Special Points of Interest:

March
- Friday 13th March
  Interschool Sports
- Saturday 14th March
  Working Bee
- Monday 16th–Friday 20th
  5/6 Camp (two groups)
- Monday 16th– Friday 27th
  Grade 3/4 Swimming (excludes Wednesdays)
- Monday 23rd March
  First Reconciliation
  6pm (3RD, 3PE, & 3SC)
  7:30pm (3CH, 3MW & 3ML)
- Tuesday 24th March
  Education Board Meeting 7pm
- Friday 27th March
  END OF TERM 1
  Children dismissed at 2:30PM

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open! 2015 Privacy and Consent Forms are going home today.

Don’t miss your FREE giant calendar poster in the Herald Sun on Tuesday 17th March. Featuring key Challenge dates, literary events, fun facts, popular authors’ birthdays and tips, it’s a great way for parents and children to track their reading progress. For more information on the Challenge visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/premiersreadingchallenge

Loving Father,
So many times I turn away from you and always you welcome me back.
Your mercy and love gives me confidence.
Thank you for the invitation to share, fast and pray so that you can form a new heart within me.
Your powerful compassion for my weaknesses leads me to ask for mercy and await with great hope the Easter joy you share with us.

Amen

WORKING BEE
Saturday 14th March 2015
9:00am til 12:30pm
To ensure a fee rebate of $50, please complete the attendance register when you attend the Working Bee.
(only one rebate per year is given)

School Assembly
Monday 16th
2:30pm
This School Assembly will be led by 1/2AL

Canteen News
TERM 1 SPECIAL
CHICKEN SOUVLAKI
Large $ 5.00  Small $ 2.50
Served with chicken, salad and yoghurt sauce in a wholemeal wrap.

3/4 Swimming
Lunches will be provided according to the swimming timetable

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

EASTER EGG DONATIONS
Please donate Easter Eggs for our St Kevin’s Easter Raffle. They are much appreciated.
Raffle ticket books out today.

This Week’s Birthday List

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Reconciliation Formation for Parents
On Tuesday evening at the parent Formation evening for Reconciliation we were blessed to work with Gavin Brown who is a lecturer at The Divinity College and a teacher at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Secondary College at Murrumbeena. He reminded us of the awesome power of God’s loving grace, especially when we have been distracted from being our best selves. The process of Reconciliation is a lifelong journey and when we view it as such, we can model to our children that mistakes are as normal a part of life as forgiveness and resolve to do better next time. Thank you to the families who joined us at St Francis de Sales for this very worthwhile evening.

Mathematics
I would like to draw your attention to the terrific array of Mathematics activities in this Newsletter that have been inserted for your information. Our Mathematics leadership team of Mr Lacey, Ms Williams and Mrs D’Monte are working on a project of helping parents understand the ways in which Maths is taught in a modern environment. Please take the time to have a go at some of the activities with your child/ren.

Grade 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp
Many of you will farewell one or even two of your children next week for their camp excursion to Sovereign Hill. I will be attending the Monday to Wednesday group and Mrs Marciniak will be attending the Wednesday group. Mr Lacey will stay behind and mind the fort as it were. We will not be running specialist classes next week as many of our teachers also attend camp and we need to offset costs. This is why we can keep the cost to a bare minimum. Again thank you for your support and to the teachers for their generosity in supporting this wonderful outdoor education opportunity.

Working Bee
Our first Working Bee for the year is on this weekend. Please try to come along and join in the fun and work to help keep the school well maintained. Remember that attending a Working Bee session for the whole of the time can offset the School Maintenance Levy by $50.

God Bless
Anni Miers  Principal

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2015 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The following children competed in the Hampton Park Sub Division Swimming Carnival last Wednesday March 4th: Blaize Klok, Sanya Verma, Rhyce Tisdale, Taylah Harvey, Adrian Virginie, Deliza Mant, Shania D’Rosario, Naveen Jagadeesan, Inez Joshi Necka Powell, Julian Browne, Brandon Betsy & Alex Zoji
They all performed very well and contributed to our school finishing 3rd overall.
Blaize, Sanya, Adrian, Deliza, Shania & Inez made it to the next stage of the competition, which was held yesterday at Noble Park swimming pool. The girls relay team and Adrian in the Breaststroke will be competing in the Regionals at the end of Term.

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MATHEMATICS

Building Connections between Home and School
The school has recently reviewed the role of Math homework for our children. We believe that the purpose of homework is to:
- support math practice at home
- bridge the very important home-school relationship
- provide examples of how students learn math at school and reinforce this practice at home
- stay abreast of current research that clearly indicates, ‘if parents engage with their child’s learning, their academic outcomes are increased’. (Harris, 2009)

In an effort to target these needs the school has continued the practice of enrolling all classes onto the Study Ladder website. Here students can be monitored and set individualised programs. In this way, parents have the opportunity to see the problem solving tasks students are engaged in during math sessions at school.

In addition to this we will also provide families the opportunity to work together and explore different math activities each term through the newsletter item “Family Fun Maths”.

The family tasks will be followed up during a nominated class time and student learning will be celebrated.

Enjoy this time together as a family and have fun!

Ms Megan Williams, Mrs Debra D’Monte & Mr Adrian Lacey (Maths Leadership Team)

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FAMILY DAY CARE

SAFE, COMFORTABLE AND SECURE HOME ENVIRONMENT WITH PLENTY OF SPACE FOR THE KIDS TO PLAY, LAUGH, LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER

Care Options Available:
- Fulltime/Part time/Casual
- Before & After School
- School Holidays
- Pick Ups & Drop Offs
- Weekend and Public Holidays

Affordable rates, CCB/CCR for eligible families

Contact: Asha  Mobile No: 0434 593 593
Address: 4 Insaf Court, Hampton Park 3976
**Dice Cricket**

**Materials**
One die for each pair.

**Organisation**
Pairs

**Rules**
- Each player writes the numbers 1 to 11 on to a score sheet. One player “bats”, and the other “bowls”.
- The player “batting” rolls a die and scores the number of runs equal to the value displayed by the die, unless the result is a five. A five is considered as an appeal for a wicket and the “bowler” is given the opportunity of rolling the die and determining if and how the player “batting” is out.

If the die turns up:
- a 1, the batter is out, hit wicket.
- a 2, the batter is out, bowled.
- a 3, the batter is out, caught.
- a 4, the batter is out, lbw.
- a 5, the batter is not out.
- a 6, the batter is run out.

- When a batter is out their score is tallied. The player continues batting until 10 team members are dismissed.
- When the first player’s team has been dismissed, the batting and bowling roles are reversed.
  - The ‘Winner’ is the player whose team scores the most runs.

**Variation**
Play limited overs “one day cricket”, i.e. restrict the number of rolls.
Maths Share

MEASUREMENT/NUMBER

Family height - how high is your family? U29

You will need
lengths of streamer or string
sticky tape and scissors
tape measure
calculator (optional)
all the family

What to do
Let's find out the average height of your family—but only using some streamers or string and some sticky tape. Don't worry—it can be done!
CLUE—try to find someone or something in the house that you actually know the length or height of.
Before attempting this everyone should have a guess at the answer.
When you eventually come up with an answer, using the streamers or string, use a tape measure to obtain an accurate answer.
How close was each person's guess to the correct answer?
Was there anyone in particular who brought the average up or down?

WHERE'S THE MATHS?
Guessing (estimation), then checking, averages.

HINTS FOR PARENTS
Restate the general rule that an average is the sum of all individual units (in this case, the height in cm of each person) divided by the number of units (in this case, the number of people).

Shape shuffle

Equipment: 3 shapes

Task
Make a square by fitting the 3 pieces together.

Now rearrange the pieces so that you still have a square but each row, column and diagonal has the same total of dots.
What have 1/2's been learning about this year so far...

I have learnt this year that in the dictionary it is easier to look a word to use the first letter before the other letters. Karishma 1/2LA

We learnt about Australia Day and why there is Australia day. Lilli 1/2AL

I learnt about some new words for saying the same thing for example said you can say whispered instead. Stephanie 1/2TC

I’ve learnt how to write on the right lines. Georgia 1/2KK

I learnt about ordinal numbers, that they end in either st, nd, rd or th. Ashton 1/2DM

I’ve learnt about different prayers that you can say in the morning and afternoon. Gak 1/2BR

This year I have learnt a new word, minister -it means a type of person that works in the church. Aaliyah 1/2LA

I’ve learnt how to use Art pictures for Artful Thinking so you can do the I think, I feel and I wonder questions. Estellah 1/2AL

I didn’t know what 3D shapes were last year but now I know that 3D shapes are not flat. Dylan 1/2TC

I found out how to get better at writing because Mr Kydas gives us tips about how to write better. Lucas 1/2KK

I learnt that if there are 12 things together it’s called a dozen. Ursula 1/2DM

I didn’t know all the neighbours around Australia, now I do. Indonesia, New Zealand and Asia. Joshua 1/2BR

I have learnt that if you re-read a sentence or word it can help you to understand it’s more. Thevinu 1/2LA

I’ve learnt how to draw 2D and 3D shapes better like a hexagon and a cube. Nathan 1/2AL

I didn’t know that 3d shapes are not flat they are solid. Raymond 1/2TC

I found out about 3D shapes. I learnt their names and learnt about their faces, edges and vertices. Alessandra 1/2KK

At Prep I didn’t know how to do timetables and I do now I know 2x1=2. Mayen 1/2DM

I’ve learnt about 3D shapes. They have faces, edges and vertices. William 1/2BR

I learnt this year that re-reading again the whole sentence rather than the word it helps you to understand more about what is going on. Hamish 1/2LA

I learnt how to draw a circle properly so it is round and equal. Isaac 1/2AL
I didn't know about Lent. I have learnt that we remember Jesus. Iddeye 1/2TC

I have learnt about Magic Number and using number sentences especially take away. Arjun 1/2KK

I know about counting by 2's and that it goes into the 2 timestables and I am now counting by 3's. Jolene 1/2DM

I’ve learnt that the cylinder has 2 circles, at the top and bottom and if you turn it around or upside down it is still the same shape. Ameli 1/2BR

I learnt that if you make a mistake with words – read some more of the sentence then come back to the word and it will help. Brandon 1/2LA

Last year I didn’t know about being a ‘Bucker filler’ but this year I have. You say nice things about a person. Emily 1/2AL

I learnt about Literature Circles and I like doing the Artist Role. Rajveer 1/2TC

I learnt about shapes, the circles don’t have any edges or faces because it’s 3D not 2D. Max 1/2KK

In Prep I didn’t know how to count by 2's but in Grade 1 I know how to count by 2’s: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20. Dulsandu 1/2DM

I’ve learnt some Indonesian words and sentences like saying thank you: Terima Kasih and good morning: Selamat Pagi. Maddy 1/2BR

I learnt over the year that if you came to a new word, sound it out or read past that word and come back to it. Cassie 1/2LA

I learnt about filling people’s buckets by giving compliments. Neyha 1/2AL

I’ve learnt that the 2D shapes are flat and 3D shapes are solid. Jonathan 1/2TC

I have learnt that 3D shapes are flat like paper and 3D shapes are high and solid. Nitish 1/2KK

I learnt how to use the calendar and how to read it. Leah 1/2DM

I’ve learnt about the different types of prayers: prayers of sorrow, prayers of petition, prayers of thanks giving and prayers of praise. Sahana 1/2BR