

Holy Family Primary School

Mini News

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Term 4

Week 9

Student Awards

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

Gabriel Rahme	Daniel Yaacoub
Prince Nyakoi	Ayush Gyawali
Olenah El Katrib	Soesefo Taufu
Eyli Yaacoub	Galia Germanos
Bachir Kayrouz	John Achi
Charbel Hanna	Blessing Coker-Macfory
Kuach Mathiang	Linisei Mohenoa



Religious Education Matters

2nd Sunday of Advent

This Sunday we hear about the *voice in the wilderness*, John the Baptist preparing the way for the coming of Jesus. As the Year 5 children said during their Monday morning prayer, each time they have meditated in class this year they have repeated the word *Maranatha* which means *Come, Lord Jesus*. Daily they are calling Jesus into our lives and preparing the way for him to come. We need to make sure we are being alert and looking for the face of Jesus around us for we do not know when he will come.

2015 Sacramental Dates

The dates for the 2015 Sacramental Program have now, largely, been scheduled:

Reconciliation will be on Tuesday 24th March with lessons beginning on Thursday 5th March.

Communion will be on Sunday 31st May with lessons beginning on Thursday 7th May.

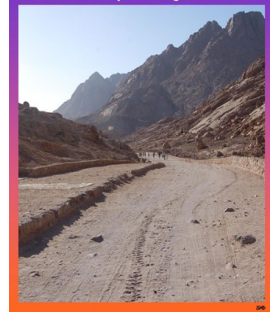
Confirmation will be on either the Thursday 5th or 12th of November, we are just waiting on the Diocese to lock in a date.

Christmas Concert Just a reminder that our Christmas Concert is on Monday 15th December at 6pm. All children are expected to attend. We will be passing buckets around for donations to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Bring along your fold up chairs and the canteen will be open with lots of good things to eat and drink.

Looking to 2015: On Tuesday 9th December the children will spend the afternoon working with their 2015 class teachers. This is an opportunity for the children to begin to get to know their new teachers. We will also welcome those new children joining us in Years 1-6 in 2015. Next week's newsletter will contain a full 2015 staff list. Please advise the school office by Friday 5th December if you know your children will not be attending Holy Family in 2015.



The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight." Mark 1:2-3



In Christ we Live, Love and Learn.

Calendar



December

Thursday 4th December	Canteen Meal Day.
Friday 5th December	2:00pm School Assembly _ Years K,2,4 & 6 presenting.
	End of Year Reports Sent Home.
Wednesday 10th December	9:15am End Of Year School Mass.
	12:30pm Principal's Award Lunch.



Birthday Wishes!

*Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week:
Isaac Ishac, Chenise Nehme and Julie Hoang.*

Library News



Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

Yes, it's on again. The chance to win an iPad mini and read at least 10 great books.

Students need to **read a minimum of 10 books** over the school holidays to go into the draw to **win one of four iPad minis!**

Students need to visit the competition page via parra.catholic.edu.au, download the reading log and keep a record of the books they read over the school holidays. When school commences in 2015, students need to enter their details on our website to go into the prize draw.

The competition opened on **28 November, 2014** and entries must be received via the above online form **by 5pm on Friday 6 February, 2015**. Winners will be announced on Monday 16 February on our website. Go to <http://youtu.be/CGeWIGS707A> to listen to the executive Director Greg Whitby talk about this year's challenge.

Reminder - All library books are now due back in the library so we can continue with our stocktake. It is important, particularly for Year 6 students, that **all books** are returned as the diocesan computer program keeps a record of over-due books and this is carried into the next year (and onto high school computer programs). If you have lost or damaged a book, please let us know. Children will be given overdue book notices soon so please search your shelves and return the library books. All lost books will incur a \$10 replacement fee as this helps purchase a replacement book (although it does not cover the entire cost of a new book).

Thank you for your help.

An Important Message from the School Office

A reminder to all the parents who still owe outstanding School Fees and to those who chose to pay for the Swimming Program by instalments:

All outstanding monies are due by this Friday 5th December as the office staff are preparing for the close of 2014 finance accounts and the preparation of 2015 finances. At Holy Family we offer families many options for meeting financial commitments, therefore it is most disappointing when office staff have to continually phone to remind parents of their overdue costs.

Thank you for your assistance and understanding.



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