



Wednesday 17th August 2016

Term 3

Week 5

Religious Education Matters



Mercy Action of the Week

Offer to read to someone who is feeling ill or is just feeling blue.



Feast of the Assumption

It was wonderful for so many parents to be able to join us in the classrooms for our liturgies for the Feast of the Assumption. We will replicate this next term for a different occasion to give more parents an opportunity to join in.



Prayer for the Assumption of Mary

Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come from you.

In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him
in heaven.

May we follow her example in reflecting your
holiness and join in her hymn of endless love
and praise.



Student Awards

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

Kindy	Anushka Raya	Elizabeth Halapio
Year 1	Jordan Ghosn	Josaia Visei
Year 2	Mark Sorojevic	Sukkum Limbu
Year 3	Violet Makdissi	Simon Kanaan
Year 4	Angelique Tembo-Sievers	Rachid Kanaan
Year 5	Chris Mamari	Rizul Wagle
Year 6	Mariah Farah	Georgia McIntyre-Jones



Message from the Principal

Dear friends, It was wonderful to return back to school after three weeks on leave to see happy, smiling faces and welcoming hugs. I wish to sincerely thank Mr Munday for leading our community with such confidence and care. I extend this thank you to Mr Bawden who supported Mr Munday and the school community with such expertise.

I often reflect on how important community is and share my thoughts with those around me. To welcome others into your circle of relationships is one way of demonstrating a great and merciful heart. Pope Francis addressed his flock on this topic with such eloquence that I felt compelled to share it with you.

"Let us ask the Lord, each of us, for eyes that know how to see beyond appearance; ears that know how to listen to cries, whispers, and also silence; hands to support, embrace, and minister. Most of all, let us ask for a great and merciful heart that desires the good and salvation of all."

May, 2014

This week's Principal's Award will reflect this topic of being welcoming to others. It is easy to turn away from people we do not know well. To open your hearts to others is truly a gift that is well worth sharing. By being present to others is how we build strong and authentic relationships. Please join us on Friday at our School Assembly where our students will pray together and share their great work with our community.

BOOK WEEK

Next week is book week. We have many fantastic guests and activities to highlight the importance of reading great literature.

Steven Herrick will visit on Monday. Steven is a poet and author. We have many of his books in our library including ones that have been shortlisted for literary awards. Steven brings humour and energy to his performances and the children in years 3 to 6 are looking forward to sharing his works on Monday.

On Tuesday the infants classes will be entertained by storytelling by Bronwyn Vaughan. "When Camels Could Fly" is an inspiring and uplifting performance celebrating our rich cultural diversity through story, song, music dance and puppetry. Kinder to year 2 are going to enjoy this performance.

On Thursday, Year 3 has been invited to Granville Public School to enjoy the talents of Tristan Bancks. Tristan is the author of the popular 'My Life series.

Thursday is a time for all to shine in our annual book character parade. I have been busy putting together my costume for the day and I am sure that children will be very creative as they recreate their favourite book character. The parade will take place in the hall starting at 2pm.

Father's Day Stall

Children will have an opportunity to purchase a Father's Day gift on Wednesday the 31st of August. All gifts will be \$5.

Wrappers Needed

On Monday we will be asking for volunteers to wrap our Father's Day gifts. A note will go home this week asking for volunteers.

Netball Gala Day

On Tuesday the 23rd of August, two teams from Stage Three will be representing our school at the Netball Gala Day. We wish our team the best of luck and I am sure they will have a great time competing against other schools in our Diocese.

Diocesan Athletics Carnival

On Friday the 26th of August, 10 students will compete at the next level of Athletics. A big thank you to their parents for supporting the children, enabling them to be able to participate in this event. Good luck from your Holy Family Community.

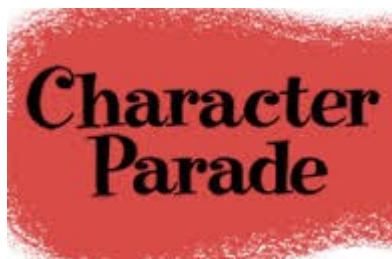
Thank you from the library

A very heartfelt thank you to Mrs Vanessa Edwards who made 15 wonderful story sacks for our children to enjoy. We have started to fill them with exciting things and will have them in the classrooms as soon as possible. Thank you Vanessa for all your hard work.

Parent helpers reminder

A reminder that all volunteers/parent helpers need to complete the Building Child Safe Communities Undertaking for Volunteers. This portal is located on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website. If you do not have access to an electronic device, please see Mrs Zammit in the front office and you may complete this eform at school. To complete a new 'Building Child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers' form please visit <http://goo.gl/5qaBTA>

Thank you for helping to safeguard all our children all the time. The safety of our students is everyone's responsibility.



Are you ready for the HFS character parade?

When: Thursday 25th August 2pm

Where: School hall

See you there!

Parish Cake & Bake Sale

Please support this fundraiser in aid of the 70th anniversary celebrations for our parish.



Reading Challenge

PREMIER READING CHALLENGE CLOSING FRIDAY 19TH AUGUST
ALL FORMS HAVE TO BE HANDED IN BY FRIDAY OR COMPLETED
ONLINE.

LATE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Mrs Gordon



PARENTS... Mark your calendar for the
Holy Family Primary Book Character Parade!

Students from Kindergarten through to Year 6
are invited and encouraged to dress up in costumes as their favourite
storybook character and parade around our school...

Thursday, August 25th 2pm



Bring your family, a camera, and a big smile as we cheer on our
students and staff celebrating the joy of reading!

Costumes should be simple and preferably home made.

Visit [http://familycrafts.about.com/od/charactercostumes/
Popular Characters Costume Ideas.htm](http://familycrafts.about.com/od/charactercostumes/Popular_Characters_Costume_Ideas.htm) or

<http://imaginationsoup.net/2009/10/favorite-book-character-costumes/>
for costume ideas.

Please contact your child's teacher or Mrs Ardus
(in the library) with any questions.



All participants are asked to carry the book of the character they are dressing up as (if possible).

Calendar



August

Friday 19th August	2:15pm Assembly K, 2, 4, 6 Presenting
Monday 22nd August	2:10pm Steven Herrick Book week performance (3-6)
Tuesday 23rd August	Netball Gala day 2:10pm When Camels Could Fly Book week performance (K-2)
Thursday 25th August	9:15am Parent snapshot of Learning 9:30-10:00am Parent representative Group meeting

Birthday Wishes!
Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week

Nelwin Nassif	Aweng Aguer
Bachir Kayrouz	Tanya Kumar
Mikhail Amelsom	Sonia Khawly



School Fees

Term 3 School Fees have now been issued and are due by Monday 22nd August.

Thankyou to everyone that has already paid the school fees.

Please note, payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPAY or at the



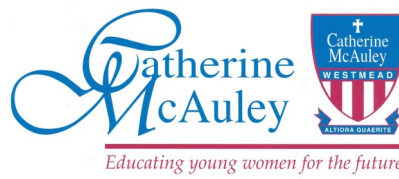
Lost clothing

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.

Year 6 Canberra Trip

Reminder to Year 6 Parents that the money for the Year 6 Canberra Trip is due as soon as possible. If you don't have a note please see Mrs Zammit in the office.





Catherine McAuley Westmead Enrolments for Year 7 2018

There will be three Open Mornings specifically for Year 7 2018 enrolments on:

Tuesday 6th September, 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 three 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.