

Family Matters

Holy Family Primary School

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EDUCATING IN FAITH FOR TOMORROW'S POSSIBILITIES

Principal's message

Mrs Anne-Marie Marek

Dear parents,
Welcome to Term 4 - to summer uniforms, daylight saving, continuing warmer weather- hopefully!. Someone told me the other day it's only 10 weeks till Christmas! I hope the children had a chance to recharge their batteries and are ready for hard work this term. We have so much happening: new Inquiry units, K-2 Swimming, new Kinder and preschool orientations, Grandparent's Day, Fun Food days, Boorowa carnival, Archdiocesan Netball carnival, Elective sport for Years 3-6, Kinder Nativity, Year 5 and 6 Camps, Reporting, Three-way conferences, and of course the highlight our FETE. Our calendar is full!

I hope that you enjoyed the last two weeks with the children. It's nice to get away or just be at home and not have to be anywhere at a certain time. Some of you may have taken advantage of taking 4 days leave for 10 days off work. If you had to work - I hope you were able to juggle child-care, home and work, without any hassles- having the two long-weekends would have helped I'm sure.

Over the break some minor works were carried out around the school. The gutters were all cleaned, pest controllers came in and garden beds were freshened with new tan bark and some new planting. The new P&F / ELC shed was completed.

KINDER ORIENTATION

A letter will be sent home next week advising of the three 2018 Kindy class placements and reminder of the

morning Kinder 2018 orientation sessions. On Tuesday 7 November, Kinders Red and White and on Wednesday 8 November, Kinder Blue. On both days the children will spend from **9:30am** till 11:00am with their 2018 teacher, in their classroom. During this time, parents are invited to attend a Holy Family School Expo in the Library. At 9.45am I will welcome our new Kinder parents to the school and parents will participate in prayer led by a Kinder 2017 class. Parents will then be encouraged to walk around and gather information on: Parent Network, Canteen, school banking, COOSH, uniforms, P & F, School Board, etc. and are invited to stay for a cuppa and meet current and other new parents. A note will go home closer to this date requesting current Kinder parent help in setting up the morning tea and hosting the morning tea.

PRE-SCHOOL INDUCTION DAYS

2018 Preschool induction days will be Tuesday 14 November and Thursday 16 November from 9-10am. Letters will be sent home this week with more information.

NEW COUNSELLOR

I'm very pleased to announce that our new Catholic Care Counsellor, Samantha Gill will commence working at Holy Family from next Monday. Samantha is very experienced and will be a wonderful addition to the community.

GOOD LUCK NETBALLERS

We have 92 children representing Holy Family at the Archdiocesan Netball Carnival at Calwell on Saturday.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Event 1

ARCHDIOCESAN NETBALL CARNIVAL

Saturday 14 October

Event 2

PRAYER ASSEMBLY 6 RED

Monday 16 October @ 9.15 am

Event 3

ASSEMBLY 6 BLUE

Friday 13th October @ 2.15pm

Event 4

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Wednesday 1st November
10.30am-1pm

Event 5

YR 3 EXCURSION TO THE BOTANIC GARDENS

Tuesday 17th October

Event 6

BOOROWA DAY

Friday 20 October

St John the Apostle, Florey is hosting the event. I thank the many parents who are umpiring, managing and supporting the teams. We pray for great weather and a fun time. Good luck everyone.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YEAR 5 AND 6 CHILDREN

During the last week of term, our senior students performed brilliantly. They presented the musical "Shake, Rattle and Roll". I was so very proud of every child, whether on stage or behind the scenes, backstage. What a marvelous performance. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children. Thank you once again to the teachers who worked so incredibly hard to produce such a polished performance. Great job everyone!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Summer uniforms can be purchased from Savvy at Tuggeranong. Please encourage your child to wear their **school uniform** with pride. This means: shiny shoes and the correct hat and colours for hair accessories. Please ensure that hair is tied back if it is longer than shoulder length. Headlice season will shortly be upon us! The clothing pool is open on Tuesday mornings from 8.30-9.30am and Friday afternoons at 2:30pm.

<u>GIRL'S SUMMER UNIFORM</u>	<u>BOY'S SUMMER UNIFORM</u>
Standard Catholic Primary School Summer Dress Or Girls royal blue shorts - with a Sky Blue polo shirt	Navy Shorts with Sky Blue polo shirt
White Ankle socks	White Ankle socks
Black shoes	Black shoes
Maroon jumper/polar fleece with logo	Maroon jumper/polar fleece with logo
Navy or maroon hair accessories – bands, ribbons, scrunchies	
Hat – Bucket or legionnaire style	Hat – Bucket or legionnaire style
Navy Jacket	Navy Jacket

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

A 'save the date' was advertised in the last couple of newsletters last term advising you of Grandparent's day on Wednesday 1st November. A flyer will be sent home tomorrow inviting Grandparents to come to Holy Family for the morning beginning at 10.30am with a visit to their grandchildren's classrooms. (the ELC from 9.30-10.30) At 11.15 they can then join their grandchildren for morning tea. Tea and coffee will be served via the Library windows and the Canteen will have biscuits and snacks available for purchase. At 11.45 they will be invited to move to the Hall for an hour concert when every grade level except preschool will present a brief musical item. We hope that many grandparents can join us for the morning and we look forward to welcoming them to Holy Family. Please complete and return the form below if you are able to assist in the canteen on Grandparent's Day.

Grandparent's Day– Volunteers needed

Wednesday 1st November (**week 4**)

If you are free to help out with serving we would love to hear from you. We need help from 10am-12pm. Thank you in advance

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Attention: Antoinette McBride

I can assist with morning tea on Wednesday 1st November. Name: _____

Mobile: _____ Email: _____

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iZone

While Lisa Gill is on leave this term, we are taking a break from Music lessons. Instead the children will be exploring how to stretch and tone their brain zone. The themes throughout the term will be: iCare, iShare, iLead, iSelf-regulate, iChallenge myself.

Mrs Kate Whitehead will tailor her lessons to age appropriate activities and discussions. She is very excited. Please ask you child to share what they did when with Mrs Whitehead.

WELCOME

This week we welcomed a few new families into the school. 3R have welcomed into their class Corbin Moussa along with his parents, 3G has welcomed William McGrath along with his parents, 5W has welcomed Sandrine and 5R has welcomed Severine along with their parents.

We hope they make new friends quickly and enjoy the hectic pace of the final term. Welcome to the Holy Family community

COOSH VACATION CARE PROGRAMME

I wish to congratulate the COOSH staff on another very successful holiday programme. I popped into school on several occasions and the children were all very happy and being well entertained.

BOARD SHORTS

The Holy Family Board would like to hear from the school community! The members of the Board each take the responsibility of being the 'voice of the school community' seriously and, as a result, always believe that we have the interests of our community at heart when providing both governance of the school and our responsibilities to Catholic Education.

We also believe it necessary to make ourselves available to the greater school community and not be segregated in any way. So, if you have a suggestion/concern that you consider worthy of discussion at the board level (i.e. school governance and management, etc.), we would be happy to hear from you. We can only be contacted via email on: board.holyfamily@cg.catholic.edu.au and it would be appreciated if contact details were provided so, if considered appropriate, the matter can be discussed further. Please note that this is not for general school issues, all of these should be addressed in the usual manner, and under the guidance of the policies provided on the schools website.

Thank you Brett Mulvey – Board Chair.

CLASSES FOR 2018

The process of allocating children to classes for 2018 begins now. The allocations are based on the following considerations:

- Learning abilities
- Balance of gender
- Behavioral considerations
- Personalities
- Religion – so that a balance of Catholic and non-Catholic children is achieved especially in Sacramental years.
- Friendships

My firm belief is that teachers are in the best position to decide a child's placement because they know all the children in their classes and have a view of the 'big picture'. However, I invite parents to inform me of anything that you feel needs to be considered, for your own child's well-being or development. I have allowed **2 weeks in which to notify me of your concerns, in writing**. Alternatively, you can make an appointment to see me. After the **cut-off date of Monday 6 November**, it will not be possible to take further wishes into account.

Please do not expect information provided last year to be heeded. Letters need to be written each year as circumstances change and information is not transferred from year to year. I will do my best to accommodate your wishes but will not promise anything! Please be aware that requests for particular teachers or for a particular gender of teacher will NOT be considered. Class lists, including Kindergarten for 2018, will be displayed on Friday 2 December - in Week 8 of this term.

CLASSES

4 X PRESCHOOL

3 X KINDER

3 X YEAR 1

4 X YEAR 2

4 X YEAR 3

3 X YEAR 4

4 X YEAR 5

4 X YEAR 6

Yr 3 parents SAVE THE DATE

An information session is planned for all Year 3 parents about the iPad programme your child will enter into next year. This will take place on Tuesday evening 14 November at 7.00pm. Please mark this date on your calendar.

TESTING WEEK

Week 3 (starting Monday 23 October) is TESTING week at Holy Family. During this week all students in Kinder, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be individually tested for Reading comprehension and Maths. Teachers and Learning Support Assistants will be released from class to test their children. If your child will be away from school during this time, could you please let your child's teacher know ASAP.

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION REMINDER

Parents are reminded that Panadol cannot be administered to children unless sent into school with an authorisation note from a parent or a form is filled in at school when the Panadol is brought in. The school does not hold children's Panadol for general use.

I pray for God's blessing on you and your homes

Anne-Marie Marek

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Assistant Principal News

Welcome back to term 4. Classes are beginning their final inquiry unit for the year and beginning to 'hook' their students into learning. The Year 2 students were asked to help the fete committee out a little this term by creating a persuasive poster to convince people to come to our fete. The students were able to come up with many great reasons why members of the community should spend a few hours with us on Saturday 25th November. The most convincing posters will be published in the newsletter in week 6.

Netball Presentations

Congratulations to the Holy Family Netball teams. Trophies for the 2017 season will be presented at the morning assembly on Friday. I hope to see you there.

Yours in Faith

Leah Taylor

Assistant Principal

Religious Education News

You're invited to the wedding

Next weekend's gospel from Matthew 22: 1-14 tells the story of a king who prepared a wedding feast for his son. He sent his servants to tell the guests that the banquet was ready, but they were not interested. The king was angry! So he sent his servants out onto the roads to gather everyone, good and bad alike, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

Throughout the scriptures, the image of marriage and weddings is often used to describe how God loves us. The church tells us that if we want to know about how Jesus loves, we should look to passionate, committed married couples – they are an image (and a sacrament) of Christ's love for the Church.

Something to think about: What are the characteristics of a committed couples love?



On the last day of Term 3, Holy Family school held their "Sock it to Poverty" day. Students and teachers wore their favourite crazy socks to raise money for Catholic Mission. The 'sock it to something' concept is an Australian expression that means to strike out at. We were invited to help strike out at social issues, such as poverty, child labour, child trafficking, homelessness and lack of education in a practical way.

I would like to sincerely thank all the families who so generously supported this day with their gold coin donation. We raised \$266. Thank you.

A reminder to the parents of students receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time that online bookings are now open and they close on the 26th October.

The Year 3 Reconciliation Retreat Day is Tuesday 31st October at HFC.

Prayer Roster - Week 2

Prayer Assembly 6 Red Monday 9.15am Holy Family Church

Class Mass 6 Green & 2 White Tuesday 9.30am Holy Family Church

This week's value is.....Cooperation

From little things,



big things grow!

HOLY FAMILY MATHS NEWS...



Literacy and Numeracy Week 2017

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS:

Mathematics Problem Solving Challenge!

Lacey D Lucy McA Alice McA Matthew P Maddison P Bronte McC	Owen G Laura K Edwina A Malachi T Ananya K Samantha G
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Thank you for entering the competition and look out for a prize in your blue bags this week!
I hope you had fun doing the challenge!

Guessing Competition!

Congratulations to our Winner - **RYAN MCK – 6R**

MathsACTION Photo Competition

Check out these great photos of Maths in the real world! Don't forget to check out the display near the staffroom sliding door and enjoy your prizes and congratulations to:

Madison L, Lacey D & Camille R

Parent Information Evening for Maths - Update

This term this evening will go ahead – thank you for your interest and responses.

The details will be confirmed shortly and information distributed. It is not too late to express your interest – please email me if you are interested in learning how you can encourage a love of Maths, and develop skills at home in a practical way.

(alison.riley@cg.catholic.edu.au)

Alison Riley

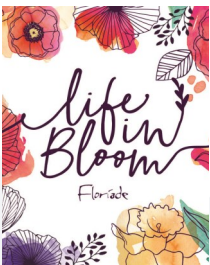
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HOLY FAMILY AT FLORIADE

Following Year 6 Indonesian dance workshop ran by the Indonesian Embassy a while ago, Holy Family students were invited by the Indonesian Embassy to perform a Gopala Balinese Dance at Floriade on Saturday, 23 September.

It was a warm day, there was a respectable number in the audience, many who came just to watch our performance. The costume was colourful, our students danced gracefully, it was fantastic.

Thank you, year 5 and 6 students and their parents who could come along on the day and helped to make this happen. It was a privilege for us to perform publicly in conjunction with other Indonesian dancers and it has certainly given me and students such a wonderful experience and excitement.



The community of Holy Family Primary School

Wish to invite you to join us in celebrating

GRANDPARENT'S DAY



Date: Wednesday 1 November 2017

Time: 10.30am—1.00pm

10.30-11.00am Classroom visits

When arriving at Holy Family please make your way to the classroom.

If you are new to the school there will be students in the courtyard who are able to assist you with directions. ELC Grandparents are welcome to visit the preschool.



11.10-11.45am Recess

Please bring a picnic morning tea to share with your children. Morning Tea snacks are available for purchase from our canteen on the day. Tea & coffee will also be available.

12.00-1.00pm Concert in the Hall

At the end of recess (11.45am) please make your way to Presentation Hall and be prepared to be entertained!



What did you say?
Holy Family is having
Grandparent's Day...
I'm on my way!

