Dear Parents & Carers,

Here we are at the end of Term 2, and already half the year is over! Last Sunday, 21st June, was the winter solstice in the southern hemisphere. It was the day that had the least amount of daylight hours for the year. Mr McEntee is currently in the northern hemisphere and they have just celebrated their summer solstice, the longest day in the year. Let’s hope that he is having a wonderful time and making the most of his long days. He will be back at school at the beginning of term 3 which begins on Monday 13th July.

Last Sunday was also a very special day for many of our year 4 students as they made their First Eucharist. All the students were very excited but also very nervous at receiving Jesus for the first time. As Father Josy said in his homily, ‘they look like little angels’. Special thanks to their parents, Mrs Mary Collum, Mrs Emma Murray, Miss Bianca Dowd and Mrs Lina Vescio for preparing them so well. Several of the students told me on Monday that it was the best day of their life. I’d also like to acknowledge all the work put in by Miss Mary McCormick, our Religious Education leader, who worked tirelessly in planning the mass.

While speaking about special celebrations, we wish Miss Heath Toniolo, our Prep T teacher, all the best as she prepares for her wedding on Saturday 4th July. May it be the beginning of a wonderful life filled with cherished moments with family and friends.

As you can see, there is a great deal of activity taking place at school. Portable classrooms have been moved and set up on the asphalt area in front of our hall. The adventure playground is being demolished to make way for an interesting ship which will slowly take shape over term 3 and the area at the back of the school is being cleared ready for the construction of our 8 new learning areas. This does create a very hectic and chaotic time for all, which impacts very heavily on our working space and everyone’s tolerance levels. Thank you to all staff and students for working together and supporting each other in this difficult time.

**NEWSFLASH:** We have just received word from the Catholic Education Office that our students have won the primary school section of Student Wellbeing Festival. Congratulations to our wonderful students who performed so commendably and our very talented teachers, Miss Torzillo and Miss Laiacona for presenting such a professional, well executed performance.

Lastly, I hope everyone has a safe, relaxed and enjoyable holiday with family and friends. Monday 13th July is when we return to commence the second half of our learning journey for 2015.

Take care,

Mrs Anne Croughan
Deputy Principal
CAPTAIN’S CORNER
Hi guys! School captains here.

We hope everyone had a wonderful week 😊
The Year 4’s had their First Eucharist on Sunday, congratulations! You all looked lovely. Friday is the last day of term. Don’t forget! We finish at 3:30pm.
Have a brilliant holiday!
Love the school captains, Rachel, Anna, Shane and George.

Mini Pop quiz!

Q: What is the world’s tallest building?  
A: The library because it has the most stories

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 26th June  Last day of Term 2 – School finishes 3:30pm
Monday 13th July  Term 3 commences
Weekend 25/26th July  Year 6 Confirmation Sign Up Weekend
Wednesday 5th August  Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop
Weekend 15th/16th August  Confirmation Presentation Weekend
Wednesday 12th August  Bishop Terry Curtin visit to Year 6’s
Monday 24th August  Book Week
Wednesday 26th August  Book Week Dress up Day
Sunday 30th August  Year 6 Confirmation
Tuesday 3rd September  Last day of Term 3 – School finishes 1:00pm
Monday 5th October  Term 4 commences
Tuesday 13th October  Prep 2016 Information Night 7:00pm
Wednesday 14th October  Prep 2016 Information Day 9:30am
Thursday 22nd October  Prep 2016 Orientation 11:30am – 1:30pm
Sunday 25th October  Our Lady’s Parish Fete
Thursday 29th October  Prep 2016 Orientation 11:30am – 1:30pm
Monday 2nd November  SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Tuesday 3rd November  Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSURE
Thursday 12th November  Prep 2016 “Meet the Teacher” 11:30am – 1:30pm
Wednesday 16th December  End of Year Mass 9:15am – All Welcome

CANTEEN
Thanks to all of the parents and grandparents who helped in the canteen in Term 2. If anyone can help in the canteen next term, even for an hour or two, please let me know – just make sure that you have a “Working with Children” card.

• We have a special treat next term – baked potatoes and mini cheese burgers with drink $4 – WEDNESDAYS ONLY
• Statements have been sent home and must be finalised by 1st week of term 3.
Thanks for your support, enjoy your break & see you next term........Maryanne

TERM 3 – MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS ONLY

Baked Potatoes with butter or garlic butter $3.20
Baked Potatoes with butter or garlic butter & cheese/bacon $4.80
Baked Potatoes with the lot $6.00

Please state which butter you would like

Extras: Sour Cream 50c, Fried Onions 50c, Coleslaw $1.00
**Religious Education News**
Mary McCormick, R.E. Leader

**FIRST EUCHARIST**
Congratulations to our Year 4 students who made their First Communion on Sunday.
If you would like to view and order any of the photos from our celebrations, Please contact:
Tanika Jane Imagery
Tanika-jane.imagery@hotmail.com

**CONFIRMATION**
Sunday 30th August – 3pm at Kolbe Catholic College Greenvale. Enrolment forms for this sacrament will be sent home early in Term 3

**Making JESUS Real Awards (MJR)**
The Making Jesus Real award is awarded to students at assembly to students who do the ‘everyday’ things that make Jesus ‘real’ in our school. You will notice that none of the actions listed below are ‘heroic’ or ‘superhuman’! They are just ways that we make the love of Jesus present in our community. These students comfort, help, give dignity, show respect and make people feel included, just like Jesus did.

**Making JESUS real awards have been awarded to:**

- **Zoe (Prep E)** for the way she was forgiving her friend.
- **Nathan (Prep T)** for the way he helps others in the classroom.
- **Ben (Prep G)** for the way he always helps in the classroom.
- **Joshua (1L)** for the way he welcomed a new student into the classroom.
- **Daniella (1B)** for the way she comforted another person when they were feeling sad.
- **Charlotte (2M)** for the way she always considers the feelings of others.
- **Christian (2K)** for the way he includes his classmates at recess and lunchtime.
- **Emily (2S)** for the way she respects her classmates.
- **Emilia (2A)** for the way she helps others in need.
- **Advait (3H)** for the way he happily shares his knowledge with his friends in the classroom.
- **Giselle (3S)** for the way she lends a helping hand to her classmates so that they make better choices.
- **Veronica (3B)** for the way she displays kindness and lends a helping hand.
- **Megan (4M)** for the way that she helped Mevinu write his story and he was then able to complete his work.
- **Helena (4C)** for the way she shared her things and included others in her games.
- **Donika (4D)** for the way she is supportive to the people in our class and encourages us everyday to do better.

**School Masses:**
All families welcome to attend these masses. Morning tea is available after mass.
June 26th Year Prep
Student Wellbeing @ Our Lady’s
...Providing a safe and supportive learning environment

**Grinners are Winners**

**Grinners are WINNERS**

This week’s winning class is 1B.
Great work!
We look forward to getting this week’s points so we can tally and find out the overall winner for this week.
Stay tuned for this announcement at the beginning of term 3.

**Playground Awards**

When children are playing on the yard all teachers have been very keen to catch children who are following our school expectations.
The following children are this week’s winners:

- **Be SAFE** – Ferona 2K
- **Be RESPONSIBLE** – Carter Prep G
- **Be RESPECTFUL** – Kristian 2K

**Congratulations!**

Last Thursday night our school performed at the Student Wellbeing Drama Festival at the Clocktower in Moonee Ponds in front of a huge audience. Many schools participate in this festival allowing children an opportunity to work together to present a wellbeing message.

Our performance, titled ‘It’s Time To Take A Stand’ allowed the audience to look into the lives of four different characters and how their negative experiences impact the way they look, feel and act. The play highlighted the devastating effects that bullying can have on others. In these situations, you can choose to be a bystander or you can make a difference. The message is to be proactive and take a stand to ensure the dignity of others is maintained.
As a result we achieved an excellence award for having a ‘Well conceived and executed message’.

Congratulations to the following children who worked extremely hard for 10 weeks at lunchtimes and after school to put the very successful production together: Kai Chesher, Preet Kumar, Deborah Boateng, Kennedy Shea, Venu Anau, Sebastian Tsolakis, Grace Elisha, Marlet Younus, Domenic Licastro, Luke Schultz, Saransh Rana, Chelsea Hansen, Sam Armarego, Annisa Opyrchai and Year 6 children featuring in an anti-bullying footage.

We also extend our thanks to the hard work, creativity and dedication of our teachers Natalie Torzillo and Stephanie Laiacona with the help from Bianca Dowd and Shakira Beale.

Great team work!

The play shows how people feel when they are bullied. We should not be a bystander but we should stand up for people who are being bullied. If we do that we can be friends.

Kennedy

I really liked that we got to meet new friends especially because we were in different year levels. If you get a chance to be in the wellbeing play, take it because it can help you with lots of things.

Deborah

When I first heard that we were doing the performance I felt nervous but when we did it I felt like doing it again.

Marlet

I really enjoyed it because I hadn’t experienced something like this before.

Sam

Being part of this play was a once in a life time experience, being with people I barely knew who are now my friends. It was so fun I will never forget what I have learnt. If I did not do this, it would have been the biggest mistake.

Luke

It was a great experience to participate in this play. We all got a chance to interact with each other and make new friends. It was a great feeling to be in front of all these people in a real theatre. It got rid of stage fright.

Saransh
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Get into Tennis – Term 3 Special!

The NEW Hume Tennis and Community Centre is offering half price tennis lessons, for anyone who starts tennis in Term 3. More info: call 1300 486 382, email: office@humetennis.com.au

www.humetennis.com.au
Looking for something to do these school holidays?

Free Junior Netball Clinics for boys and girls aged 8yo – 12yo.

When:  
- Tuesday 30th June (10am – 11.30am)
- Thursday 2nd July (1pm – 2.30pm)
  * Children may attend one or both clinics *

Where: Broadmeadow Leisure Centre Netball Courts (indoor location)


Cost: FREE

Contact: broadmeadowsnetball@hotmail.com
10 June 2015

FREE TAX HELP FOR LOW INCOME EARNERS

Hume Volunteer Gateway and the Australian Tax Office are offering a free service to help the community with their tax return from 20 July to 30 October 2015.

Tax Help is a network of community volunteers who provide a free and confidential service to help people complete their tax returns at tax time.

These volunteers are people from within the community who give up their time each year. Although they are not Australian Tax Office (ATO) staff, they receive training and support from the ATO. Tax Help is for people earning around $50,000 or less, including (but not restricted to) seniors, students, people from non-English speaking backgrounds, people with a disability, Aboriginal people or Torres Strait Islanders.

Since tax claims can be complex, volunteers are only able to help with fairly straightforward tax returns. They can help identify and record income received through pensions, Australian government benefits and allowances (such as unemployment and sickness benefits), salary and wages, dividends, managed funds and interest.

**Tax Help volunteers are operating at the following centres:**

Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows - 1093 Pascoe Vale Road - 9356 6928  
Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn – 75 Central Park Avenue - 9356 6928  
Tullamarine Community House, 30 Carol Grove, Tullamarine - 9338 9072  
Goonawarra Neighbourhood House, 8 Gullane Drive, Sunbury - 9740 6627

Please contact your nearest centre to make an appointment.

Please advertise the enclosed poster on your notice board and in your newsletter if possible. If you require any further information, please contact me: cathyj@hume.vic.gov.au / 9356 6934.

Thank you.

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