



Holy Family Primary School Newsletter

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Term 4

Week 10

Religious Education Matters



Jesus first
Others second
Yourself last



Catholic Outlook

This week you would have received the December issue of the Catholic Outlook. This issue includes all the things that have been happening in our schools and parishes, the Year of Mercy, social justice news as well as all the events of the Christmas season. There is Bishop Vincent's Christmas message and what is happening at St Patrick's Cathedral over Christmas. Also in the Outlook is the news of The House of Welcome, our new neighbours who will be moving their headquarters into the former convent of the Sisters of St Joseph's next year.

Wishing all the Families and Friends of Holy Family a Christmas full of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace!

Stephen Bawden
Religious Education Coordinator

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Student Awards

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

Kindy	Diwas KC	Victoria Hutchinson
Year 1	Isabelle Pandit	Coby Vu
Year 2	Ashwin Kumar	Angelina El Katrib
Year 3	Samuel Shamoun	Kayla Brown
Year 4	Taylor Yacoub	Amir Ayoub
Year 5	Anthony Dib	Falamoni Saulala
Year 6	Louie Sousan	Jacob Georges



Message from the Principal

I would like to introduce you to the staff for 2017

STAFF	ROLE
Yvette Baird	Principal
Benjamin Munday	Assistant Principal
Stephen Bawden	Religious Education Coordinator
Lynn Coleman	Coordinator
Nicole Irwin (Formerly Merchant)	Leader of Learning, Kindergarten, CAPTIVATE Coordinator
Delcie D'Mello	Leader of Learning, Kindergarten
Bernadine Van Eyk	Leader of Learning, Diversity Support (Tues, Wed, Thurs)
Marese Peachey	Leader of Learning, Diversity Support (Mon, Fri)
Amanda El Hawzi	Leader of Learning, Year 1, Technology Leader
Rebecca Sargent	Leader of Learning, Year 1, Numeracy Leader, Numeracy Specialist
Kim Doherty	Leader of Learning, Year 2
Simone Edouard (Formerly D'Argent)	Leader of Learning, Year 2
Diane Michael	Leader of Learning, Year 3 , Numeracy Leader, Numeracy Specialist
Aimee El Turk	Leader of Learning, Year 3
Julie Floyd	Leader of Learning, Year 4, Technology Leader
Natalie Kehris	Leader of Learning, Year 4
Theresa Bainy	Leader of Learning, Year 5, Numeracy Specialist
Natalie Bratby	Leader of Learning, Year 5 (Mon, Tue, Wed)
Jessica Treddnick	Leader of Learning, Year 5 (Thur, Fri)
Benjamin Munday	Leader of Learning, Year 6
Michael Oude Vrielink	Leader of Learning, Year 6
Lynn Coleman	AP release (Friday)
Marese Peachey	Leader of Learning, Physical Education
Vanessa Elias	Leader of Learning, Personal Development and Health, Library- (Wed, Thur)
Jessica Tredinnick	Leader of Learning, Personal Development and Health, Library (Tues)
Dorothee Wallis Baker	Leader of Learning, Numeracy Specialist

Message from the Principal Cont'd

STAFF	ROLE
Stephen Bawden	Leader of Learning L2 Intervention Reading Specialist , Reading Recovery
Jenn Warwick	Leader of Learning R3 Intervention Reading Specialist , Reading Recovery, Diversity Leader
Fiona Ardus	Instructional Leader (Tues, Wed, Thurs)
Lynn Coleman	Instructional Leader (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs)
Heidi Ali	Finance Officer
Linda Zammit	Administration
Fadia Risk	Arabic Community Services Attendance Officer
Sue Issa	Teacher Assistant
Cindy Celik	Teacher Assistant
Ken Beardsley	Maintenance, Grounds Man
Lyn Gordon	Library Assistant
Debbie Smith	Assistant to Mrs Baird

Farewell to our staff who will be leaving Holy Family

Mrs Julie Sampson has been synonymous with our school for many years. Mrs Sampson has been part of our Parramatta Diocese school community for 17 years. It is time now for Mrs Sampson to compose the next chapter in her life, to spend time relaxing and enjoying the company of her family and friends and seeking out new experiences. Mrs Sampson has given generously of her time and talents to ensure that the children and teachers are supported each day. It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to you Julie and pray that God is always looking after you and your family. God bless and thank you.

Although Miss Cao has only been with us for a short time, her contribution to our school has been significant. This remarkable teacher has shared her unique gifts and talents with the children and the school community. Miss Cao will share her talents with the community of St Kevin's Eastwood next year as a class teacher. I sincerely wish our friend prosperity in all future pursuits. God bless you and thank you.

We were very lucky this year to have found Mr Murphy after Mrs Eid went on parental leave. Mr Murphy is a true gentleman: a teacher who has dedicated himself to our students whole heartedly and worked with staff to ensure we achieve our school goals. It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Mr Murphy this year, however I am sure his new school will be very happy to gain such an expert teacher who is funny, warm hearted and always very cheerful. God bless you always.

Message from the Principal Cont'd

Mrs Natoli has worked as an additional Reading Recovery teacher this year. Her talent and expertise in the area of reading intervention has left a significant mark on the children that she has supported. Mrs Natoli is a true disciple of Jesus and has worked hard to ensure our school goals are met and that the mission of Holy Family is lived. We thank you Mrs Natoli and wish you God's blessing.

Mrs Lisa Frangie has had two roles at Holy Family this year, as a reading instructor and as the Year 4 class teacher. Mrs Frangie lives the gospel values of Jesus and is dedicated to the students in her care. We will still see Mrs Frangie next year, so I am happy to say that it is not goodbye, just thank you for sharing your skills with the staff and students this year.

Mr Puumalainen has worked alongside the Year 4 teachers for most of the year. Although he has been at this school for a short time he has the respect and admiration of both staff and students. We wish Mr Puumalainen much success and happiness as he takes up a full time position at St Felix, Bankstown next year. God Bless.

Our Goal for 2017- Improving Student Attendance

As I have written many times in our newsletter, our attendance rate for 2016 has been very alarming. Many of our students choose to take days away from school for reasons other than ill health. Next year we will be working with the Catholic Education office to ensure this trend changes. It can only change with the help of our parents and the priority you place on your child's education. More about this initiative will be shared with you next year.

Important dates to remember

MAI testing 30/31 January

Best Start Assessment for Kindergarten 30/31 January

All students begin school on the 1st of February in Summer Uniform- 8.50am

Silver Coin Challenge for November

On behalf of Holy Families fundraising committee we would like to congratulate all the students who participated in the silver coin challenge. What a great effort ! \$380.25 was raised.

Message from the Principal Cont'd

Congratulations to the following students that received special awards this year.

HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL, GRANVILLE EAST

Citizenship Award: Janis Silverwood.

Teachers: Lynn Coleman and Amanda El-Hawzi



Janis is a Year 6 student at Holy Family Primary School, Granville East. She is helpful and considerate, willing to put others first. She displays compassion and respect to the people she meets. Janis listens to the views of others and is considerate about what they have to say. She takes pride in her leadership responsibilities and is an active member of the school community. Janis is able to work collaboratively with her peers and demonstrates persistence, creativity and critical thinking in her academics.

HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL, GRANVILLE EAST

The Jason Clare MP 2016 Community Service Award: Charlotte Edwards

Teachers: Lynn Coleman and Amanda El-Hawzi



Charlotte takes pride in her leadership responsibilities and is an active member of the school community. She displays innovative ideas and has made many contributions as a member of the environmental team. She demonstrates persistence, creativity and critical thinking in her academics. Charlotte participates in many extra-curricular activities such as playing in the Captivate band and is passionate about sharing her talents with our community. Charlotte is also active in our Parish as a Minister of the Word and in the Music Ministry.

Learning Matters from the Assistant Principal

From the Assistant Principal

I would like to end the year with a sincere thanks to the community of Holy Family for all that has been in 2016. I hope your summer will be just brilliant and you find lots of fun things to do with your young people.

I always like to remind folks that the Christmas season is a great time to be really clear with children about putting values into action - be sure your children get to see you share a gift with a person who is homeless, or see you give blood, or see you visit a house-bound neighbour. Your wonderful little people are drinking up everything you show them and you are helping them grow into the adult they will become!

25 Ideas for Teaching Your Kids Resilience

I came across this blog recently and thought the article was worth sharing. There are plenty of ideas for things you can do over the break and, importantly for the Christmas season, many suggestions about building your kids' resilience by teaching them empathy through service: goo.gl/EkDoAM

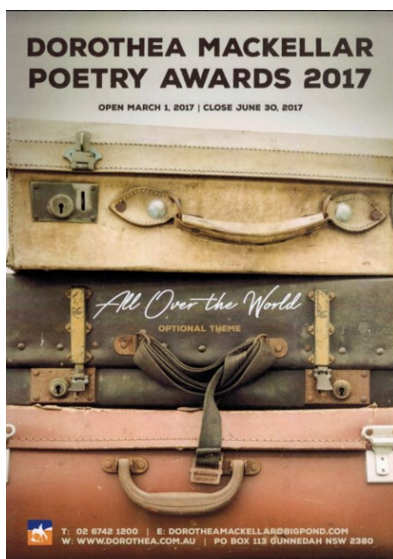
Food for thought for summer writers

Fiction

To celebrate the launch of the fifteenth book in the series, Alice-Miranda Holds The Key, CHILD Magazines and Penguin Random House Australia are giving young authors, 12 and under, the chance to write their way into the next Alice-Miranda book. We're asking fans to write a fabulous scene they think would be a perfect fit in an Alice-Miranda book, send it into our competition, and author Jacqueline Harvey will include the author of the winning entry in the next Alice-Miranda book as a character! Find out more about this one-of-a-kind writing competition at goo.gl/wRtA5T

Poetry

Each year we invite students to create poetry for the Dorothea MacKellar poetry competition. In case you want to get started over the summer: the 2017 optional theme is ALL OVER THE WORLD.



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Calendar



December

Thursday 15th	Year 6 Fun Day Manly
Friday 16th	Last Day of School
Monday 30th January	MAI Testing Years 1-6 & Best Start Assessment for Kindergarten 2017
Tuesday 31st January	MAI Testing Years 1– 6 & Best Start Assessment for Kindergarten 2017
Wednesday 1st February	All Students return for 2017

Birthday Wishes!

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this Month



Joy Coker-Macfory	Mia Xue
Victoria Hutchinson	Karylle Siron-Swainson
Milad Khichah	Christopher Mamari
Avaani Prakash	Rocco Gerada
Tatyana Nakhoul	Sulieti Manu
Joseph Habib	Justina Boudolh
Jonny Silverwood	Gladys Silverwood
Mary Katoa	Prince Nyakoi
Suzanna Hannouch	Michael Kailahi
Rania Marcos	Rylan Roebeck
Violet Makdissi	Chanel Makdissi
George Babi	



Dear students of Holy Family Primary School,

Holy Family Parish are currently looking for people to join their choir at the 9:30am mass on the last Sunday of the month. So if you love to sing come along and join in.

They are having a rehearsal on the 22nd December at 6pm in the Holy Family Church to practise for the 9:30am Holy Mass Christmas Day.

Contact: Vicky 0408 680 920.

Hope to hear from you soon!

God Bless

On behalf of the staff at Holy Family, we wish you a very peaceful and Holy Christmas Season. We look forward to sharing your holiday experiences when our families return to school next year. God bless you and your family.

Love the staff xxxx



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