



Dear Parents,



## Sunday, 29 Nov 2015: First Sunday of Advent

### Beginning Advent

The second and third weeks of Advent this year focus particularly on the role of John the Baptist as the one who prepared the way for Jesus and announced his coming. It continues the theme of preparation that was begun last week, but still, rather than preparing for the birth of Jesus, we are exploring the wider theme of preparation. The gospel writer includes a quote from Isaiah in which the prophet says, 'Prepare a way for the Lord.' (Often translated as 'Prepare the way of the Lord'.) The application of this passage to John the Baptist is a logical one. This gospel emphasizes that John was preaching 'a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins'. Throughout the gospel of Luke, the recognition of sinfulness and the desire to repent and seek forgiveness is the prelude to receiving God's favour.

Advent God,

We journey with you, to Bethlehem's stable and a new-born King, ears attuned to the song of angels, eyes alert for Bethlehem's star.

Forgive us if on our journey if we are distracted by the tempting offers of this world.

Keep our hearts aflame with the hope of Christmas, and the promise of a Saviour. Amen

Peace and Best Wishes

Noel Dillon

Principal



Today was our last breakfast club for the year. Many thanks to our wonderful parents and staff who have ensured the children have had an opportunity to be part of this program. The time and effort given by parents and staff is appreciated and enables the wider aspect of the curriculum to be achieved.

**Next week's newsletter will be our last newsletter for the year.**

## GRADE STRUCTURES / TEACHERS FOR 2016

Foundation/Gr. 1	:	Tania Malavisi
Grade 1/2	:	Kellie Scott
Grade 3/4	:	Mikayla Hogan
Grade 3/4	:	Lauren Mitchell
Grade 5/6	:	Ollie Geary

## END OF YEAR MASS AND AWARDS NIGHT

Our awards night will be included in our End of Year Mass. This will be held on Wednesday, 9th December at 6.30pm at the Church. On the night, our major awards will be presented and we will also have a chance to farewell our Grade 6 graduates.

The mass will be followed by a cuppa in the O'Dee and a tribute to the Grade 6 graduates.

The last day of term for students is Wednesday, 16th December. Finishing time is 3.15pm

## UNIFORM SHOP

The shop will be open on a Monday straight after assembly and also each Thursday.

### Students should now be in summer uniform

#### BOYS

School polo shirt  
School windcheater  
Grey shorts (**NO CARGO**)  
Black shoes or sandals  
Grey ankle socks  
School hat

#### GIRLS

School windcheater  
Blue/White check dress  
Black shoes/sandals  
White ankle socks  
School hat



### MJR is 24/7

### Making Jesus Real (MJR) Winners and Grinners

MJR leads us to be 'winners and grinners' rather than 'moaners and groaners', to look for positives in each day, and to make sure we let others know how much we appreciate them in our lives, and how to pass on the Good News each day.

**TERM 4 DATES FOR 2015**

**December**

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	:	Graduation mass 6.30pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	:	Swimming Carnival
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	:	Christmas Carols
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	:	<b>School year ends for students - 3.15pm</b>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	:	Planning Day at School
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	:	Last day of term for Staff



**SWIMMING**

Our swimming program will begin on Monday, 30th November and continue until Friday, 11th December

The grade 5/6 will miss Monday, 30th November, as they will be attending the Spirit of Anzac display in Bendigo.

The grade 5's will miss Wednesday, 2nd December, as they will be attending the Caritas Leadership day at St. Francis in Strathfieldsaye.

Children will be taken by bus to and from the pool. Further details will be sent home regarding the swimming sports on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

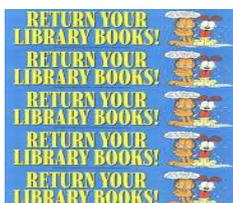
The timetable for swimming will be;

Juniors (Foundation, Grades 1 & 2)  
 Depart school at 12:45pm  
 Session from 1.00pm -2:00pm  
 Return to school.

Seniors  
 Depart school at 1:45pm  
 Session from 2.00pm - 3:00pm  
 Return to school

Swimming continues next week at the same times as this week. Our whole school swimming carnival day will be held on Friday, 11th December.

***The Carnival Day will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, where the children will be participating in a number of swimming events throughout the afternoon. The carnival will begin at 1:00pm and conclude at about 3:15pm, when students will be dismissed from the pool. It is hoped that many families are able to join us for this event. Again, it is expected that ALL children will participate.***



**LIBRARY BOOKS**

Students are requested to please return all library books before the end of the year.



**CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS**

In each weekly newsletter this year, our school's Speech Pathologist provides some "family friendly", fun oral language tasks aimed to enhance learning and literacy skills.

Play a game of categories "I Spy" with you child - "I spy with my little eye something that belongs in the 'food', 'animal', 'transport', 'clothing', 'kitchen' category. Your child must tell you as many objects as they can. You can use a timer to make this game fun and ask your child to tell you as many as they can in ten seconds.

**Respect for Others**

Alfie Taylor

**Respect for Self**

Grace Bradshaw Imogen Nixon  
 Abigail Matthews Ryan Foster

**Respect for Environment**

Tahlia Anderson

**Making Jesus Real** (for excellent manners)

Tomia Damchef Sebastien Loraine  
 Harry Pitt Layla Jennings  
 Ava Harris Phoebe Banbury  
 Amelia Nixon

**Assembly is held on a Monday at 8.45am in the O'Dee.**

**Awards will be presented at this time Please come along.**



**STUDENT ABSENCES**

Please contact the school by 10.00am if your child is not attending school for the day. On returning to school, students must bring a signed, written note explaining their absence and give it to their classroom teacher. Notification can also be made via the school phone app.

## SCHOOL BOARD

### Elected Members

Dean Bibby : Chairperson Helen Naylor Vice Chairperson  
Natalie Craig Bryce Pianta

### Representative Members

Teacher Representative : Lauren Mitchell (Deputy Principal)  
Parents Auxiliary : Natalie Craig

### Ex-officio Members

Parish Priest: Father Antony Joseph Parish Representative: Pam Chisholm  
School Principal: Paul Dullard CEO representative

### Parents & Friends

President: Heidi Conway Vice President: Michelle Scoble  
Treasurer: Sally Pitt Assistant Treasurer: Sharon Bibby  
Secretary: TBA Assistant Secretary: TBA  
P & F Board Representative: Natalie Craig  
Tuckshop Committee: Heidi Conway, Natalie Craig, Michelle Scoble  
Social Fundraiser / Uniform Shop: Fiona Bradshaw



### Smart - remember your hats!

Our Holy Rosary Sun Smart Policy notes that all children will be required to wear school hats during Terms 1 and 4 whenever they are outside for protection. Sunsmart activities and sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels. Parents will be encouraged to model Sunsmart behaviour when participating in school functions that are held outdoors.

When the UV Index is 3 and above:

1. Slip on sun-protective clothing
2. Slop on SPF30+, broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen - put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards
3. Slap on a hat - that protects your face, head, neck and ears
4. Seek shade
5. Slide on some sunglasses - make sure they meet Australian Standards.

From September to April, just a few minutes of UV exposure to the face, arms and hands or equivalent area of skin should be enough for most people to maintain vitamin D levels. However people with naturally very dark skin may need 3 to 6 times the exposure level. For the times of the day that sun protection is needed, check the SunSmart UV Alert in the weather section of daily newspapers or at [www.sunsmart.com.au](http://www.sunsmart.com.au). During the day live UV levels for Melbourne can be found at [www.arpansa.gov.au](http://www.arpansa.gov.au). Particular care should be taken between 10.00am and 2.00pm (11.00am and 3.00pm daylight saving time) when UV Index levels reach their peak.

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

As the school year comes to an end, there is so much planning underway for the year ahead. The Uniform shop has had a changing of the guard as Natt Craig steps back to take a much earned break. As the incoming Uniform Shop Representative, I would like to sincerely thank Natt for all her hard work and dedication to this role over the past few years.

Natt has played a key role in sourcing the best value for money uniforms for us all, and has kept options available for us to keep our kids in uniform. Thank you Natt, we appreciate it very much.

As this year draws to an end, we are ordering stock now to ensure the students are set to go come 2016. We are currently awaiting the arrival of size 6 and 8 summer dresses, but have plenty of most everything else in stock, so please come in and see me Monday after assembly to get your childs/childrens uniforms organized. At this rate, it will be here before you know it.

School Dress	\$17 (size 6/8 on back order)	Sports Skorts	\$14
Summer polo	\$17	Grey Shorts	\$14
Sports Shorts	\$14	School Bag	\$40
Hat	\$12	Art Smock	\$10

Order forms are also available at the office.

Fiona Bradshaw



**IF YOU ONLY DO ONE  
THING THIS FIRE SEASON**

**Speak to CFA Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>  
December at Costerfield**

**What:** Free Fire Ready Safety Information Session

**Where:** Costerfield Hall - Nagambie Road, Costerfield

**When:** 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**Find out:** Must-have fire information for this season

**For more information:**

Contact CFA District 18 Office (1800 820 118)

**Don't understand English?  
Require an AUSLAN interpreter?  
Need assistance to access the venue?**

**Let us know and we'll do our best to help.**

**If you belong to  
a community group  
or club, talk to us  
about arranging  
a customised  
session.**

Please note that CFA postpones all community meetings when the Fire Danger Rating is Code Red, Extreme or Severe.

**PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.**  
**FireReady**

[cfa.vic.gov.au/meetings](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/meetings)



**HEATHCOTE JUNIOR FOOTBALL  
NETBALL CLUB INC;**  
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Facebook: Heathcote Junior Football Netball Club Inc.

**REGISTRATION DAY**  
**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**6.00PM TO 7.00PM.**

Football registrations (via Sporting Pulse) available  
online now for 2016.

BARRACK RESERVE OVAL  
HIGH STREET, HEATHCOTE.

FURTHER INFO CONTACT JESS: 0403 063 167  
OR KAY: 0412 476 177

**Calling on the singers and songwriter  
youth of the Heathcote and district region**

The Heathcote Community Games is on again on the last weekend in February next year... and we need a theme song! Tania Malavesi has kindly offered to mentor a group of enthusiastic children to develop the children's thoughts and hopes for the Games into an uplifting song, to be recorded and performed by the children.

Please email ([doug@dougbruce.com.au](mailto:doug@dougbruce.com.au)) or text (0477863258) Jodie if your child is interested in joining this group. We will be looking to have the first meeting at the Heathcote Community House around 4pm in the last week of school and a couple over January (missing a meeting if your child is out of town for any of the days is ok).

This should be a positive and fun way of connecting the children of Heathcote and its surrounding regions and we do hope you will consider supporting your child's involvement.

Jodie Doyle  
HCG organising committee member



Heathcote resident Jesse Bruce,  
with HCG mascot, Fazzi.