Dear Parents and Carers,

It is good to be back! The biggest thrill I received on my return was the number of children who welcomed me back on my first day. Yard Duty at 8.30am has never been so much fun! My time away on the Pilgrimage of St Paul was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about this important saint who was instrumental in spreading the Catholic Faith to other nations. Actually visiting the places where St Paul preached and baptized the early Christians is amazing and I look forward to sharing my new insights and knowledge with the Year 5 /6 students as part of their Religious Education studies. My fellow principals and I also wrote a comprehensive journal of each day of our Pilgrimage and I will be sharing some of the more relevant parts with both the staff and School Board throughout the term.

In my absence, Jenny (Acting Principal) and Belinda (Acting Deputy Principal) did a wonderful job of managing the school and I wish to sincerely thank them for this. I also appreciated how all the staff collaborated to ensure Jenny and Belinda were well-supported in their new roles. Thank you!

This week is a busy one with the teachers being released for a day to continue working on the student reports. We will also be welcoming Bishop Terry Curtin on Thursday, 26th May. He will be visiting the Confirmation candidates and joining the staff for Morning Tea. I wish all our candidates the very best for their special celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, 3rd June. This day is also the Feast of the Sacred Heart. The Prep - Year 4 students will be attending the Parish Mass at 9.10am and I'm sure there will be a special treat for the students after this Mass. Due to Confirmation being held that night, we will be organizing another “special treat” to celebrate our Feast Day, that all the students can participate in during the last week of this term!

Another special group of students will be receiving the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) on Thursday, 26th May. I always regard this sacrament as the first opportunity the children are given to actually reflect on their own personal relationship with God, receiving His love through His forgiveness. I congratulate all of the children who will be receiving the sacrament this week.

Last week, our school reviewer, Meredith Nolte, presented her Review Report to the school staff and school board. I will be including some of her report in future newsletters, but generally the report was very positive regarding the school’s achievement over the last four years. She has also been very clear in her recommendations for future directions. The next step of this process is for the school staff to work in conjunction with Catholic Education Melbourne to form targets for future improvement. We will also formulate an Annual Action Plan from the goals that have been developed by the staff, CEM and parent reps who were part of this consultation. I am including the Key messages that the reviewer saw as our strategic intent for the next four years:
On a final note, congratulations to the students who participated so well in the recent **District Cross Country** competition. It is always pleasing to hear of students who try their hardest and also encourage their mates along the way. I also thank the parents who gave up their time to support our students, as well as Tanya, who organized the training of the students and accompanied them on the day. It is a great extra-curricular opportunity for those students who are interested in athletics, to pursue this interest at the Primary School level.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week ahead.

**Pam Hallett**  
(Principal)

**Religious Education News**  
Thank you to all the parents who attended the Sacrament Information Night with Fr Elio Capra. The feedback we received was extremely positive. Not only did parents gain new knowledge about the Sacraments and the relationship between them but they were also highly entertained.

**Important Dates:**

**Thursday 26th May**  
**Bishop Terry Curtin** will be visiting the Confirmation candidates. There will be a special morning tea provided by the candidates and they have kindly offered to ‘serve others’ by hosting the staff morning tea with Bishop Terry.

**First Reconciliation Sacrament**  7:00pm at Sacred Heart Church. Please remember the following students in your prayers as they prepare for and receive the Sacrament of Penance. Andrew Calabro, Jake Cox, Aleisha Federico, Makayla Gellel, Emily Gunn, Ilan Marcelin-Moura, Daniel Pannucio, Jasmine Pham, Jacob Taouk and Chantal Letelier.

**National Reconciliation Week  May 27th – June 3rd**  
Parade College have prepared a special mass on Tuesday 31st May at 10:30am at Sacred Heart Church for Reconciliation Week. Year 5/6 students will attend. All parents are invited to attend and stay for a special morning tea in the church foyer.
Friday 3rd June

Sacrament of Confirmation 7:00pm with Bishop Terry Curtin. A separate note will be going home to families this week. Students will be attending a special ‘Day of The Spirit’ on Thursday May 26th. Please remember the following students in your prayers as they prepare to receive the gifts of The Holy Spirit. Emily Bueno, Paul Massella, Anthony Panuccio, Mackenzie Ball, Elliana De Leo, Adrian Gellel, Joseph Kane Kramer, Peter Tran, Andre Kohli, Patrick McGuigan, Chelsea Nguyen, Hanni Pham and Chantal Letelier.

Feast of The Sacred Heart is also on Friday June 3rd and we will celebrate this special day with mass at 9:10am for students from Years Prep to Four. This is also the mass where we collect non-perishable food items for St. Vincent de Paul, Preston. Please give generously to this worthy cause as all food items go directly to people living within the parish of Preston and as winter approaches all donations will be gratefully received.

Keep the Date Free: John Burland in concert at school on Thursday 15th September!

The Great Moscow Circus in Heidelberg from Thursday 26th May – Sunday 12th June
All families would have received a flyer last week about the circus and if you are thinking of attending please see the office as we have a limited number of free student vouchers available. Please note that a student is admitted free but they must be accompanied by a paying adult.

Anaphylaxis and Asthma Individual Management Plans
Please make sure you have sent in the required medical forms if your student suffers from asthma or allergies. We are required by law to keep an updated record in case of a medical emergency.

Cross Country
On Wednesday 18th May, 12 students from year 4-6 represented Sacred Heart at the District Cross Country. It was a cool yet sunny day and all students enjoyed the opportunity to run like the wind. Congratulations to all students who participated in the event. Running 2-3 km is no mean feat and you all did it with a smile.

A big thank you to all parents and grandparents who supported the students on the day, especially Tamara Hellier for assisting with the marshalling. A huge thank you to Lisa Bueno, Marina Barry, Violet, Nicole and Marie for assisting with the training sessions over the past month.

Congratulations to all students once again and good luck to Emily Bueno for gaining entry into the next stage. The Darebin Division Cross Country event will be held on June 8th at Bundoora Park. We wish you the best of luck Em!

Tanya Borg
Physical Education Coordinator

“Don’t run, RACE!”- Dalton 16th Place
“You can achieve anything if you believe in yourself”- Kashish 17th Place
“Don’t stop, keep going!”- Anthony 29th Place
TERM 2 DATES
Thursday, 26th May  Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7:00pm in the church.
Friday, 3rd June 7pm  Year 5/6 Confirmation
Monday, 13th June  Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday, 21st June  Parent Teacher Interviews (early dismissal for students)
Friday, 24th June  End of Term 2 - Students dismissed at 1:00pm

TERM 3
Monday 11th July  Term 3 - School resumes at 8.45am
Sunday, 11th September  Sacrament of Eucharist at 10:30am Mass

Extend OSHC at Sacred Heart

Our Recap
Outdoor “Tag” game was the highlight for the last 2 weeks, with the children enjoying the activity thoroughly whilst taking every chance they got. The children also created beautiful puppets using leaves and paper, decorating them with sequins. The children also did a variety of art & craft spontaneously. Last week we cooked a very simple, but delicious recipe called “Honey rice bubble slice”.

“Thank you”
A big thank to Poppy and Sophia (Olivia R's Family) for donating a huge supply of art & craft items and a set of table tennis rackets. Your gifts are already in use by the children.

Thank you.

Sadia Zahan
Extend OSHC

This week’s Activities
Monday 23rd May:  Leaf stencilling/ Musical Statues
Tuesday 24th May:  Shaving Cream puffy paint/Tiggi
Wednesday 25th May: Science: Amazing Detergent /Balloon volleyball
Thursday 26th May:  Aboriginal Painting/Touch Footy
Friday 27th May:  Aboriginal Painting/Tennis

WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!
Book by the deadline to take advantage of lower rates!
VIC & QLD booking deadline: Friday 10 June
NSW & SA booking deadline: Friday 24 June

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can’t wait for you to attend! Join in on Extend's own mini Olympics tournament and aim for gold! Have fun with science experiments, come along in costume and join in on our party afternoons, and participate in a bunch of craft activities and team games. Join in on all this and more at Extend's Winter Holiday Program.

To check out what's on and where your local program is, visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.
Certificate III in Education Support (Teacher's Aide) - CHC30213 - May 2016

This qualification will give you the skills and knowledge to provide assistance and support to teachers and students in a range of educational settings. This includes early childhood education, as well as Primary, Secondary and Special schools.

Graduates work as education assistants/teacher aides and support workers (working with children with disabilities)

Location: Merrilands Community Centre & Keon Park Children’s Hub
Days & Times: Mon (KPCH) & Wed (MCC): 9.15am to 3.15pm, Fri: 9.15am to 3.15pm (2 sessions at MCC)
Dates: Mon 30th May to Wed 31st Aug (Classroom) + Fri 17th & 24th June (Classroom);
Mon 22nd Aug (Assessment Workshop); 5th Sept—18th Nov 2016 (Practical Placement)
Duration: 24 sessions, 2 workshops (TBA) + 100 hour practical placement.
(Excludes: Public & School Holidays.)
Cost: Concession: $180, Full: $900, Fee For Service: $2,685 (Concession- Limited Places)+ Service & Amenities Fee

**Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA)**

Gain skills & knowledge required to responsibly sell or serve alcohol and satisfy the requirements for responsible sale and service of alcohol under Vic. Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation (VCGLR).

Location: Merrilands Community Centre
Days: Friday (1 session)
Time: 9:30am – 1:30pm
Date: 17th June 2016
Duration: 1 session
Cost: Fee for Service: $55 Manual: $10

For more details please ring PRACE on 9462 6077 or visit our website: www.prace.vic.edu.au