The Year of “Who Do You Say I Am?”

Special Points of Interest:

February
Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th February
Parent & Teacher Chats

Wednesday 18th February
Ash Wednesday Mass 9:15am
Grades 3-6

Tuesday 24th February
Prep Twilight BBQ
6pm-8pm

Friday 27th February
Interschool Sports

Friday 27th February
2016 Year 7 Enrolments for Catholic Schools close

March
Wednesday 4th March
School Photo Day

Wednesday 4th March
Sub Divisional Swimming Trials

Thursday 5th & Friday 6th
School Closure Days
Staff Conference

Monday 9th March
Labour Day
Public Holiday

Tuesday 10th March
First Reconciliation Parents Information Night at St. Francis de Sales

Friday 13th March
Interschool Sports

Monday 16th-Friday 20th
5/6 Camp (two groups)

Monday 18th – Friday 27th
Grade 3/4 Swimming
(excludes Wednesdays)

A Valentine Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you and asked the Lord above, to fill your heart and bless your soul with the precious gift of love. I asked Him for sincere love, the kind that’s meant to stay. Just like the generous love you give to those you touch each day. I prayed for love from family and from every cherished friend. Then I asked the Lord to give you his love that knows no end.

School Photo Day
Wednesday 4th March
(Photo envelopes to be issued to students in the coming weeks)

UNIFORM SALE!!

Monday 16th February
ITEMS ONLY $5 EACH (excludes bomber jackets and winter dresses which are $10 each)

With the introduction of the new St Kevin’s uniform in 2016 (and phased in over a two year period) there are bargains available for cheap secondhand clothing items to complete your child’s school wardrobe.

Starts 9am in the Learning Centre. CASH SALES ONLY!!

PLEASE NOTE

School Closure
THURSDAY 5th MARCH
FRIDAY 6th MARCH

School Assembly
Monday 16th February
2:30pm
This School Assembly will be lead by 3/4MW

Monday 9th
Kate 1/2DM, Alannah PFO

Tuesday 10th
Nikita-Jaye 1/2LA, Leonard 3/4CH

Wednesday 11th
Rejoice 1/2KK, Emily 1/2AL, Chrishan 1/2AL

Thursday 12th
Sebastian 1/2LA, Tarun 5/6ME

Friday 13th
Lorenzo 3/4CH, Abriana 3/4PE

Saturday 14th
Rhea 1/2DM
This week’s Gospel from Mark (1:40-45) invites us to understand the way in which Jesus heals the leper with the healing touch of his hand. We are encouraged to consider how we welcome those who are outcast, outliers or on the fringe of society. Sometimes this might be of our own doing or sadly and too often, the misfortune of bad luck. In the time of Jesus, there were strict rules about contact with lepers and society viewed disease in different ways. In the 21st Century we interpret this as a metaphor for how the hospitality of Jesus can transform the lives of so many. Expressions of care and concern are the actions of prayer and I am reminded of the way in which Lady Diana nursed the sick children with AIDS. All of us turn away from our best selves on occasion and as we approach Lent we have a wonderful opportunity to be kind and thoughtful, and reflective of how we live our mission.

We will celebrate the Ash Wednesday service next week in the church with Grade 3-6 students and in the Hall with the Juniors. Of course the Preps will not yet be at school on Wednesday. ‘Sorry Day’ this Friday and the gradual journey of Reconciliation, fit very nicely into this journey.

As a catholic school we embrace the Caritas Project Compassion during Lent and raise funds for the considerable projects which are operating around the world. This year the focus is on Food for Life. For more information, please see website www.caritas.org.au. The children will be discussing this in their classes at their level. They may also be coming home wishing to bring money for The Project Compassion Boxes. We have encouraged all students to do additional jobs for this money, or it is not their contribution but yours.

Furniture in Grade 5/6
Three Grade 5/6 classes are enjoying new tables and chairs. The chairs are more suitable for student learning and the chairs are more supportive of their backs and good posture. We will now be ordering for the next four grades.

Chrome Books
We have also bought new Chrome books and laptops for the students. This means that the students now have the option of ipad, laptop and chrome and teachers are trained in use of the most appropriate tools for the teaching and learning situation.

Kool Kidz Rock
The excitement has been palpable as all students resume their music lessons. We are very fortunate to be working with such a wonderful group and we look forward to the progress they will make again this year.

School Education Board
The first meeting was advertised in last week’s newsletter for next Tuesday 17th of February. We have now postponed it until Tuesday 24th February due to an unforeseen clash in my schedule. I will be at a Cybersafety Session at Salesian College.

Cybersafety Public Event With Andrew Fuller
As mentioned above, I will be attending this free event on Tuesday 17th February at 6:45pm, to be held at Salesian College, Chadstone. The evening will feature Andrew Fuller as well as other experts from the industry. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents, families, educators and the wider community to gain a better understanding of the ever changing online environment.

God Bless
Anni Miers
Principal

Protocols for Nuts at school (including all nuts and Nutella)
As we have a considerable number of students who are highly allergic to nuts and will have an anaphylactic response to any contact, our strongest request is that you refrain from sending nut products and Nutella to school to ensure that children do not have accidental contact.

Protocols for Birthdays: Often children are keen to celebrate their birthdays at school with their classmates, by sharing a special treat. This is by no means compulsory, however should you wish to bring something along please remember that one item per child is sufficient. If you bring a cake, it needs to be precut as small cakes. The children will take the item home to eat so that the parents are aware of what is being eaten at school. Please remember that sugar is highly addictive and some treats are full of fat and sugar, so small is sufficient.

Of course the children appreciate the generosity as do we, but we do have to keep the enthusiasm contained.

Expressions of Interest for FULLY FUNDED scholarship places in:
Certificate III in Business (BSB30112) Course, are due by Friday 20th February.

See the office staff for more information.
Many children have expressed an interest in competing in our Sub Divisional Swimming trials to be held Wednesday March 4th 2015. Could you please see Mrs Wilson if you are interested and if your child is a **VERY competent swimmer**, can swim 50 metres easily and is possibly in a swimming squad. If we have a large number of children interested we may need to hold trials. It will be the parent’s responsibility to transport their children to the trials and to the swimming day at the Noble Park pool.

Please let Mrs Wilson know your child’s name, grade and 2 best events, e.g: backstroke, freestyle, breaststroke or freestyle.

**St Kevin’s School Closure**

The school will be closed on Thursday 5th & Friday 6th of March so that all staff may attend a professional learning conference.

Camp Australia is open for business on this day and will be running a program between the hours of 7am to 6pm. The fees are approximately $51.00 per day, per child. After the rebate, it will cost no more than $25.50 a day per child. You must be registered with Camp Australia to attend the service.

If you would your like child to attend on this day, please register with Camp Australia on campaustralia.com.au or see Julie King and staff in the OSHC room.

Please register ahead of time so that the correct ratio of staff can be organised.

**“KEEP THE CHANGE”**

Parents have been encouraged to allow the canteen to keep their change. At the end of each term we have matched the amount collected and forwarded it to various charity organisations:- Caritas Australia, Red Cross Bushfire Appeal, the St Kevin’s Building Fund and The Philippines Solar Light Project.

Keep the change was originally started in 2007, when a Prep Mum decided to contribute her change to charity. We accepted her change and then decided to match it and send it on to Caritas Australia. The following year we invited all families to be part of it. It has since then been a very successful way of collecting money for charity. Thank you Prep Mum.

The final total for Term Four last year was $55.65. A cheque for $111.30 has been forwarded to Caritas Australia. The total amount for 2014 was $537.

Thank you everyone who contributed to that total.

Please Note- The canteen will be closed on the last week of term (Thursday 26th & Friday 27th of March)

Just mark your bag with KTC.

Thanks

Joanne & Gillian

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**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

2016 Year 7 enrolments for Catholic Secondary Schools close on-

Friday 27th February 2015

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**St John’s Regional College**

**Open Morning**

**Thursday 19 February**

9.15am - 11.30am

The morning will include entertainment, a College Tour, morning tea and more.

To book or for more information go to www.sjdandenong.catholic.edu.au or call 9791 3366

Enrolments for 2016 close 27 February 2015
Welcome back to OSHC
Our Preps are settling in well. They have made many new friends and are enjoying their time at OSHC. For the first term, the staff will take and collect the Preps from their classes, until they are confident they can do it on their own.

Please remember to bring a hat to OSHC, this can be a hat from home, to leave in their bag. Hats are to be worn Term 1 and Term 4.

We are looking forward to a fun filled term with all of our new friends and old.

If you have any enquiries, please feel free to approach us at any time.

Thanks
Julie and team

Save on Care
Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

Holiday Clubs
Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club finder on the website to find the nearest program:

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit.
Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.
www.campaustralia.com.au

Sacred Heart Girls’ College
Enrolments for Year 7 2016

Please note: Closing date is Friday, February 27

Please check the College website for details on enrolments and to download an application form. The forms are also available from the College Reception or can be mailed out.

An Open Morning will be held before the closing date and parents are most welcome to attend. Open Mornings commence at 9:30am with an address by the Principal, Mr. Christopher Dalton. Parents are then taken on a tour of the College and return for morning tea where further questions may be asked of staff members. The session concludes at approximately 11.00am. Dates for all Open Mornings are listed below.

Open Morning Dates for 2015
• Wednesday 11 February
• Friday 20 February
• Wednesday 29 April
• Thursday 18 June
• Wednesday 12 August
• Tuesday 13 October

Bookings for these dates can be made through the College Reception on 9568 5468.

For further information please contact the College Registrar, Ms Anne Wilks on 9568 5468 or by email: registrar@shcg.catholic.edu.au

Cybersafety with Andrew Fuller
Free Public Event

Special Guest: Andrew Fuller
Date: Tuesday 17 February, 2015
Time: 6.45pm
Location: Kimberley Hall, Salesian College Chadstone
10 Bosco Street, Chadstone 3148
Register: Bookstream.com.au/events

As the internet becomes more readily available to our children, the issue of safety and security becomes an increasingly important priority. Whether accessing the internet on their computer, tablet or smartphone, our kids need to be protected from the dangers that unrestricted online access can bring.

Hosted by Salesian College Chadstone; the evening features a presentation from the distinguished expert, Andrew Fuller. In addition, experts from the industry will explore:
• The changing online environment
• Student filtering and usage possibilities, presented by CleanStream
• SIMON/Parent Access Module (PAM) functionality

This is a fantastic opportunity for parents, families, educators and the wider community.

Register your interest and attend the event to go in the draw to win a 16G 4G iPad Mini 3 valued at $449!