

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS

#### Easter/ANZAC Day

Last week's Gospel about Jesus appearing to disciples on the road to Emmaus gives us many messages of what Easter means for us.



We all fight with our own demons, struggle with our own sadness. We live in that particular sadness between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We need to remain on the road to Emmaus. The resurrected Christ is there to be met. In his company, we need to spill out our sadness, mourn our disappointments, and stir our old hopes. At some moment, our eyes will open and we will recognize the crucified Lord in the Risen Christ who is actually walking with us now. Our dreams will explode anew, like a flower bursting into bloom after a long winter, and we will be filled with a new innocence as Easter Sunday happens again.

Last week we commemorated both Easter Sunday and ANZAC Day. As Christians, we find no joy in war. Peace not war must always be our goal. Yet when war is necessary those who take up arms on our behalf must be supported and respected. When they are injured in the course of such action they should be confident of our nation's assistance. When they are killed, we should give thanks to God for their sacrifice, and maintaining fitting memorials to remind us, and future generations, of the cost of our freedom.

The Resurrection celebrates the Spirit of Jesus alive. The spirit of Jesus sets us free, so let's remember now the spirit of the ANZACS who fought to keep Australia free. Even though they died, they too are free, and enjoy eternal life with Jesus.

#### Mother's Day Mass

Next Friday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of May, we will be celebrating Mass to honor our mothers and all the important women in our lives. We gather to celebrate those women in our lives who model God's unconditional love for us. We hope that all family and friends of Holy Family will be able to join us.



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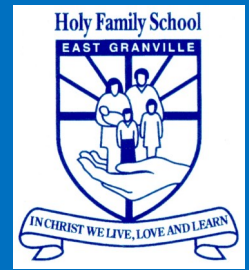


## STUDENT AWARDS

We congratulate Week 2 Student of the Week Award recipients :

|               |                           |                 |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Kindy</b>  | Gabriella Bol             | Adrielle Limos  |
| <b>Year 1</b> | Trasha Kumar              | Celina Achi     |
| <b>Year 2</b> | Arya Ghimire              | Patrick Kirby   |
| <b>Year 3</b> | William Aguer             | Rebecca Chen    |
| <b>Year 4</b> | Setareh SalmaniGandomabad | Paul Laoulach   |
| <b>Year 5</b> | Veronika Georges          | Rebecca Maatouk |
| <b>Year 6</b> | Britney Youssef           | Milad Khichah   |





### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### **The sudden passing of a beloved member of our community**

It is with great sadness that I share with our community the sudden passing of Paul Bradbury. Paul has worked in our school along side his wonderful father Barry Bradbury taking care of the grounds at Holy Family School and Parish. Paul will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Barry and his family at this time. God bless.

#### **Being a parent is not an easy job!**

Raising children in this day and age is not an easy job. There always seems to be competing agendas, emotions and thinking when it comes to knowing the best way to parent your child. I have been a parent for 18 years and each day I am faced with new and confronting challenges. People who say it gets easier as they get older, obviously do not have teenage children. I feel each stage of our children's lives comes with its own obstacles and challenges as well as many, many special and heartfelt moments and life long memories. Let's face it, being a parent is the best job in the world. However on days when you can't seem to get them out of bed, or get them to do simple chores like packing their bag for school or doing their homework, life at home can become a little stressful. The joy of being a parent is that there is always advice out there to help you overcome some of those bumps in the road.

I have organised a parent coaching course to help us manage and understand challenging and testing behaviours. Please read the flyer below and consider joining us on this journey. I know I will be there. This is such an important issue for parents that I have opened it up for all parents at no cost. Please encourage your network of friends to attend with you.

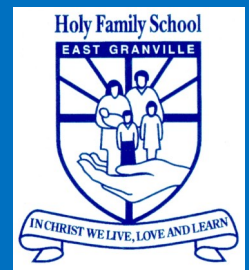
#### **Session Dates**

Friday 19th May 9-11

Friday 26th May 9-11

Friday 2nd June 9-11





### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT'D

#### **NAPLAN**

All student in Year 3 and 5 will complete the NAPLAN tests next week. The Tests will begin on Tuesday the 9th of May and finish on Thursday the 11th of May. It is important that all children are at school on these days and on time. NAPLAN can be stressful for our students, so we ask parents not to over emphasise the importance of this test. The children need to view this as they would any other school day and do the best they can as they would with any class assessment. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with the class teachers. We wish our students a positive learning experience.

#### **Mothers' Day stall**

It is that time again for our students to select a special gift for their mum or mother figure to show them how much they love them. All gifts will be \$5. Children can purchase their gift on Friday the 12th of May.

Volunteers are need on Monday the 8th of May to assist with gift wrapping. If you are available please contact the office. I wish to thank our parents for their generosity of time.

#### **Teachers Professional Learning**

As a staff, analysing student performance and establishing learning goals for our students and ourselves is part of what we do on a daily basis. Teachers identify learning needs for individual students as well as learning trends for our school. This determines what our school focus will be for the year or as part of a five year plan. The last few years we have concentrated on developing oral language for every student. It is important that students are able to articulate what they are learning and what they need to do to be better learners.

In order to provide the best education possible for our students teachers have spent many hours perfecting our teaching. Next week the teachers will begin another course of study on Multiplicative Thinking. This course of study runs after school hours and will focus on improving how we teach multiplication and division strategies.

Our focus over the last two years has been very precise and based on student need derived from data analysis. The hard work is paying off with noticeable improvements in the way students are learning and how they see themselves as learners. I wish to thank the teachers for their hard work and dedication to the students in their care.

#### **Parent Learning Walk**

Our next parent learning walk will take place on Thursday the 18th of May at 9.15am. Following the walk we will have our Term 2 Fundraising Committee Meeting at 9.45am in the hall. I invite all parents and friends to join us.







### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT'D

#### **Parent Forum Cancelled**

Our scheduled parent forum on Tuesday the 9th of May as outlined in the parent calendar has been cancelled and replaced with our 1-2-3 Magic an Emotion Coaching Parent course.

#### **Photo Day**

It is time for us all to polish our shoes and comb our hair ready for our school Photo Day. This year photo day is on the 22nd of May. Photo purchasing envelopes went home to parents on Friday. Please return them to school with the correct money before the actual photo day. School photos will be in full winter uniform. Please make sure your child is wearing their tie each day and that they are in the correct winter uniform.

#### **Attendance**

**Our goal is 90%**

As you are all aware attendance is something that we have been focusing on this year .

Please see below our attendance level as of yesterday. Please ensure all students attend school everyday, on time, unless they are unwell. If you are having trouble getting your children to school, join us for our 1-2-3- parent course starting on Friday 19th May.

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Kindergarten                | 84.8%        |
| Year 1                      | 82.5%        |
| Year 2                      | 87.7%        |
| Year 3                      | 91.2%        |
| Year 4                      | 81.9%        |
| Year 5                      | 91.6%        |
| Year 6                      | 78.2%        |
| <b><u>Total Average</u></b> | <b>85.6%</b> |

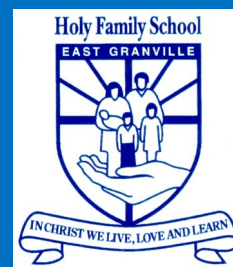


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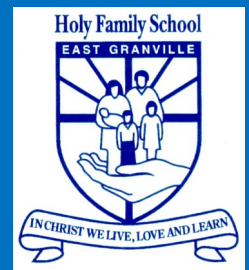
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| HFS Parent Calendar - Term 2, 2017 |                      |   |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 1                                  | Monday 24th April    | Staff Spirituality Day - pupil free day   |
|                                    | Tuesday 25th April   | PUBLIC HOLIDAY  |
|                                    | Wednesday 26th April | Students return to school<br>Easter and ANZAC Day liturgy 2.15pm  |
| 2                                  | Tuesday 5th May      | Diocesan Cross Country carnival   |
| 3                                  | Monday 8th May       | Chicks come to Kindergarten<br>Wrapping Mother's Day gifts - volunteers needed  |
|                                    | Tuesday 9th May      | NAPLAN - Language Conventions & Writing   |
|                                    | Wednesday 10th May   | NAPLAN - Reading  |
|                                    | Thursday 11th May    | NAPLAN - Numeracy   |
|                                    | Friday 12th May      | Mother's Day Mass and stall   |
| 4                                  | Thursday 18th May    | Parent Learning Walk - Snapshot of Learning 9.15am<br>Followed by Fundraising Committee meeting                             |
| 5                                  | Monday 22nd May      | School Photos   |
|                                    | Wednesday 24th May   | Captivate band rehearsal  |
|                                    | Thursday 25th May    | Captivate choir rehearsal   |
|                                    | Friday 26th May      | Assembly - K, 2, 4, 6 presenting<br>Year 5-6 Young Journalist Award entries close   |
| 6                                  | Friday 2nd June      | Kinder excursion - Calmsley Hill City Farm<br>Mass to celebrate Pentecost - 9.15am  |
| 7                                  | Friday 9th June      | Soccer gala day   |
| 8                                  | Monday 12th June     | PUBLIC HOLIDAY  |
|                                    | Tuesday 13th June    | Athletics carnival  |
|                                    | Wednesday 14th June  | Captivate band rehearsal  |
|                                    | Thursday 15th June   | Student led conferences 3.30-5.00pm   |
|                                    | Friday 16th June     | Captivate Band showcase concert 1 - evening   |
| 9                                  | Monday 19th June     | Reports go home   |
|                                    | Tuesday 20th June    | Captivate Band showcase concert 2 - evening   |
|                                    | Wednesday 21st June  | Confirmation at Holy Trinity Church 7pm   |
|                                    | Friday 23rd June     | Sacred Heart Mass - red muli day in support of SVdP winter blanket appeal<br>Captivate 'Best of' showcase concert - evening |
| 10                                 | Monday 26th June     | Parent teacher interviews 3.30 - 6.00pm   |
|                                    | Tuesday 27th June    | Parent teacher interviews 3.30 - 6.00pm   |
|                                    | Friday 30th June     | Assembly - 1, 3, 5 presenting<br>Dorothea Mackellar Poetry competition closes<br>End term 2                                 |





### LEARNING MATTERS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

## In time for NAPLAN week...

To Our Dearest Students from Year 3,

Next week you will sit your first NAPLAN test. Before you take this test there is something very important for you to know:

This test does not assess all of what makes each of you exceptional and unique.

The people who score these tests don't know that some of you love to sing, are good at drawing or can teach others how to use a computer program. They have not seen the way that some of you can dance with grace or speak confidently to a large group. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them when they are sad. They do not know that you participate in sports, help your Mum and Dad or that you play with your little brother, sister or cousins. They do not know that you are caring, thoughtful and that every day you do your best. Because these attributes cannot be tested.

The scores you get from this test will tell you how you did on that day, but they will not tell you everything. They can't tell you that you have improved on something that you once found difficult. They can't tell you that you brighten up your teacher's day. They can't tell you how amazingly special you are.

So come to school ready to do your best for the NAPLAN test and remember there is no one way to 'test' all of the wonderful things that make you, YOU!

Kind regards,

Mrs Egan, Mrs Schluter and Miss Bailey

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...I wanted to share this letter with you as I have for the past two years. It comes from some lovely teachers in Queensland and was shared online by a happy parent.

I'm not one of those teachers who bag NAPLAN. I don't see it as mindless, high-stakes standardised testing, with no benefit for students.

I value NAPLAN for the excellent, detailed information it gives us about what your children can do on a particular day, and what we need to teach them to move forward from there.

However, I definitely do not see achievement on NAPLAN as the great goal of education. There are so many things that make your children special and wonderful, and that's what the teachers who wrote this letter were getting at.

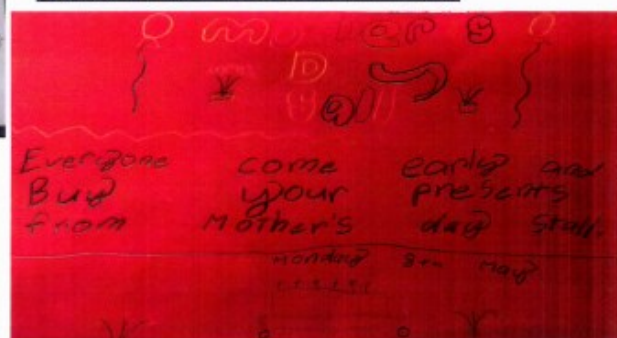
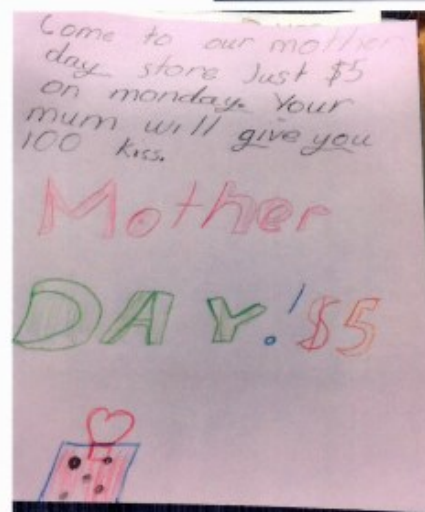
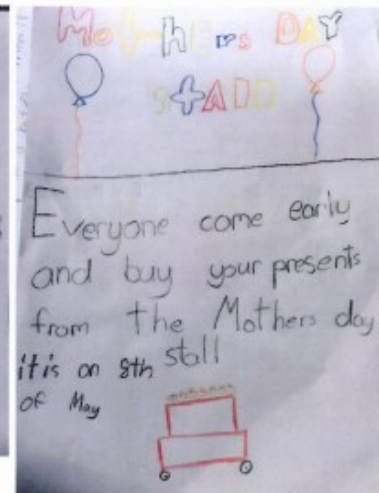
In Catholic education, we value the whole person, because we believe that each and every one of us is created in God's image. So let's value NAPLAN for what it is, and keep it all in perspective. It's just another day of great learning for us at HFS!

Benjamin Munday  
Assistant Principal





## YEAR 2 MOTHERS DAY STALL INVITE







### School Banking

A school banking service is available to students who hold Commonwealth Dollarmites or Youth Saver accounts. Encouraging children to make small regular deposits to a bank account helps them to develop good savings habits and awareness of the value of money. Students who wish to deposit money should bring bank books (with the deposit slip filled in) and money to school on Tuesday morning. The deposits are processed on Tuesday during the morning and the bank books returned to students by their class teacher. Please note that we are unable to process cheques. For every deposit you make, you will receive a token. When you receive 10 tokens you can redeem them for a prize.

**Any parent wishing to open a Commonwealth account for their child may collect an information package from the school office.**



### School Fees

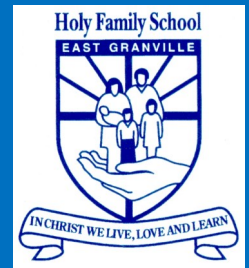
Term 1 School Fees are now overdue. If you have not already made payment please do so by the end of this week.

Term 2 Fees will be billed early this term.

**Thank you to everyone that has already paid the school fees.**

*Please note, payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPAY or at the Post Office.*





## **2018 Enrolments**

Kindergarten Enrolment Packages are available from the office for collection.

Please notify family, friends and neighbours  
wishing to enrol their child at Holy Family.

Enrolment period closes at the end of May.



### **Lost clothing**

I ask parents to please label your child's clothing, lunch box and drink bottles. We have many lost items already and it is the only the beginning of the term. Items that are labelled find their way back to their owners.

### **Late Arrival to School**

This is a reminder to parents that Children who arrive late to school are to collect a late note from the office prior to going to class. It is expected that the parents sign their children in at the office.

Please ensure that we follow these steps for a safe and easy process.

Thank you



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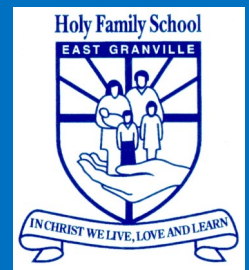
## BIRTHDAY WISHES !

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this Month

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Isaac Hakko         | Adrielle Limos  |
| Gabriella Yacoub    | Syed Naqvi      |
| Georgia Hannouch    | Makayla Isaac   |
| Peace Coker-Macfory | Gabriel Nakhoul |
| Gabriel Rahme       | Lucas Kanaan    |
| Marie Tawk          | Haini Kolo      |
| Sargun Sohail       |                 |







## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS



### 1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

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**A three-session program for parents and carers.**

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**Parents will receive:**

- A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook

**Registration Fee?**

The cost of the Parent workbook will be covered by Holy Family Primary School  
Register for this course contacting **Holy Family School Office on 9637 6020**

**What people are saying...**

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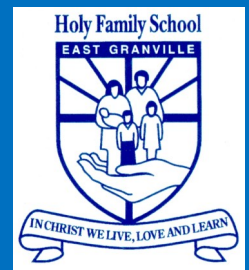
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### 2017 Holy Family Sacrament Dates

The Sacrament dates for the year are given below, letters will be sent home with the rest of the program over the next few weeks.

Sacrament of Confirmation (Holy Trinity Church): Wednesday, 21 June at 7:00p.m.

Sacrament of Penance (First Confessions): Wednesday, 6 September, 6:30p.m.



## Catherine McAuley Westmead

### Enrolments for Year 7 2019

There are three Open Mornings specifically for Year 7 2019 enrolments to be held on:

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October and  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**9.15 – 11am**

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2019.

Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on one of our upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2019 applicants but open to any year group.

These mornings will give interested parents and students the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

To book places for a school tour on one of these tour mornings please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100.







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**Annulment Information Seminar** - Solo Parent Services will be holding our annual seminar on Annulments in the Catholic Church for anyone interested in learning more about this process.

**Date:** Tuesday 23rd May **Time:** 6.45pm for 7pm start to 9pm. **Venue:** 38 Prince St, Blacktown

(cnr First Ave) **Cost:** \$7.00. **Registration Essential:** Contact Rita Chater Ph: 8822 2222 or

email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

**Younger Widowed Support Group** - This monthly support group is for men and women aged approx. 55 years or younger, who are facing life after the death of a spouse or partner to come

together for support and sharing. **Date:** Third Tuesday of each month - next gathering 16th

May. **Time:** 7pm -9pm **Venue:** 38 Prince St, Blacktown (cnr First Ave) **Cost:** \$5.00

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