

Wednesday 12th October 2016

Term 4

Week 1

Religious Education Matters



Mercy Action of the Week
Two little words with great power:
"I'm sorry".



During Religion Kindergarten have been learning about the roles of the parishioners in the church.

Here are some of the ways that we can help out our Christian Community.

1. We can read the bible on the Lectern during Mass.



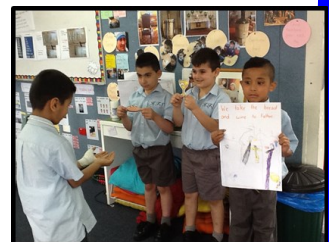
2. We can bring the bread and wine to the priest during Mass.



3. We can pray for others in our community when they are in need.



4. We can participate in Mass.



Message from the Principal

Welcome back as we begin Term 4 for 2016. It seems only yesterday that I was welcoming our families to the start of the new year. I am always surprised how quickly time passes and how busy our days become when the school term begins. This term is another busy term, filled with many learning opportunities for the students and teachers. The gymnastics and swimming program and our Swimming Carnival will also take place this term. Also for our parents, to name some of the events happening this term, you will have the opportunity to participate in our Parent Learning walk, attend a student led conference with your child and celebrate the 75th Anniversary of our Parish on the 20th of November. A term calendar went home to parents on the last week of school and a copy will be on our website this week.

At the beginning of every term it is a good idea to place in our newsletter a few important reminders to ensure all our families are aware of school policy, procedures and expectations.

If your child has any concerns or issues at school, parents must speak with the class teacher first. It is likely that the class teacher is already aware of the issue and has addressed it with the students involved. I ask that parents do not approach students and attempt to handle any situation between your child and other students.

- Attendance at school is paramount. Children must attend school everyday unless they are unwell. A note must accompany your child explaining the reason for their absence from school when they return.
- School begins at 8.50am. It is important that children arrive before or at this time. Lateness adds unneeded stress on your child.
- Morning playground supervision begins at 8.15am. Please ensure children are not left at the locked gate before this time as it is unsafe. Please see the office if you would like information about the local child care services.
- Lost property is a growing problem at Holy Family. Please label your child's clothing and property.
- Our school gates will open at 3.00 each afternoon. We ask that parents do not arrive on the school premise before this time. This is an issue of student safety.
- Meeting with your child's teacher is an important part of our role. In order for the teacher to give you the respect and time, all meetings need to be by appointment. Parents are not to engage in a discussion with teachers during morning assembly or at the door during afternoon dismissal. The teacher has a duty of care to the children present and distraction from this may lead to a safety issue.

Working together as a team parents, teachers and students is an important part of our faith community. In my many years in education, the majority of problems can be solved calmly with a single conversation. It is important to understand that teachers only want what is best for your child. Children will share their concerns and feeling with their parents and it is important that parents discuss these issues with teachers in a respectful and calm manner. Aggression will not be tolerated at Holy Family. We must always model to our children the Gospel values of our Lord.

School should be a fun place to go. It is important that our children are motivated to come and learn and build relationships with others. Questions you can ask your children at the end of a school day are, Tell me one great thing you learnt today? What are you looking forward to tomorrow? Engaging in positive conversations will encourage a positive mindset to school.

Message from the Principal Cont'd

International and Principals from CEDP visit Holy Family

On Tuesday, leaders in Education visited our school to see our great learning in action. The many Principals and Educators walked through the classrooms engaging with the students and enquiring about what the children were learning today. I was very proud of the responses given by our students as they were very articulate in describing the learning. Well done Holy Family.

Fundraiser for Term 4

At our last Fundraiser committee meeting the team decided to hold a silver coin challenge to raise money for school resources. The silver coin challenge will be held over the month of November. Children are invited to bring in coins to donate to this event. Our Year 6 students will collect the money each morning and begin to tally our fundraising efforts each week. Our fundraising so far has enabled the school to purchase two bluetooth microphone systems for the hall. No mic cords means greater freedom for creativity.

Enrolment for 2017

It is time for the office to begin preparing for 2017. If you will be leaving Holy Family at the end of the year (not Year 6 students) please contact the office ASAP. We have some vacancies across most of our classes. If you know a family who would like to attend Holy Family, please direct them to our enrolment package on our website. We are still accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2017.

Term 4 Parent Forum

What would you like to see happening at our parent forum? These forums are for parents. It could be an opportunity to learn something, or have a discussion about a topical issue, listen to guest presenters, or participate in a workshop upskilling yourself. If you have ideas, please put it in writing and email or hand it in at the office. I am looking forward to making your requests our reality.



Term 4 2016 Parent Calendar

Week	Day/Date	Event
1	Monday 10 th Oct	Term 4 begins
	Tues 11 th Oct	Playgroup visit to Granville Library 10:00
2	Monday 17 th Oct	
3	Monday 24 th Oct	Mission Liturgy 2:15 in classroom
4	Monday 31 Oct	
	Tues 1 st Nov	All Saints Liturgy 2:30 in the Playground Silver Coin Challenge Month
5	Monday 7 th Nov	
	Wed 9 th Nov	Year 5 Retreat 'Stanwell Tops'
	Thurs 10 th Nov	Parent Learning Walk 9:15-9:30
	Fri 11 th Nov	Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:45am Whole School Assembly 2:00pm Years 1,3,5
6	Monday 14 th Nov	
	Tues 15 Nov	Student Lead Conferences 3:30-5:00pm Parent Forum 5:30-6:30pm
	Sunday 20 th Nov	70 th Anniversary of Holy Family Parish
7	Monday 21 st Nov	Swimming Lessons Start
	Tues 22 nd Nov	Swimming Lessons
	Wed 23 rd Nov	Swimming Lessons
	Thurs 25 th Nov	Swimming Lessons
	Fri 25 th Nov	Swimming Lessons
8	Monday 28 th Nov	Swimming Lessons
	Tues 29 th Nov	Swimming Lessons, Kindergarten 2017 Information Night 6:00pm-7:00pm
	Wed 30 th Nov	Swimming Lessons End
	Thurs 1 st Dec	Swimming Carnival-Granville Pool
9	Monday 5 th Dec	
	Tues 6 th Dec	Kindergarten 2017 Transition 2:00pm-3:00pm
	Wed 7 th Dec	End of Year Mass Time TBA
	Fri 9 th Nov	Whole School Assembly 2:00pm Years K,2,4,6
10	Monday 12 th Dec	Reports Home to Parents
	Tues 13 th Dec	Kindergarten 2017 Transition 2:00pm-3:00pm
	Wed 14 th Dec	Meet the 2017 Teachers 2:30pm-3:00pm Year 6 Graduation Mass 6:00pm-7:pm
	Thurs 15 th Dec	Year 6 Fun Day
	Fri 16 th Dec	Last day
11	Monday 19 th Dec	Staff Development Day
	Tues 20 th Dec	Staff Development Day

Calendar



October 2016

Friday 21st

Year 4 Excursion to the Art Gallery

Monday 24th

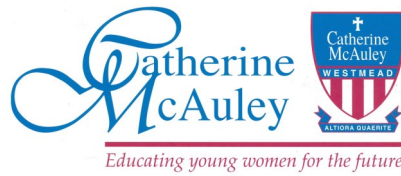
2:15pm Mission Liturgy in Classroom

Birthday Wishes!

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week



Gabriel Katrib	Aiden Oo
Abellyn Lagivola	Sebastian Mansour
Amarise Koroma	Falamoni Saulala
Myah Abi Kabalane	Julian Georges
Johnny Kayrouz	Matty Mekonnen
Adam Assan-Larry	Oriana Estephen
Annabella Hutchinson	



Catherine McAuley Westmead Enrolments for Year 7 2018

There are two Open Mornings remaining specifically for Year 7 2018 enrolments on:

**Wednesday 19th October and Thursday 17th November 2016
9.15 – 11am**

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2018. Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on one of our two upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2018 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.