



1st April 2015

Term 1

Week 10

Religious Education Matters

MAKING OUR FIRST RECONCILIATION

Last week many students of Year 3 made their first Reconciliation. This is an important step in their journey towards making their First Holy Communion.

The students prepared for their Sacrament by learning about how God loves us and shows us his love by forgiving our sins.



"Without Reconciliation our sins would not be forgiven. If our sins are not forgiven we wouldn't live a happy life."

Jack



"You are confessing your sins to God. This helps me to make better choices and follow in the footsteps of Jesus."

Augelique

"You are letting God forgive all your sins and this will help us to live a more Christian life."

Emily



"It made me feel happy and very nice to have my sins forgiven."

Brayden

Student Awards

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

Cobi Vu	Clara Maria El Kadi
Angelina El Boutty	Suzanna Hannouch
Gladys Silverwood	Aayush Prakash
Sarah Kahila	Ellie Wehbe
Duong Mawien	Joelle Taouk
Isabella Burke	David Faalogo
Abraham Youssef	Edwina Tu



Principal's Award: Chris Georges, Erika Tabach, Alvin Khanal, Mariah Manolis, Olivia Gebrael, Oriana Estephan, Ryan Lu, Rylan Roebeck, Daniela Sinozic, MaryRose Kaloush, Awaer Mathiang, Johnny Kayrouz, Cindy Fosita, Sebastian Mansour, Erica Chen, Mansour El Boutty, Harry Edwards, Georgia Hannouch, Jonathan Tuakalau, Owen Faddoul, Janis Silverwood, Louie Sousan, Mikayla Chakoush, Bachir Kayrouz, Alain Limos, Michelle Lin, Isabel Rizk and Bianca Wehbe.

Principal's Message

As we enter this very special week of the Easter Triduum, it is fitting to focus on the words from our beloved leader of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis. His Lenten message focus is on fighting indifference in all its manifestations in the Church — in the institutional Church, in parishes and dioceses, and in ourselves. Pope Francis emphasized the need for all Catholics to reach out to those in the peripheries, and to not become self-centered. We become more like Christ, he said, by hearing the Word of God, receiving the sacraments, letting ourselves be touched by the love of the Father and by uniting with others in prayer. We can overcome indifference, he added, by using Lent as an opportunity to form our hearts.

As we journey with Jesus to the cross, let us reflect on these words and always remember that we are called to act justly and walk humbly with our God.

On behalf of the Staff of Holy Family, we wish you a very Holy Easter. May you return with your hearts renewed and rejoicing in the Resurrection of Christ Jesus our saviour.

Live Jesus in our hearts

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Mrs Baird
Principal

Cards for Compassion

Last Friday the Junior Joeys held Easter Card making at Recess and Lunch to raise money for the Caritas Project Compassion Appeal. They had around 100 children in the hall making cards and raised \$143.10 for the appeal.



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Learning Matters from the Assistant Principal

I'm making a habit of sharing this list at the beginning of each school holiday. Sydney is a great place to be during the holidays when you have kids. There are so many brilliant things to do (many of them free or low cost). So I'm looking forward to hearing stories about how you...

- Collect a bunch of boxes of different sizes and create a life-sized robot or dinosaur.
- Borrow some informative DVDs from Granville Library. Watch them together then make a quiz for each other with prizes for the winner.
- Borrow some fun DVDs from Granville Library. Make some tickets, pop some popcorn and squeeze some fresh juice, draw the blinds, turn out the lights and have a movie afternoon in your living room.
- Hop in the car and go to Lizard Log – one of Sydney's best parks (right where the Horsley Drive meets Cowpasture Road, you can't miss it).
- Take the train into the city and visit the Art Gallery of New South Wales.
- Make a comic strip of the most incredibly interesting, best, greatest, most exciting, jaw-dropping, fantastic story ever.
- Drop into Central Gardens at Merrylands and see what a great job they've done updating all the animal enclosures.
- Take the children's bikes and scooters to Holroyd Gardens in Merrylands and ride on the miniature roads.

Don't forget to do a couple of things to model the spirit of the Easter season to your children too, like giving blood, taking a car-less friend shopping, visiting an elderly neighbour or picking up some litter in the park. Your children will grow into the people you teach them to be!

Peace and God Bless,

Mr Benjamin Munday
Assistant Principal

Mr Bawden walks in the footsteps of Jesus

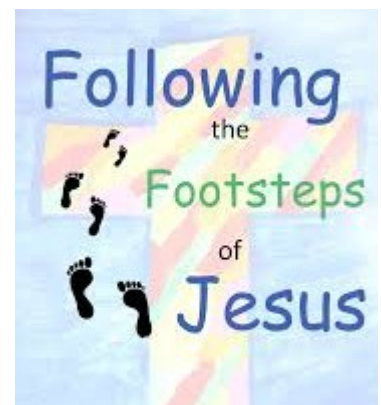
Mr Bawden has been a part of a new leadership program designed for the contemporary role and responsibilities of Religious Education Coordinators.

The Program has three parts—profession learning, pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome and being partnered with a peer mentor.

Mr Bawden will leave Sydney to begin his pilgrimage during the holiday break. He will return back to school on the 4th of May.

Our prayers are with Mr Bawden and we look forward to hearing his story when he returns.

God be with you always.



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Congratulations to the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Last Tuesday several children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Reconciliation is a Sacrament of healing in which our sins are forgiven and in which we are reconciled with God and the Church. Through the Grace of God, we are given an opportunity to rebuild our relationship with God. As Catholics we are asked to make an examination of conscience before going to confession and during the Rite of Reconciliation our Priest will absolve our sins. Let us reflect on the words of absolution in the [Roman Rite](#)

God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

We congratulate our children and their families for preparing their hearts in readiness for this very important Sacrament .

Antonia Aoun Angelina Wehbe Kenyon Mendoza George Maatouk Natalie Maatouk Rebecca Maatouk Raymond Maatouk Maggie Manu Veronica Georges Jarmella Sharma Sebastian Roughley John-Claude El Khoury Rosie Faddoul Marie Jo Yaacoub	Bashir Boulos Sam Hannouch Johnathon Chakoush Joseph Taouk Jade Farah Taylor Yacoub Rachid Kanaan Samira Khoury Bethany Agito Andrew Elias Mansour El Booty David Soukka Ellie Wehbe Rhianna Brown	Siad Ayoud Tatyana Nakhoul Robert Sorojevic Augelique Tembo-Sievers Quiana Tembo-Sievers Emily Burke Olenah El Katrib Sarah Kahila Jack Spina Ashton James Amir Ayoub Charbel Nehme Annalise Salit Faith Frangie
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I wish to acknowledge our teachers who through their generous hearts assisted our parish members in leading the Sacrament preparation groups. Thank you Mr Bawden, Mrs Floyd, Miss D'Argent, Miss Camilleri and Mrs El Hawzi. We are so blessed to have such giving, and caring teachers dedicated to the spiritual journey of our students.

New Student Leadership Teams

The Environment Team

I wish to congratulate the following children who will take up the responsibility of promoting and leading events in this area this year.

Year 3

Emily Burke
Bethany Agito
Sebastian Mansour

Year 4

Nicholas Elias
Nathan Habib

Year 5

Mikaylla Chakoush
Charlotte Edwards
Aisha Seasay
Jasmine Achi
Isabella Burke

Year 6

Lauren Kahalia
Michelle Lin

The Media Team

I also wish to congratulate the children who will take on this role for the year. The children will have opportunities to write articles for our newsletter and create news items for our HFSTV: Brayde Robeck, Edwina Tu, Geoffrey Mok and Michelle Lin.



Birthday Wishes!

*Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week:
Virgilio Agito, Najd Youssef, Debrah Youssef, Taylor Yacoub and
Tyrell Firmin.*

Cross Country Carnival Medal Winners

Congratulations to all the Cross Country winners who received their ribbons and medals at last Friday's whole school assembly. Thirty two children will represent our school at the Diocesan Cross Country 5th May Term 2. Medal winners: Michael Grace, John-Claude El Khoury, Sarina Karimi, Taylor Yacoub, Dylan Lu, Robbie Youssef, Avaani Prakash, Aweit Majak, Duong Mawien, Nathan Bechara, Charlotte Edwards, Kristina Jbarah, Brandon Faddoul, Christian Frangie, Tatyana Arida, Mary Katoa, Elias Daher, Milad Daher, Jacinta Nakhoul, Jorja Le Claire.

Whole School Assembly

What an afternoon! I was overwhelmed on Friday afternoon by the quality of learning that we witnessed and celebrated as a school community. Our teachers and students must be commended for their creativity and outstanding presentation of the learning that is active in their classes this term. The smiles on the faces of the children as they presented their learning said it all.

Last day of Term 1

The last day of term one is Wednesday the 1st of April. The teachers will be at school on Thursday for a day of professional learning.

First Day of Term 2

The children will return to school on Monday the 20th of April in full winter uniform. I ask parents to consider the weather at this time. If it is still too warm for the children to return in winter uniform, they can wear their summer uniform for a few weeks.

Girls' Winter Uniform	Girls' Sport Uniform
Blue long sleeved blouse with school logo (new style)	Navy blue/yellow collared polo-shirt with emblem (new style)
Navy blue culottes (new style) or navy blue trousers.	Navy blue sports shorts with school logo (new style)
Black school shoes with navy blue tights	White sports shoe with plain white socks
Navy blue school jacket	Navy school tracksuit with emblem for winter
Navy blue hair accessories	Navy blue hair accessories
School Hat* (new style)	School Hat* (new style)
Boys' Winter Uniform	Boys' Sport Uniform
Long grey trousers	Navy blue/yellow collared polo-shirt with emblem (new style)
Blue long sleeve blue shirt with school logo (new style) and school tie	Navy blue sports shorts with school logo (new style)
Black school shoes with grey socks	White sports shoe with plain white socks
Navy blue school jacket	Navy school tracksuit with emblem for winter
School Hat* (new style)	School Hat* (new style)

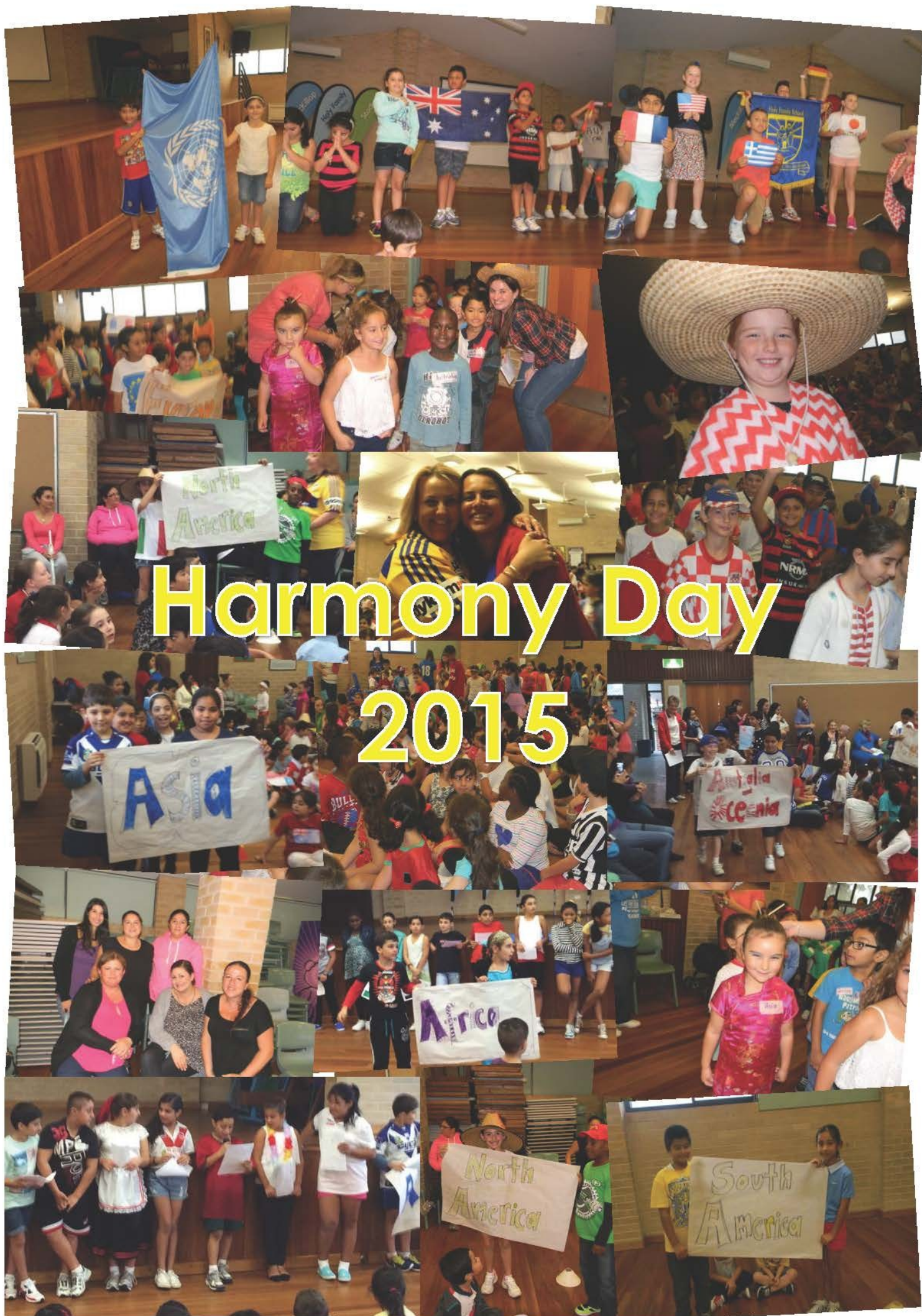
Lost Property

I ask parents to check that all items of your child's uniform are clearly labeled. This will help us locate and return jackets and jumpers back to their owner.

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HFS Parent Calendar - Term 2, 2015		
1	Monday 20th April	Term begins
	Tuesday 21st April	Life Education (until 29th April) Easter Liturgy 9.00am
	Friday 24th April	ANZAC Liturgy 9.00am
2	Thursday 30th April	First Communion Parent Meeting in hall 3.30pm
3	Tuesday 5th May	Diocesan Cross Country
	Thursday 7th May	First Communion Lesson 1 in hall 3.30pm
	Friday 8th May	Mother's Day Stall Mother's Day Liturgy 2.15pm
4	Monday 11th May	Kinder chicks arriving School Photo envelopes sent home
	Tuesday 12th May	NAPLAN
	Wednesday 13th May	NAPLAN
	Thursday 14th May	NAPLAN First Communion Lesson 2 in hall 3.30pm
5	Tuesday 19th May	Captivate Showcase Rehearsal - Choir, at Marayong
	Thursday 21st May	First Communion Lesson 3 in hall 3.30pm
	Friday 22nd May	Work Samples - Numeracy Assembly - Years K, 2, 4, 6 presenting Walk Safely to School Day DWF Appeal - gold coin day
6	Monday 25th May	School Photos
	Friday 29th May	Kinder excursion - Calmsley Hill City Farm
	Sunday 31st 5th May	First Communion 11.00am
7	Tuesday 2nd June	Athletics Carnival
8	Monday 8th June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	Tuesday 9th June	Parent interview note sent home
	Friday 12th June	Sacred Heart Liturgy 2.15pm Vinnies Winter Sleepout 6.00pm
9	Monday 15th June	Captivate Showcase concert - Nagle College, Blacktown
	Wednesday 17th June	Captivate Showcase concert - Nagle College, Blacktown
	Friday 19th June	Work samples - grade choices Assembly - Years 1, 3, 5 presenting Captivate Showcase concert - Joan Sutherland Centre, Penrith Reports go home
10	Monday-Friday	Parent interviews
	Friday 26th June	End Term 2

Dates are subject to change.



Harmony Day

2015

