Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

Happy Grandparents Day!

Today we have marked the feast day of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, Jesus grandparents, by welcoming grandparents and special older friends to school! This is one of the highlights of our year as the students embrace the opportunity to celebrate their grandparents. We are very grateful to our special ‘older’ people who made a wonderful effort to join us today.

We are also aware of the many students who weren’t able to have grandparents or special friends at school for the celebration. These children were welcomed with open arms by other students and their families – a great model of a caring community.

Dear God,
Please bless our grandparents.
For the ways they have helped me
and made me strong,
I give thanks.
For the ways they love me
no matter what,
I rejoice.
For the ways they have paved the road
that leads me here,
I am grateful.
Let them grow in wisdom
and joy in life.
Let them find peace
and rest from their work.
Let them be healed
of every sickness and pain.

And let them see the love
of your son, Jesus,
in the love of their children
and grandchildren.
Bless them today and always.
Amen.

IMPORTANT DATES

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A big thank you to all families who were able to come along during the day and those who provided a plate of afternoon tea. Thanks also to staff and helpers for their time and energy and the students for their work in preparing for the day!

Thanks for a great week!
God bless you! 😊

Jo-Anne

Advance notice:
- Sun 26th Aug  First Communion @ 10.30am

School Concert

Tickets for our 2018 concert will be available for purchase from the school office from Tuesday 7th August! This year the concert performance will take place at the Hamilton PAC.

To ensure the fair distribution of tickets and to give everyone an equal opportunity to see the children perform, we ask for your cooperation and consideration of which show you will purchase tickets for.

To allow those parents/relatives/friends who are not able to attend during the day, we would ask that if you are able to do so, could you please purchase tickets for the Matinee. We understand that this might mean family groups cannot attend together but it would be appreciated if we can distribute tickets relatively evenly across the performances.

The cost of tickets is $10.00/adult and $5.00/16 & under. The general rule is, regardless of age, if the child needs a seat, you will need to purchase a ticket.

- Initially there will be a limit of 5 tickets per family per performance.
- All tickets will be pre-sold; none will be available on the night.
- Tickets are available from the school office from Tuesday 7th August.
- If by Monday 27th August we still have unsold tickets they will then be released to those who would like extra (place your name on the waiting list at the office if you require extra).
- Ticket purchases will be on a ‘first come, first serve’ basis until each of the shows are sold out.
- Seat numbers will be allocated and you can select your seats when you purchase.

- On the day/night of the performance, you will present your ticket and sit in the seat indicated on your ticket.

Learning Conversations

Learning Conversations are scheduled for TUESDAY 14th and WEDNESDAY 15th August. A timetable will be set up on Monday morning in the office area for parents to fill in their preferred times. This will be available until Wednesday 1st August and then times will be sent out to families with the newsletter on Friday. Please call in and write your child’s name in your preferred slot or ring or email the office office@smhamilton.catholic.edu.au

School Improvement Surveys

Periodically our school community is asked to complete a survey which provides us with data concerning our organisational health. This data is used in the process of assessing growth, setting goals and working towards school improvement. As part of the school improvement cycle we are due for a survey round this year in preparation for our review in 2019. A selection of parents, chosen randomly from our family list, will receive a survey for completion over the next ten days; these will be sent home with students next Monday. Please return completed surveys as per the instructions in the envelope, no later than Wednesday 8th August. There is also an option to complete the survey online, details in the envelope. Staff and senior students are also involved in completing surveys and providing important feedback for our school.

Enrolments

Thank you to those parents who have completed enrolment application forms for Prep 2019. If you are still to hand in your form please support our planning by applying by 10th August.

School Fees

School Fees are due and payable by the 31st August, 2018. This does not apply if you have a regular payment plan for your fees or if you have recently spoken with Helen. Please call Helen or Jo-Anne if you are unable to pay your account by this date or if you have any queries on your account. We still have a few deposits with no names or details on them. These have not been allocated to anyone’s fees. If you believe these deposits are yours, please contact Helen. Your fee statement has been sent out with today’s newsletter.

Thank you, Helen
Parish News

MASS TIMES – 2017

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Canteen Roster

01/08/2018 NO CANTEEN as there is no Volunteer
08/08/2018 NO CANTEEN as there is no Volunteer
15/08/2018 Jodi Nicholson
- Can you help with our Canteen Roster?
- Please note that if there are no parent volunteers there will be no lunch orders available on that day.
- If you are interested in finding out what is involved, please contact the office.

Library News

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

Book Club – Book Club was distributed last week. These orders need to be placed by next Monday 30th July, 2018. Kristi Lewis co-ordinates our Book Club orders, with support from Shannon and Helen and we sincerely thank them for continuing to ensure our students receive the books they order from the Book Club.

Book Fair – Each year we have a Book Fair to coincide with Book Week (a national event held each year).
- Our Book Fair is scheduled to take place during Week 5 - week commencing Monday 13th August, 2018.
- This is an ideal time to begin purchasing books for Christmas gifts. Further details will be included in future newsletters so keep a lookout!

Book Week – This annual event commences on 18th August this year and runs through to 24th August, 2018.
- Several book related events will take place during this time.
- A Book Fair as mentioned above is one such event.
- Another event that the students love and look forward to is a Book Week Parade, where they dress up as their favourite Book character or as a character related to the theme. This year’s theme is ‘Find your Treasure’.
- This year is a concert year, so our ‘Book Week Parade’ will combine with our ‘Concert themed out of uniform day’ on Friday, 17th August, 2018.
- This means the students can choose to dress out of uniform in the theme of our concert or in theme of this year’s Book Week or as a book character.

Pastoral Care

Hello and welcome back to school, I hope you had a good break with your child/ren. As we are now in the middle of winter and many of us have had, or are desperately avoiding coughs and colds, I thought the following Q & A taken from https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Cough/ The Royal Children’s Hospital Melbourne might be of interest.

Common questions our doctors are asked

My child’s cough is keeping them awake at night. What can I do?
If they are over 12 months, consider giving them some honey to soothe the irritation in their throat. If your child coughs mainly at night and less during the day, this may represent asthma and should be investigated by your GP.

Is it OK to send my child to school if they have a cough?
If your child is unwell with a fever, runny nose and cough it is best to keep them home and reduce the chance of spreading their infection to others. However, a cough can last for many weeks after your child has recovered from their infection, and there is no need to keep them home from school for that long. A cough may also represent something else, like asthma, which does not require school exclusion.

There are a lot of different cough medicines in the pharmacy. Do they work?
Some cough medicines work by thinning the mucus produced in the airway. Others reduce your natural cough reflex or may contain similar ingredients to anti-histamines. However, there is no scientific evidence that cough medicines will be helpful, and some may have unwanted side effects, like constipation. Cough medicines should not be used in children younger than six years old, and only used in children over six on the advice of a health professional.

I hope this has been of help and interest.
Have a wonderful week.

Kind regards,
Lisa Gonnet
Schools Pastoral Care worker
0400 994 032

Happy Reading!
Kerry Stevens (Teacher/Librarian)
Assembly
Assemblies are held every second Friday in our Learning Street @ 2.40pm.
Our next assembly will be Friday 10th August.
All welcome!

2018 CHRISTMAS EXPO.

GOURMET GIFTS
Calling all cooks and bakers, we are in need of your cooking expertise for our Gourmet Gifts stall at Expo this year.

If you would be willing to cook Christmas cakes or puddings, we would appreciate if you could please complete return slip to the office or contact me directly.

If cooking is not your thing, we would also very much appreciate any donations of ingredients.

Fruit has been ordered and will be available shortly (we will advise when it arrives)

For those of you, who may not have cooked a Christmas cake before we will attach a tried a tested recipe found on the gourmet gift stall for many a year in next week’s newsletter.

As in previous years we would like to fill our stall with Christmas cakes and puddings. This year we would also like to grow the stall with adding more biscuits, shortbread, rum balls and other baked goods or even preserves.

If you have any questions or would like any information about how my can assist, please call/text Marie McDonald on 0409560680 or email: maree.mcdonald@bigpond.com

TOYOTA GOOD FOR FOOTY CLINIC
The AFL in conjunction with Toyota and their local dealers (Taylor Motors - Hamilton) are pleased to invite all primary school aged children to an interactive football clinic including various climbing, jumping and kicking inflatable’s (weather / wind permitting) along with handball activities. Also included will be a competition with prizes galore if any of the participants can kick a football into the back of a Toyota ute, supplied by Taylor Motors. Every participant will receive a soft touch footy and Taylor Motors will also be providing a free BBQ at the end of the clinic, for all participants, regardless of the weather.

WHEN: Wednesday 8th August 2017
VENUE: Melville Oval, Hamilton
TIMES: 4.15pm - 5.30pm
COST: Free to all participants

THE SPORT CATCH UP

Hoop Time
Well done to the Grade 3/4 Hoop Time players yesterday! They represented the school wonderfully and had a lot of fun doing so!

A very big congratulations to the All Star Boys and the Future Stars Sabres who made the grand final!! A full report will feature in next week’s newsletter. Thank you to Casey Rook, Deb Fitzgerald, Matt Dunn, Jess Beattie, Ross Milne, Erika Murphy, Hayley Piper, Jo Sobey, Megan Jackson and Kylie Tonissen. Also a big thank you to Lauren Haeusler who supported the students on the day and Lisa Schurmann who coached the remarkable rookies.

The Grade 5/6’s get their chance to take the court on Monday!

Elise Couchman