



Holy Family Primary School Newsletter

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Term 4

Week 2

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OTHER NOTES DISTRIBUTED THIS WEEK:

Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Family,

I always love coming back to Term 4 - it's Spring, it's the term where we see the ongoing development of the children's learning and we begin to look forward to times of new beginnings such as incoming Kindergarten students and Year 6 students moving into high school. But, the most special of all is that it is October, the month of The Rosary, a time for us to connect with the worldwide Catholic community in praying this universal prayer that honours and celebrates Mary.

Why is The Rosary so significant?

The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. With the Rosary in fact we meditate on the mysteries of joy, of light, of sorrow and the glory of Jesus and Mary. It's a simple prayer, humble so much like Mary. It's a prayer we can all say together with Her, the Mother of God. With the Hail Mary we invite Her to pray for us. Our Lady always grants our request. She joins Her prayer to ours.

Today the students of Holy Family will each receive a Rosary and each family will receive an information card explaining how to pray The Rosary and outlining the Mysteries of the Rosary. We extend heartfelt thanks to Mary Wehbe, the Ave Maria Group and the Mary's Rosary Chain organisation for their generous donations.

On Monday we participated in National Rosary time and throughout October, we will be starting each Monday assembly praying a decade of The Rosary. We hope that by providing all students and families with these rosaries that you may find quiet time in your family routine to share the beauty of The Rosary in your own homes.

Yours in family,

Mrs Sue Guilfoyle
Principal



Anti-Poverty Week Events

Thursday 16th

(tomorrow)

Crazy Sock Day



Gold Coin
Donation

11:10 K-2 Disco

1:10 3-6 Disco

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Student Awards

We congratulate this week's Student of the Week Award recipients:

Shaun Kynoch-Kelly
Kaitlin Commodore
Ashton James
Joshuwa Roughley
Gabrielle Foketi
Raymond Anjoul
George Makdissi

Amensa Angbo
Chanel Jekki
Maggie Manu
Daisy Habib
Joshua Mailangi
Abraham Youssef
Stephanie Dewberry



Religious Education Matters

How We Live and Share the Mission of Jesus

A mission is a journey you take to achieve a goal. Jesus was chosen to model this to us on earth and to show us how to live a good Christian life. We were all created in his image to continue his journey and reach eternal life in heaven.

We can do this by loving unconditionally, being non-judgemental, supporting one another, being selfless, serving others, forgiving others and being persistent in times of difficulties.

Following in Jesus' footsteps helps us to understand the mission of what he preached to his people, and how he lived his life. Using Jesus as a model helps us to be able to reach out to others and develop our faith so it becomes stronger.

Today we can show this in our everyday lives by being considerate and humble to one another, recognising the needs of the poor, sick and hungry.

As Christians, we need to reflect on the Gospels and continue Jesus' mission by spreading the word of God, doing good deeds, trusting in others and working as one to keep the Mission of Jesus alive.

Yr6 Students



Planning for 2015: As this term progresses we begin to make plans for 2015. These plans include class formation, teacher placement and accepting new enrolments to our school.

We understand and appreciate that family circumstances can change and that you may be leaving Holy Family at the end of this year. If you know that your children will not be attending Holy Family in 2015, can you please notify the school office as soon as possible.

School Uniform: We thank those families and students who support HFS in upholding school uniform standards. Sadly there continues to be some students still wearing incorrect sport shoes despite many reminders at assemblies, in class and in newsletters. Therefore, those students who continue to choose to wear bright coloured shoes, laces etc will no longer be able to participate in school sporting activities until they are wearing the correct school uniform of predominantly white shoes, with white laces.



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Learning Matters from the Assistant Principal

Fun with words

Congratulations to all the students from K-6 who were recognised at assembly on Monday for their participation in the Dorothea McKellar Poetry Awards 2014.



L-R Roni, Aaliyah, Harry, Charlotte, Ben, Dylan, Aisha, Taylor, Rhiannyn, Suzanna, Ryan & Zivelle (Shaun and Amensa slipped in from the student of the week photo!)

Absent: Alexis and Gabriel

This is an annual competition open to entrants from all around Australia. The awards celebrate their 30th anniversary in 2014, and are now the largest and best known poetry competition for school students in the country.

Holy Family students first participated last year, with five entrants. This year participation almost trebled to fourteen students – a brilliant result. Of course, my ideal situation is that *all* HFS students entered!

This is the last of the writing competitions I'll be promoting this year, and I'm pleased to say that we have had dozens of students enter at least one of the competitions. Writing for fun is a great habit to promote in your children, whether or not they see themselves as great writers. As any author will tell you, the best way to get better at writing...is to write!

Although there will be no further competitions this year, **I will be holding more poetry slams** after the success and popularity of the first one. **So encourage your children to find a poem they enjoy, read it again and again, try to learn it, use a story-teller voice, and get ready to perform it!**

Benjamin Munday
Assistant Principal

HOLY FAMILY'S LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM - TERM 4

Holy Family's swimming program will be held in Weeks 7 & 8 from Monday 7th November to Wednesday 26th November. The cost for the program includes 8 lessons with a specialised swimming teacher in a small group, pool entry and bus fare to and from the pool. The cost for 2014 is **\$75** per child.

The swimming permission note and payment slip went home last term. All payments are due by Friday 31st October. A reminder the Student Survey that is attached needs to be completed for each child in your family attending the swimming program.

This swimming program (Aquatics) is a *compulsory* component of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Curriculum and all **STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND.**



Calendar



October

Thursday 16th October	Wear your crazy socks & make a gold coin donation 11:10am K-2 Disco; 1:10pm 3-6 Disco
	3:30pm Sacrament of Eucharist—Session 2
Tuesday 21st October	9:10 Year 1 & Year 5 attend Parish Mass
	9:30—11:00 Kinder 2015 Visit—Day 1



Birthday Wishes!

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week: Eleni Bolakis, Gabrielle Foketi, Ryan Lu, Mina Nohra, Johnathan Chakoush.



In 2015 our school newsletter will be distributed online through the Skoolbag App, email subscription & our school website. Please begin to plan for this change by subscribing to one of these online services. For those families without access to a smart phone, or the internet, a small number of paper copies will be available in the office each Wednesday afternoon, but paper copies will no longer be distributed to each family. Get ready NOW!

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Mrs Amanda El-Hawzi
Learning Technologies Teacher

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Newsletters

Our main form of communication between home and school is the weekly newsletter, sent home on Wednesday and archived on this website.

Week 7 Term 3 2014
General school news, Student Awards, Religious Matters, Calendar, Birthday Wishes, Community News, Mass Parade, School Fees, Internet, Fathers' Day

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