



Holy Family Primary School Newsletter

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Term 1

Week 10

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OTHER NOTES DISTRIBUTED THIS WEEK:

Dear Families of Holy Family,

I was recently talking to a colleague principal who likes to read our school newsletter each week. During this conversation he commented that it always looks like we have such fun, rich learning experiences at Holy Family. This made me appreciate that it sometimes takes a comment or opinion from someone outside our community for us to stop and see what we have in our own place. We have much to celebrate here at HFS:

- The reverence, love and care with which the community commemorated the passing of our beloved Fr Stack.
- The welcome we have extended to new members of our school community
- 56 beautiful Kindergarten students who have completed their first term of big school so wonderfully.
- Liturgy and prayer life – Opening School Mass, Ash Wednesday, daily praying of the Angelus, daily meditation, assembly prayer led by our students, special community prayers, our Junior Joeys group.
- Celebrating Catholic Schools' Week, St Patrick's Day, Harmony Day
- Sporting achievements– swimming carnival, gymnastics, cross country, touch footy, lunch time basketball comp
- Special Programs– Kids Club, Reading Recovery, EMU maths intervention, drama/literacy program, reading challenges, writing competitions
- And last, yet most importantly of all, the great learning programs that our staff implement every single day to help all students become the very best that they can be as a learner, and as a person.

With you, I celebrate all that has been shared and achieved in Term 1. It is with continued excitement that we look forward to building on this great start by making the most of every opportunity in Term 2.

Yours in family,

We have much for
which to be thankful.

Mary MacKillop 1873



Mrs Sue Guilfoyle
Principal



Easter raffle tickets
due back Tuesday
8th April.

More tickets are
available from the
office.

In Christ we Live, Love and Learn.

Student Awards

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

Ater Ajou	Noel Emmanuel
Christopher Aoun	Autumn-Jade McMahon
Taylor Yacoub	Andrew Elias
Charbella Germanos	Steven Estephan
Elias Issa	Mikaylla Chakoush
Abraham Youssef	Edwina Tu
Susana Katoa	Timmy Vu



Religious Education Matters

Scripture Reflection

We are at the stage of the year where lots of winter sports such as football, netball, rugby league and AFL are beginning. As well as dancing, music and other things that our busy kids get up to. These all require a lot of commitment from parents to get to training and lessons during the week then games and performances on the weekend. We make sure that they don't miss out on any of these important times. Rarely, do you hear 'We're too busy to go to your game this week' or 'I haven't got time to get you to training.'

This Sunday's readings are all about faith. In the beautiful Gospel from John, Jesus tells us "I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." We need to have faith and believe in Him to receive the eternal reward. As Catholics the greatest expression of our faith is celebrating in the Eucharist each Sunday but so many times we hear 'We're too busy to go to Mass' or 'I haven't got time for Church this week.' We need to make time for what is truly **important** in our life.

Sacraments Timeline

Fathers Clifford and Jerson have finalised dates for this year's Sacramental program:

First Reconciliation

1st June – Letters to Parents
 26th June – Parent Information Afternoon
 19th/20th July – Commitment and Enrolment Weekend
 24th/27th July – Lesson 1
 31st July/3rd August – Lesson 2
 7th August – 7pm First Reconciliation

Mr Steve Bawden
 Religious Education Co-ordinator

First Eucharist

1st September – Letters to Parents
 18th September – Parent Information Afternoon
 9th/12th October – Lesson 1
 16th/19th October – Lesson 2
 23rd/26th October – Lesson 3
 1st November – Church Practice session
 2nd November – First Communion



Honouring Fr James Stack

It is important that Holy Family have a lasting memorial to Fr Stack. We applied to Bishop Anthony to allow us to name our school library/resource centre in Fr Stack's honour– and wonderfully he has agreed to this honour.

We all know how much Fr Stack loved to read, to tell a good story and to always pursue learning no matter his age. Therefore, it seemed only right that our library forever carry his name. On the 20th June we will name and bless the Fr James Stack Learning Centre. We have chosen this date as it is the 60th Anniversary of Fr Stack's ordination to the priesthood.

We look forward to this special community celebration in June.



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Learning Matters from the Assistant Principal

As we all know, being active is an important part of a healthy lifestyle. We also know that team sports are a great way for children to build good habits for teamwork, fairness and persistence. That's why I invited all the Primary children to sign up for a three-on-three basketball competition.

I was very happy with the response I got to this invitation. There were eleven teams in the 5-6 competition and thirteen teams in the 3-4 competition. **A big "congratulations" to all the children who signed up to have a go.** Some of the children had played basketball before, but for many of them this was their first ever competition. Well done!

We started off with "ins-and-outs". Two teams begin, and when one scores the other goes off and re-joins the line. The game goes on and on, and everyone gets several turns over the lunch break.

After our first taste of playing with rules and listening for the whistle, it was time for the competition to begin. Teams from Years 5 & 6 were first and the competition was been hard fought. Four teams made it to the semi finals – the Chicago Lakers, Holy Family Champions, Holy Family Thunder and the Smash Boys.

The exciting grand final was between two hard teams – the Chicago Lakers and the Holy Family Thunder. In the end, the Thunder outclassed the Lakers and took out the title. Well done Joseph, Emmanuel and Kuach!

The Years 3 and 4 competition is now underway with the 29ers, the Smashers, the Chicago Bulls and the Chicago Strikers making it through to the semis. Good luck to all teams for the play-offs!

The winning teams from both competitions get to challenge the toughest team in the school. But who could it be?

Read on in the next newsletter when the mystery will be solved.

Mr Benjamin Munday
Assistant Principal

Term 2 Office Staff Change: With the start of Term 2, Mrs Laraine Maskell from our office team will be reducing her working days to three days a week. We are all very envious of Laraine as she begins to slowly reduce her work days towards that well deserved time of life called retirement. After 30 years of serving the community of Holy Family, we know she deserves this break! Laraine will work Monday– Wednesday each week.

Each Thursday and Friday we will welcome Mrs Debbie Smith who will join our office team. Debbie currently works part-time at another school office and will be doing the opposite of Mrs Maskell as she will be increasing her work days by joining us. We know that Debbie will become a valued member of our team and that everyone will make her feel welcomed.



School Fees

Thankyou to everyone that has already paid the school fees.

Please note, school fee payments are now overdue and reminder letters have already been sent out by the Catholic Education Office. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPAY or at the Post Office.



As directed by our Central Office – Catholic Education Office Parramatta, there are strict guidelines for school fee payments that are not received by the due date.

To avoid further action please ensure that all overdue payments are finalised by the end of Term 1.

Any family having difficulty in paying must make an appointment with Mrs Guilfoyle to discuss this matter. Thank you.

THE SPORTS REPORT- Cross Country

On Tues 11th March children from Years 3-6 competed in the school's Cross Country. The day was very successful with many of the children progressing on to the Diocesan Cross Country to be held on the 6th May in Term 2.

Congratulations to all those who participated on the day. It was wonderful to see so many children trying their best and celebrating their achievements.

We also thank Mrs Le Clare and Mrs Tu for their assistance on the day. Thank you to all the teachers for their support to ensure the day was a huge success and encouraging all the children to have a go.

The following children will be representing our school at the Diocesan Cross Country:



Owen Faddoul	Brandon Faddoul	Nathan Bechara	Milad Daher
Mathiang Mathiang	Chritian Frangie	Miki Amelsom	Laura Awad
Joe Arida	Andre Mamari	Kristina Jbarah	Jasmine Ghamraoui
Awiet Majak	Tatiana Arida	Kreepa Joshi	Christal Achi
Lucy Arida	Julie-Anne Habib	Ivana Nehme	Linisei Mohenoa
Britney Youssef	Mary Katoa	Joseph Amelsom	Emmanuel Majak
Doung Mawien	Elias Daher	Brandon Jbarah	

Miss Marese Peachey
Sport Coordinator

Editor's Note: And a special thank you to Miss Peachey for leading the staff and students in this great event. We are blessed to share in your enthusiasm and energy for sport.

Gymnastics Display

During Term 1 the students have enjoyed their weekly gymnastics lesson as part of our Physical Education program. We would like to invite all parents to join us to see all the great skills that your children have developed. You are invited to visit your child's class when they are having their final gym lesson on Wednesday 9th April or Thursday 10th April. The class roster of lessons is:

Wednesday		Thursday	
9:00	5L	9:00	4W
9:40	3G	9:40	4T
10:20	3C	10:20	5B
11:40	2D	11:40	6E
12:20	2E	12:20	6C
1:40	1C	1:40	KB
2:25	1B	2:25	KS



Calendar



Friday 4th April	2:00 Assembly– presented by K,2,4,6.
Tuesday 8th April	2:00 EASTER Raffle Draw.
Wednesday 9th April	Parents invited to watch class gymnastic lessons.
Thursday 10th April	Parents invited to watch class gymnastic lessons.
Friday 11th April	Term 1 Concludes.
Sunday 13th April	Palm Sunday.



Birthday Celebrations!

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week: Najd Youssef, Debrah Youssef, Taylor Yacoub, Brayde Roelbeck and Jason Achi.



Privacy Statement

This week we have attached a copy of the new Privacy Statement and Standard Collection Notice from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. It is important that all parents read this information.

Community News

Learn Music on Keyboard at Holy Family Primary School

- 45 minute lesson weekly. Small group.
 - Music material provided.
 - Instrument not required initially.
 - Keyboard purchase available.
 - Beginners & children of all levels welcome.
- VIP Music 9 am 5 pm (Mon-Fri) during school term - Call to Enrol 9411 3122 for Term 2.

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OPEN DAY

7 May 2014

3.30pm - 6pm

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Accepting enrolments for Year 7 2015

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