



Holy Family Primary School Newsletter

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Term 4

Week 6

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Dear Parents,

As we enter the second half of the term, I can't help but notice that there is a lovely air of excitement to carry us into these final weeks of the school year. This excitement has been born of a year full of wonderful shared experiences—and more yet to come!

What can we look forward to?

- *End of Year Reports that celebrate the achievements of your children as they have grown in faith, knowledge and skills in 2014.*
- *Celebrating our Yr 6 students as they make the exciting new journey into secondary school.*
- *Celebrating student achievements at our End of Year Awards Assemblies on Friday 12th December.*
- *School Christmas evening on 15th December for all students. The children will lead us through the beautiful Christmas story with our favourite liturgical performer, and composer of our school song, Andrew Chinn.*
- *Celebrating as a faith community at our end of year school mass on 10th December. This is an opportunity to give thanks to God, through the celebration of the Eucharist, for all that we have been given by God in 2014.*

Swimming
Program
begins
Monday

17th November.



While the end of the year, and the approach of the Christmas season, can cause many of us to feel hurried and overly busy, let's instead hold the feelings of celebrating great activities and new memories.

We have much to celebrate this year at Holy Family ... let's join as one in giving thanks for all that we have shared.

Yours in family,

Mrs. S. Guilfoyle
Principal



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Religious Education Matters

Yr5 Catholic Mission Workshop

On November the 10th, Year 5 had an exciting experience with Catholic Mission. It was a privilege to see them in our school. Dorothy Makasa from Catholic Mission taught us about what the basic things in life were. We did some role-playing as the poor or the rich. She told us about the basics in life, food, water, shelter, health, safety and education. I learnt different ways of donating such as giving money, praying and creating hampers for them.



The experience made me feel how lucky we are to live in a rich and safe country we are in right now. I learnt that 80% of the world does not have enough food or shelter to survive with and only 20% of the world has enough. I felt sorry for the poor and a bit guilty that we have all these electronics not realising that many children are struggling for survival. Even though I felt sorry, I still had a great experience learning about how to donate to the less fortunate. **Edward**



We were given green and red slips. The green slips represent majority and red represented the minority. Only 7 children were given the red slips. This meant that only 24 countries out of 145 countries in the world have the essentials they need to have a healthy life like food, water, medication and shelter. The red people had cookies, medication, safe homes and correct learning equipment while the green people had only a pinch of bread, dirty river water, no shelter and only medication for one person.

*During the task I felt that the government did not care about me, or what I need to survive. When I was experiencing what it was like to be in a country where I can have food, water, medication, education and a safe home to sleep in every night. After the lesson I started to think about how I can help the needy in our world. **Jorja***

On Monday 10th November Dorothy from Catholic Mission came to give Yr5 a workshop about leadership. we started the lesson about poor around the world and how we can become leaders of our school. We were given topics like: home, food, water, safety, medication and learning resources. First we had to get into a group of three then we joined another group of three. We had a discussion in our groups where we had turns talking about our topic. We learnt that the majority of the people in the world are poor and that the minority are the rich.

My experience was nice because I experience what it was like to live in the majority like the poor around the world. **Blessing**

On Monday Week 6, Dorothy from Catholic Mission came to visit Yr5 for a lesson about the poor around the world and how we can become leaders of our school. We participated in activities and role-plays to teach us about how we can help the poor and needy and what the poor need for a basic living. Dorothy taught us the basic things we need in life like food, water, shelter, safety and education.



*I had a great experience with Dorothy and noticed that we are very fortunate to have a great life. I learnt that we don't need everything that we want and we only need things that we need for a good living. **Aushlesa***

Student Awards

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

Noel Emmanuel	George Youssef
Michelle Pham	Bechara Ghosn
Rachid Kanaan	David Soukkar
Milad Khichah	Cody Gergi
Jacob Georges	Jasmine Achi
Lauren Kahila	Edward Tu
Joseph Amelsom	Joseph Barakat



Learning Matters from the Assistant Principal

Celebrating Our Students & Our School Directions

Each year our students join with students from across Australia to participate in the NAPLAN testing program, measuring their skills in Literacy and Numeracy. On one level, this test provides parents with information about their child and on another level, information is provided to schools about school programs and directions.

YEAR 3	Students at, or below, National Standards (Bands 1 & 2)	Students achieving above minimum standards	
		Bands 3 & 4	Bands 5 & 6
Reading	15%	40%	45%
Writing	0%	40%	60%
Spelling	10%	40%	50%
Grammar & Punctuation	15%	35%	50%
Numeracy	10%	70%	20%

These results are very strong, and are our best ever!

They show that the skills of the students have grown through the programs implemented in K, Yr 1 & Yr 2 over the past four years. These include Reading Recovery, EMU Maths, in class support, staff professional learning and parent programs.

YEAR 5	Students at, or below, National Standards (Bands 3 & 4)	Students achieving above minimum standards	
		Bands 5 & 6	Bands 7 & 8
Reading	25%	68%	7%
Writing	10%	83%	7%
Spelling	20%	55%	25%
Grammar & Punctuation	30%	40%	30%
Numeracy	30%	50%	20%

Our Year 5 results show that Writing is again an area of strength and in 2014 we have more students moving into the top bands of Bands 7 & 8 than previously experienced.

Staff have reviewed all results and have put into place programs that will support students in continuing to develop their skills.

Holy Family School is celebrating the news that our results have placed us in the group of five diocesan schools with the highest improvements in student learning, as measured in NAPLAN.

We celebrate the community of students, staff and parents working together to ensure that our beautiful children have every opportunity for learning success. Now is the time for us to continue to build on this great work.

Mr. Benjamin Munday
Assistant Principal

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Calendar



November	
Thursday 13th November	World Kindness Day
Friday 14th November	Student work samples sent home—Religious Education
	2pm Stage 3 Concert Band Performance— parents invited
Monday 17th November	Swimming Program Commences.



Birthday Wishes!

*Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week:
Jonah Eldick and Daisy Habib.*

CEDP - Diocesan Fees Schedule 2015: Summary

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees - 2015

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fee can be paid upfront at the start of the year or as three equal payments in Terms 1, 2 and 3. The fee is only charged for the first three (3) children currently enrolled in the diocese (in other words there is no additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child attending a systemic school in the diocese or other participating Catholic schools - **see 'Sibling Discounts' below**). To work out how much the fee is for each child, check the table below.

The 2015 Annual and Term Diocesan Tuition Fees are as follows:

ANNUAL FEES	No charge for 4 th + children	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,047	\$786	\$525
	Years 1 – 6	\$1,350	\$1,014	\$675
Secondary	Years 7 – 8	\$1,875	\$1,407	\$939
	Years 9 – 10	\$2,079	\$1,560	\$1,041
	Years 11 – 12	\$2,658	\$1,995	\$1,329

TERM FEES	Charged in Terms 1,2 & 3	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$349	\$262	\$175
	Years 1 – 6	\$450	\$338	\$225
Secondary	Years 7 – 8	\$625	\$469	\$313
	Years 9 – 10	\$693	\$520	\$347
	Years 11 – 12	\$886	\$665	\$443

Annual Diocesan Building Levy - 2015

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College, Kingswood are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. **The levy for 2015 is \$702 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$234 payable in terms one, two and three.**

Annual Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents - 2015

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2015 is **\$1,731 per student, payable in three equal instalments of \$577 in terms one, two and three.** The fee applies to new students on the following Visa numbers: 173, 401, 411, 415, 416, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 457, 459, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 944, 956, 976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090. Families charged this fee in 2013 will continue to be charged on a per family basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.

Enrolment Fees - 2015

These are non-refundable and include upfront Application Fee and if successful an Enrolment deposit:

Non-Refundable	Application Fee	Enrolment Deposit
Primary	\$0	\$100
Secondary	\$50	\$300

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