

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS

Diocesan Mission Mass and Social Justice Expo

Last Friday the Junior Joeys attended the Diocesan Mission Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta. During his homily, Fr Chris De Souza spoke of Mission as a mission for all. He talked about how school children wear a uniform as a common standard so that all are equal. It is the same as members of the Church, we wear 'a *uniform of love*' that we must show with pride so that through our actions of love we follow in the mission of Christ.



Following Mass the Junior Joeys participated in the Social Justice Expo where they listened to students from other schools talking about what element of Mission their school is engaged with. The children were inspired by the many great things going on in our Diocese and some wonderful ideas for their own future planning in social justice.



Mission Food Bank Drive

Just a reminder about contributing to the Food Bank that the House of Welcome run for their clients who have little or no income. This helps those less fortunate to access familiar and nutritious food which helps supplement their limited weekly budget. This is how we are wearing our '*uniform of love*' during this time of Mission.

We are hoping that each family would be able to donate some of these items each week over the first 3 weeks of Term 4. Remember that you can donate **as many times as you like**.

Kindy – jams, honey, cooking spices

Yr4 - tea & coffee, biscuits

Yr1 - long life (UHT) milk, healthy juice

Yr5 - dried lentils, chick peas

Yr2 - canned tomatoes, canned fruit

Yr6 - rice, flour, sugar

Yr3 - tinned fish, instant noodles



YEAR 2 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MATTERS

Luke 18:35-43



This term in Religion, Year 2 have been learning about Mission and how we can love others as God loves us- Tiana

We have been reading the Bible passage The Blind Man of Jericho- Rocco

Jesus and his followers were passing by Jericho in order to get to Jerusalem- Makayla

There was a blind man called Bartimaeus begging on the side of the road- Catherine



Bartimaeus asked someone in the crowd what was happening and they told him Jesus of Nazareth was passing by- Cobi



When Bartimeaus heard that Jesus was passing by he shouted "Have mercy on me" and the crowd scolded him

and told him to be quiet- Mariah



Jesus asked his followers to bring Bartimaeus to him. Jesus asked him "What do you want me to do for you?"- Patrick

Bartimaeus replied "Lord that I may see"

Jesus told him "Receive your sight, your faith has saved you"- Charbel

STUDENT AWARDS

We congratulate Week 1 Student of the Week Award recipients :

Kindy	Bernadette Georges	Gabriella Bol
Year 1	Jacob Hallab	Iverson Eru Sua
Year 2	Sifija Mincic	Elias El Kadi
Year 3	Mark Sorojevic	Gabriel Rahme
Year 4	Andre Rbeiz	Matty Mekonnen
Year 5	Taylor Yacoub	Sosefo Taufu
Year 6	Daisy Habib	Owen Faddoul



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to another very busy term. Last week the children returned to school with happy faces and a determination and focus to continue the great work that have already produced this year.

As always, Holy Family is very focused in delivering the best learning experiences for every child. Student data is always our first port of call to ensure that what we are doing and the educational direction and strategies are making a difference to student learning. During our Parent Forum, held on Tuesday, we shared with our community several data sets and our school goal. This was a very important meeting as opportunities were given for parents to respond to the information presented on the night. I wish to thank the many parents who attend this meeting. My vision for our school has always been very clear, we need to work together to create a strong educationally driven, faith community.

This Thursday and Friday I will be attending CEDP Principal Professional conference. During this conference educational theorist from around our globe will be sharing their education transformation stories with my colleagues. I will also have an opportunity to share the great work we are doing at Granville with them. Mr Munday will be looking after the school in my absence.

Fundraising Committee event

On **Thursday 26th and Friday 27th**, children will have an opportunity to share their talents with our HFS Has Talent event. As this is a fundraiser, children are invited to donate a gold coin to participate in the event. The performances will happen during lunch time.

This year all monies raised have been used to create lunch time play opportunities. It is Important as part of our wholistic approach to education, that children learn the vital skills of socialising and play. The teachers have been working all year to instill in every child the skills of empathy, teamwork, offering and yielding and communication. At lunch, children now have another environment in which to practice these skills. I wish to thank the Year 5 students who are running the social play at lunchtime. They are doing great work teaching the children how to use the new equipment and play together.

LockDown Drill

Next Monday the 23rd of October, we will have a practice Lockdown drill. Please do not worry if you hear the alarm sound on this day.

Kindergarten 2018 Information Night

On Tuesday the 24th of October, our new members to our Holy Family will join together at our Kindergarten 2018 Information Night. The meeting will commence at 6pm in the Parish Hall. We still have a few places left in Kindergarten for 2018. If you know a family looking to enrol their child, please refer them to our office for an enrolment package.



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PHONE NUMBERS

As you know many of us change our mobiles regularly. This may mean that our numbers may also change. If your number has changed please ring Mrs Zammit in the office and change it on our data base. It is vital that our data base has up to date information regarding phone numbers and addresses in case of an emergency. This issue unfortunately happens when an incident occurs and we can not contact parents. Please be proactive regarding this matter.

Parish Fair

Keep the date 5th of November

Fr Andrew and the parish of Holy Family are in the process of organising a great parish event. If you have any items you wish to donate, such as gifts for the chocolate wheel or drinks please drop them off at the front office. I am looking forward to sharing this great event with our faith community.

Saying Goodbye to great teachers

This year seems to be a year of goodbyes.

Last term we said goodbye to Miss Bainy and Mrs Eduard.

Next week it is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye for now, to Mrs Warwick and Mrs Michaels as they await the birth of their first child.

Both Mrs Michaels and Mrs Warwick have been outstanding teachers and have given so much of themselves to our community in talent and in modelling their faith and values to our students. On behalf of Holy Family I wish our mums to be God's choicest blessing and I look forward to seeing them on their return to school in the near future. Go gently in the love and protection of our Lord, Jenn and Diane

We welcome Miss Khoury and Mr Kehris to our school community. Miss Khoury will replace Mrs Michaels until the end of the year and Mr Kehris will be taking over from Mrs Warwick. Both teachers are very well known to our students and teachers and we are looking forward to them joining our team.

Hairstyles

Just a reminder that extreme hairstyles are not permitted at Holy Family. Please comply to school policy.



New play ground initiative



SOCIALISE

PLAY



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS



CALENDAR EVENTS



October/November	
Friday 20th October	Musica Viva performance All Students
Tuesday 24th October	6:00pm Kindergarten 2018 Parents Information evening
Thursday 26th October	Holy Family Has Talent Session 1 Lunchtime
Friday 27th October	Holy Family Has Talent Session 2 Lunchtime
Tuesday 31st October	2pm-3pm Kindergarten Orientation Session 1
Wednesday 1st November	9:15am All Saints Mass



BIRTHDAY WISHES !

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this Month



Isabella Bazevski	Matty Mekonnen
Adam Assan-Larry	Amarise Koroma
Gabriel Katrib	Aiden Oo
Johnny Kayrouz	Jeremy Georges
Myah Abi Kabalane	Abellyn Lagivola
Julian Georges	Falamoni Saulala
Jonathan Chakoush	Charbel Nakhoul
Rosie Faddoul	Brandon Commodore
Amelia Cagiloaloa	Veronika Georges
Nicholas Achi	Cody Gergi
Awaer Mathiang	Mark Sorojevic
Patrick El Katrib	Rachelle Tawk
Kayla Brown	Isabelle Pandit
Sukkum Limbu	





DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

What's On at Penrith Observatory in November

Date: 11 November

Event name: Volcanoes of the Solar System

Event details:

Dr Andrew McGonigle

Whilst earth is volcanically active, the real volcanic wonders of the solar system lie far beyond our planet. Indeed, volcanoes on Mars, Venus, The Moon and Io, to name a few locations, outstrip those of Earth in scale and vigour. This talk will provide an overview of our growing understanding of extra-terrestrial volcanism and different it is to that on Earth.

Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting).

\$18.00 Adult

\$12.00 Child/Concession

\$50.00 Family (2 adults + 2 children)

Children under 3 years of age free.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Time: 8pm – 10pm

Venue Address: Penrith Observatory (Building AO), Western Sydney University, Werrington North campus, Great Western Highway, Werrington

Contact website for public enquiries and bookings:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on

Date: 25 November

Event name: From Conventional Rockets to the Warp Drive

Event details:

Mr Nicholas Ralph

Trekking Kilometres on Earth might seem like a task, but in the vast empty void of space we face far greater distances.

Beginning with our fight against gravity, voyaging to distant planets has become a dilemma of money, time, and critically, energy. Join us in exploring humanity's journey from conventional rockets to nuclear propulsion and take a peek at the real science behind the fabled warp drive.

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TAKE A LEAP OF FAITH

Have you ever considered inviting an exchange student into your home? WEP is looking for Australian families to join their community of volunteer host families!

Treat your family to an intercultural experience like no other by hosting an exchange student from overseas. Share a piece of your heart and your backyard and support a young person make his/her dream of living and studying in Australia come true.

If you have a room to spare and an interest in other cultures, we would love to hear from you! Remember, sometimes the greatest rewards in life come from taking a leap of faith or doing the things you never thought you would.

MEET DAVIDE!

"I have a passion for the arts. I dedicate a lot of my time to photography, drawing, music and writing. I am also addicted to reading and I'm a great cook. I have an active nature and I enjoy outdoor sports such as volleyball, biking and running. I'm from a talkative family and I love to tell them all about my day. I hope my host family enjoy the experience as much as I will!"

STEP 1 - REQUEST PROGRAM INFO

- Email or call Sylvia at WEP: sylviakelly@wep.org.au / 03 9598 4733



STEP 2 - CHOOSE YOUR STUDENT

- WEP will send you comprehensive program and student information, so you can choose the student best suited to your family.



STEP 3 - PREPARE FOR ARRIVAL

- WEP will assess your application, prepare you for your student's arrival and take care of everything, including school enrolment, assistance with your application for relevant working with children checks, flights, insurance and more!

