Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had an opportunity to celebrate Mother’s Day with family and friends yesterday. I have always felt that the most important part of Mother’s Day is actually spending time with your children and enjoying the special gifts they have made or bought from the stall. A big thank you to our parents who gave up their time to buy, wrap and sell those beautiful gifts you received on Sunday morning! I would also like to thank all the parents who came to our Mother’s Day liturgy on Friday. Our students always enjoy the opportunity to share their thoughts about their mums with the school community. Our liturgy also focused on Mary, the mother of Jesus, who indeed was ‘Holy Mary, Mother of God’. On Good Friday my thoughts are often with Mary who had to endure the pain of her son’s death. The ‘Hail Mary’ is always a prayer of comfort to those in need.

**Catholic Family Week is from 16th to 22nd May.** To celebrate families and assist parents I have attached a Michael Grose article on ‘Raising Happy Kids’ which may provide you with some parenting ideas. I always find something new on his website: parentingideas.com.au.

This week we have **NAPLAN** (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) testing which is held each year in May. We encourage all students to be at school on time – the testing will take place each morning from Tuesday to Thursday. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, then they need to stay home, but please remember that it is very difficult to provide the required level of supervision at another time. I wish to acknowledge the work the Year 3/4 and 5/6 teachers put into preparing our students and Belinda who coordinates the testing procedures and timetable.

This week we also have our **Sacrament Night for Parents** on Wednesday 11th May at 7:00-8:15pm in the library with Rev. Dr Elio Capra. Fr Capra teaches courses in liturgy at Catholic Theological College, East Melbourne and Australian Catholic University. He is also an active contributor to teaching and formation in sacramental programs across Australia. This is one parent night not to miss!

**School Photos** will be on Friday 20th May. Please make sure your child is wearing their school winter uniform on this day with black school shoes. Information and forms will be sent home today.

Next week we welcome back Pam from her Pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece following the in footsteps of St. Paul and look forward to hearing about her travels. We also welcome back Liz from long service leave and hope that Denise is enjoying her leave in sunny Italy.

Enjoy the week ahead.

**Jenny Del Prete**  
Acting Principal
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING

SCHOOLPIX will be visiting us this Friday 13th May

PHOTO DAY TIPS:

**Dress:**
Clean and tidy as per school uniform guidelines. All students must wear the complete winter uniform, proper school polished shoes and no other footwear is acceptable.

All students who are school leaders must also wear their badges.

Due to interschool sports for year 5/6 students also on this day. A reminder that sports uniform is to be brought to school in a separate bag.

**Hair:**
Neat and swept off face

**Manual Orders:**
Complete your order form and return with payment to school this Wednesday 11th May 2016

**Online Orders:**
To pre-order online, take your personal Order and ID Numbers found on your order form and go to www.schoolpix.com.au. Orders can be placed online up to 2 working days after photography. You do not need to return the order form if you order online.

**Sibling Orders:**
For a special photo of your children together, collect a Sibling Order Form from the office.

**Remember:**
All orders placed online will receive a free 20cm x 25cm black and white portrait print.

PO Box 5222, Hallam VIC 3803
Ph: 1300 766 055
Email: info@schoolpix.com.au

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**Lunch Orders**
Just a reminder that lunch orders need to be at school on Tuesday for a Thursday delivery. The food is fresh and delicious and the students and staff who have ordered lunches have been impressed with the variety and quality.

**Men's Shed 2016**
An open invitation to all men out there; dads, grandads, uncles etc to a meeting of the Sacred Heart Men's Group, to be held in the library on **Monday, 16th May at 7pm**. You will get a chance to meet other dads as well as find out what great activities we have planned for the rest of 2016. It would be great if as many dads as possible were able to make it on the night. **Pizza and refreshments** provided!! Please keep the night free!
Our Recap

We have had a chance to play outdoors where the children played group games such as tiggy, dodge ball, capture the flag and many more. As usual, our crafty children made lots of craft. We have made beautiful paper gift boxes as a mother's day activity.

Parents - I have started a photo journal book along with our digital photo frame. Please feel free to browse and write comments on children’s photos. Thank you.

Sadia Zahan
Extend OSHC

This week's Activities

| Monday 9th May: | Make puffy paint/Tennis          |
| Wednesday 11th May: | Paint Autumn tree with Puffy paint/Dodge ball |
| Thursday 12th May: | Floating egg/Tag of War/Science   |
| Friday 13th May:  | Leaf Puppet making/Capture the flag |
|                  | Paper plate Diorama/Tiggi      |

Netball

Over the past three weeks the Netball teams, both Girls and Mixed, have played some fantastic netball and worked really well together to ensure that everyone is enjoying each other's company and playing great netball. I have been impressed by their training, as well as devoting their lunchtimes to practising their ball skills. It is starting to pay off! Marty.

Friday, April 22 (Away)

**Sacred Heart Girls def. Preston B 25-0**
Scorers ~ Divya Parekh 20, Emily Bueno 5
Stars ~ Mackenzie, Pauline, Trisha

**Sacred Heart Mixed def. Preston B 26-1**
Scorers ~ Raymond Lu 23, Andrew Phan 3
Stars ~ Raymond L, Chantal, Andrew

Friday, April 29 (Home)

**Sacred Heart Girls def. St. Gabriel's 25-1**
Scorers ~ Divya Parekh 15, Beulah 5, Emily Bueno 5
Stars ~ Chelsea, Kashish, Nandita

**Sacred Heart Mixed def. St. Gabriel's 15-1**
Scorers ~ Raymond Lu 15
Stars ~ Steven, Dalton, Christopher

Friday, May 6 (Away)

**Sacred Heart Girls def, Reservoir West 31-0**
Scorers ~ Divya 16, Beulah 4, Emily 7, Mackenzie 4
Stars ~ Trish, Nandita, Hanni

**Reservoir Wets def. Sacred Heart Mixed 19-3**
Scorers ~ Raymond, Andrew, Christopher
Stars ~ Steven, Alysie, Elliana

Soccer

The soccer boys have been working hard and it definitely showed in their recent games. On Friday April 22nd we played a tough game against Preston B, the result being an unfortunate loss, 12-1. Our captain, Dean gave great advice and nominated Paul as our M.V.P of the week, for his ongoing determination throughout the game.
Soccer continues……..
April 29th was an exciting home game against St. Gabriel’s, in which the boys put in a huge amount of effort. It was a close game, with a loss of 3-5. Our captain, Anthony Panuccio showed outstanding leadership skills, and nominated Peter as our M.V.P, for showing a great improvement in his soccer skills and support of the whole team.

Overall, the team have showed exceptional efforts in their sportsmanship and encouragement of one another. Great work boys! Nicole.

Cross Country Sports will be next Wednesday 18th May. Good luck to all the students who will be attending.

Religious Education News

Parent Sacrament Night this Wednesday May 11th in the library 7:00pm-8:15pm.

National Reconciliation Week begins on 27th May.
To celebrate this week Parade College will be having a special mass on Tuesday 31st May at 10:30 at Sacred Heart Church. Our Year 5/6 students will be attending and all parents of our school community are invited to attend. Please see the notice below.

Our students in Year 3 will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday May 26th at 7:00pm.

Bishop Terry Curtin will visit our school on Thursday 26th May to speak with our Confirmation candidates. On this day our students will celebrate this Sacrament by attending ‘A Day of the Spirit’ (a whole day focus on celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit).

The Sacrament of Confirmation is on the Feast Day of The Sacred Heart, June 3rd at 7:00pm.

Parade College Reconciliation Mass Week 2016
We would like to invite you to join us in celebrating National Reconciliation Week with a special College Eucharist at the Sacred Heart Church, Preston. The mass will be a celebration of reconciliation and it will see a coming together of local schools, community groups and all those involved in the Church who wish to honour this work. The mass will begin at 10:30am on the morning of Tuesday the 31st of May. Light refreshments will be offered afterwards in the Church Foyer at 322 Bell St, Preston. We hope you will consider joining us for this important celebration. Please RSVP, for catering purposes, no later than Tuesday the 24th of May. Please contact Sofia Tralli at the Parade College Preston reception: Ph: 94166550 Email: preston.reception@parade.vic.edu.au In the words of Michael Long ‘This isn’t about indigenous Australia and white Australia, this is about all Australia’.
The Family Care Sisters facility at Croydon, offers wholistic care to all women (aged 20+ -70 yrs) who are in need of a peaceful environment, ‘time out’, support or nurturing. Our residential program operates each week, Monday-Friday (Feb.-mid-Dec). A daily group session is held on topics such as ‘relaxation’, ‘well-being’, ‘self-awareness’, ‘boundaries’, etc. Cost: $175 (which can be paid in instalments). In 2016 we are trialling Day Programs on topics such as “Boundaries”, “Dreams”, “Genograms” etc.

For further information or to book in: contact us on Ph. 9723 6797.

Web: www.familycaresisters.com.au
Email: resthome.familycare@bigpond.com

If any brochures are required, please advise (via email and include your postal address) and we will send the brochures to you.

Suggestion: Cut out this notice and place on your fridge...

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Parents & Friends
Thank you to all of the all of the parents who arranged the fabulous Mother's Day gifts (and a great choice at that!!). The stall would not be as successful as it is without the wonderful helpers who volunteered their time to hold the stall and make it a great experience for the children to thank the “mothers” in their life.

Entertainment Books
Sacred Heart Primary School - Preston is pleased to be selling the 16|17 Entertainment™ Memberships as a fundraiser in 2016 – the Memberships are now available to order!

You can choose between the traditional Entertainment™ Book or you can purchase the Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Entertainment™ Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone, all for just $65!

The Entertainment™ Memberships contain over 800 valuable up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for many of the best restaurants, attractions, hotels and retailers in Melbourne. Each Membership sold raises $13 for Sacred Heart Primary School - Preston to help us raise much needed funds.

Please show your support by visiting the link below and purchasing your Membership today:

www.entbook.com.au/1865d75

For any enquiries please contact:
Susan at sacredheartpandf@hotmail.com

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Our next P & F meeting will be held this Friday 13th May in the staffroom from 9am. All welcome.