to apply even if you already have a son or daughter at that school!!

It is also in your best interest to apply to more than one college just in case there are too many students applying for 2015. If you are unsure please check with the office or myself as we don’t want your child missing out on a place at their preferred college next year.

If you are intending to send your child to a state secondary college ie Gladstone Park, Hume Central, etc. you will need to contact those schools as well.

Mercy College

760 Sydney Road, Coburg
Tel: 9319 9299 Fax: 9354 9232
Email: mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au

Enrolments for Year 7 2015 close on 28th February 2014.

Our first Discovery Day for 2014 will be held on Wednesday 19th February. These days offer girls and their families the opportunity to discover Mercy College and meet with the Principal. Small group sessions will run throughout the day. However, parents are encouraged to contact the College for a visit at another time if this is not convenient.

KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE GREENVALE LAKES
Lysterfield Drive Greenvale Lakes VIC 3059 / PO Box 480 Craigieburn VIC 3064
Phone: 03 8339 3060 / Fax: 03 8339 3059
Website: www.kolbecc.catholic.edu.au

Year 7 2015 Enrolments – for current Year 6 students:
The Year 7 2015 Enrolment Application Form and other information is available on the website. Forms will also be available from the offices of Kolbe Catholic College and the feeder Catholic primary schools.

Even if parents already have a son/daughter at Kolbe this year, parents are still required to fill in an enrolment application form for their child if starting in Year 7 2015, by Friday 28 February 2014.

Key Enrolment Dates for Year 7 2015:

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<td>Friday 28 March 2014</td>
<td>Date by which principals of neighbouring colleges have exchanged lists of students who are to be offered a place at the college.</td>
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<td>Thursday 24 April 2014</td>
<td>Offers of places to prospective Year 7 students are posted.</td>
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<td>Friday 9 May 2014</td>
<td>Final date for acceptance by parents of offers made.</td>
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For all Enrolment Enquiries:
Please contact the College Registrar, Mrs. Judy Stillman, on 8339 3060, or email registrar@kolbecc.catholic.edu.au

Tour of the College:
Tours will be conducted on the following dates, starting at 10.00am:
- Wednesday 19 February 2014
- Wednesday 26 February 2014

Tour dates will also be listed on the website. As places are limited for each tour, please reserve a booking by contacting the College Registrar, Mrs Judy Stillman, on 8339 3060, or email jstillman@kolbecc.catholic.edu.au
2014 School Fees and Levies

There are NO Church Thanksgiving rebates in 2014. A letter re a Parish Contribution will be mailed to each family in the New Year.

The 2014 School Fees & Levies are below. The Year 6 Camp Costs are an approximate only.

YEARSchool Fees and BUILDING LEVY per FAMILY

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Attention Parents of Prep Students:
If you have a Health Care Card and sign over your EMA from the Federal Government, your Prep child will receive the full amount of $200 from the government towards the Tuition Levy.

Attention Parents of Students in Years 1 to Years 6: if you have a Health Care Card and sign over your EMA from the Federal Government, your children in Years 1 to Year 6 will receive $150.00 towards their Tuition Levy. You will then owe $50 per child towards your child’s tuition levies.

The Tuition Levy of $200.00 per child must be finalised by Wednesday 26th February unless you have a current Health Care Card and sign over the Education Maintenance to Holy Child.

School fees, Tuition Levy and the Building Levy are due as follows:

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CAMP FEES

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Families, who finalise all their 2014 school financial commitments by Wednesday 26th February 2014, will receive a rebate/discount of $100.00 off their school fees.

Families, who finalise each term’s School Fees/Building Levy by that term’s due dates (as above), will receive a rebate/discount of $20 off that term’s fees.

From 2014, all fee payers who pay by continuous direct debit (including holidays) will receive an $80 discount at the end of the current year or as fees are finalised.

If paying by instalments (weekly, fortnightly or monthly), please ensure that all payments are made regularly, to avoid large amounts owing in Term 4.