

18th February 2015

Term 1

Week 4

## Religious Education Matters

### Parables of Jesus – Year 5

In Year 5 we have been focusing on 'The Parables of Jesus'.

A parable is a story told by Jesus. Each parable has a message that we can learn from. We have explored many different parables and reflected on how it links to our life.

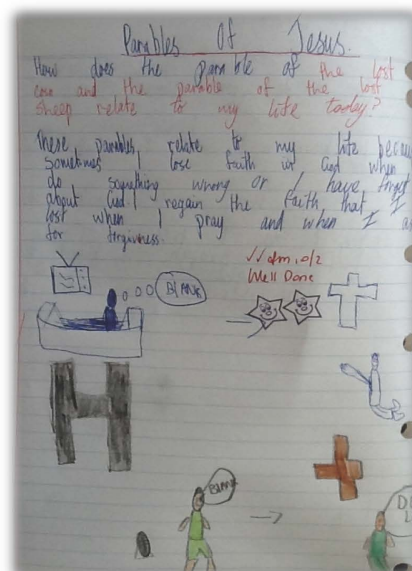
We used freeze frames to re-enact the message of the parables, 'The Lost Sheep' and 'The Lost Coin'.

#### The Lost Coin

The Coin represents having faith in God.

#### The Lost Sheep

We are the lost sheep.  
God is the shepherd.



Sometimes you can make the wrong choices (sins) and lose your way...

...but if you ask for forgiveness you can have a chance to get back on the right path.



'Repent' means to ask for forgiveness.



## Principal's Message

I was sitting contemplating what message I could share with our community regarding the upcoming important Liturgical Season in our Catholic Calendar. Today is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. It is a time for us to be more aware of God's saving grace in our lives. For each of us God has a gift during this season of Lent. All we have to do is prepare our hearts for that gift. I was reflecting on the words of Pope Francis, during my own personal prayer time, and I came across 10 tips of how we can prepare for Lent. I decided that it was only right that the message should come from our most blessed spiritual leader, our Pope.

*Every year Catholics try to answer the age old question: What should I do for Lent? Well, who better to pick as your Lenten spiritual director than Pope Francis? He has some great ideas for you!*

*Here we selected 10 of his best tips:*

### **1. Get rid of the lazy addiction to evil**

*"[Lent] is a 'powerful' season, a turning point that can foster change and conversion in each of us. We all need to improve, to change for the better. **Lent helps us and thus we leave behind old habits and the lazy addiction to the evil that deceives and ensnares us.**" – General Audience, March 5, 2014*

### **2. Do something that hurts**

*"Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. **I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.**" – Lenten Message, 2014*

### **3. Don't remain indifferent**

*"Indifference to our neighbour and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience. God is not indifferent to our world; he so loves it that he gave his Son for our salvation." –Lenten Message, 2015*

### **4. Pray: Make our hearts like yours!**

*"During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: 'Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum': **Make our hearts like yours** (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference." – Lenten Message, 2015*

### **5. Take part in the sacraments**

*"Lent is a favourable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ." – Lenten Message, 2015*

### **6. Prayer**

*"In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could harden our hearts, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of God's boundless love, to taste his tenderness. Lent is a time of prayer, of more intense prayer, more prolonged, more assiduous, more able to take on the needs of the brethren; intercessory prayer, to intercede before God for the many situations of poverty and suffering." – Homily, March 5, 2014*

### **7. Fasting**

*"We must be careful not to practice a formal fast, or one which in truth 'satisfies' us because it makes us feel good about ourselves. Fasting makes sense if it questions our security, and if it also leads to some benefit for others, if it helps us to cultivate the style of the Good Samaritan, who bends down to his brother in need and takes care of him." – Homily, March 5, 2014*

### **8. Almsgiving**

*"Today gratuitousness is often not part of daily life where everything is bought and sold. Everything is calculated and measured. Almsgiving helps us to experience giving freely, which leads to freedom from the obsession of possessing, from the fear of losing what we have, from the sadness of one who does not wish to share his wealth with others." – Homily, March 5, 2014*

### **9. Help the Poor**

*"In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ. Our efforts are also directed to ending violations of human dignity, discrimination and abuse in the world, for these are so often the cause of destitution. When power, luxury and money become idols, they take priority over the need for a fair distribution of wealth. **Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing.**" – Lenten Message, 2014*

### **10. Evangelize**

*"The Lord asks us to be joyous heralds of this message of mercy and hope! It is thrilling to experience the joy of spreading this good news, sharing the treasure entrusted to us, consoling broken hearts and offering hope to our brothers and sisters experiencing darkness." – Lenten Message, 2014*

*You probably won't be able to take huge steps forward in all of these areas. Instead, pick a couple that stand out to you and try to find practical ways to grow in your love of God and your love of your neighbour.*

<http://www.focus.org/blog/posts/what-should-i-do-for-lent-pope-francis-ten-tips.html>

*y Baird*

Mrs Yvette Baird  
Principal



# Student Awards

*Patrick Kirby Abeiku Kwansah-Aidoo*  
*Dylan Vu Zivelle Seasay*  
*Kayla Brown Rhiannyn Griffiths*  
*Jamella Sharma Quiana Tembo-Sievers*  
*Daisy Halib Charbella Germanos*  
*Jonah Eldick Georgia McIntyre*  
*Joey Issa Jacinta Nakhoul*



## Learning Matters from the Assistant Principal

### What gets your children GOING?

One of the exciting things about teaching is getting to know the children we spend our days with. Surprise, surprise – teachers tend to like children!

It's nice to hear from our students about the things that get them going – the things they think are important and worth their time and attention.

When we know these things, quite often we can find ways to bring that interest to life in the classroom. That helps make learning FUN!

Mr Benjamin Munday  
Assistant Principal

### Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday, our swimming squad participated in the Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival at Parramatta Pool. The children swam with enthusiasm and pride. I wish to thank the parents for your continued support in allowing the children to participate in these extracurricular sporting events. My sincere thanks to Miss Peachey for co-ordinating the event and for her dedication and commitment to the students at Holy Family. Well Done students!!!

Congratulations to the children in the Zone Swimming Squad: Geoffrey Mok, Hugo Ng, Alex Lehnen, Abraham Youssef, Christina Awad, Jorja Le Claire, Vanessa El Hayek and Dylan Lu.

Hugo Ng will be competing at the next level, Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Friday 27th of February. We wish him every success.



*In Christ we Live, Love and Learn.*





### *Birthday Wishes!*

*Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week: Michael Grace, Michelle Lin, Marie-Jo Yaacoub, Alvin Lee, Angelique Tembo-Sievers, Quiana Tembo-Sievers and Mikaela Rosas.*

### Opening School Mass

As a faith community we celebrated our Opening School Mass last Thursday. Our spiritual guide and friend, Fr Clifford, welcomed us all in prayer and blessing for the year ahead. At the beginning of Mass we welcomed our new students, Kindergarten and our new teachers to our school. Our music ministry was outstanding under the expert guide of Mr Munday. My sincere thanks to the students and Mr Munday for sharing their talents with us. Congratulations to our Ministry of the Word and children who lead the prayers of the Faithful.



We were blessed to have so many parents join us in celebrating the Eucharist and in prayer and worship. This community is so blessed to have such talented staff who lead this community in faith. Mr Bawden is a true example of this. I wish to thank him for coordinating a beautiful celebration that has set the tone for the rest of the year. I also wish to thank Mrs D'Mello for creating such an inspirational reflection movie. The positive words from the children and happy faces were reflective of our Holy and happy community.



### The Newsletter is Going Paperless

During your parent meeting this week, you would have been informed, by the class teachers, that this term we will be using the skoolbag app and our website as the main sources of communication between home and school. Parents who have access to a smartphone, (iphone or android) or a computer, will be able to access the newsletter each week. Parents who do not have access to these devices are asked to submit the form requesting a hard copy to be sent home. If you have any difficulty accessing the app or our website, please contact the office.

### Application for extended student leave

Just a reminder that an application for extended student leave needs to be submitted to the Principal if parents are intending to go on holidays outside of the normal student vacation times. The forms can be downloaded from our website or from the front office.

### CAPTIVATE Combined Schools' Choir

Last week a note went out to the children in Years 3-6 inviting them to be a part of the CAPTIVATE Combined Schools' Choir. The children will have their first rehearsal next Tuesday the 24th of February at school. Only children who have returned their permission note will be able to attend.



### Parent Information Night

This week you had the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and listen to the processes, procedures and the learning outlines for your child. I invite parents to discuss any concerns you have regarding your child with the class teacher. Please contact the office to arrange an appointment.

### Consistent Late Arrivals

I encourage all parents to make a concerted effort to arrive at school before the morning bell. It is important that the children begin the day without the stresses associated with being late to class each day. During the morning administration time, children are informed of the events of the day and any changes that may occur. Children become anxious if they are not sure of what is happening throughout the day. I urge parents to comply with this request. We all care about what is most important—your children.



### School Fees

Please note that ALL statements have now been mailed.

***Any school fee payment arrangement made in 2014 does not automatically continue.** This also includes those families that have automatic payments deducted from Centrelink. Please contact the office to make an appointment as soon as possible. If you have difficulty in paying school fees an appointment will need to be made to discuss this matter with Mrs Baird. **Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPAY or at the Post Office. Thank you.***

# SUBSCRIBE TO RECEIVE THE LATEST NEWS AND NEWSLETTER AS SOON AS IT IS POSTED ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

Simply go to the school website. Click on *News and Events* on the list appearing on the left.

Then select *Latest News*. Scroll down to *Subscribe to our online newsletter*.

Fill out the form with your details and click *Subscribe to E-News*.

An email will be sent to you every Wednesday at 4pm.

If you have any difficulties or further questions, please contact the school.

Mrs Amanda El-Hawzi  
Learning Technologies Teacher

[www.hfgranville.catholic.edu.au](http://www.hfgranville.catholic.edu.au)



SCHOOL

PARENTS

LEARNING & TEACHING

NEWS & EVENTS

CONTACT US

Learning in Action




20 Items 18/07/2014 17 Items 28/06/2014

Page 1 of 6 < 1 2 3 4 5 6 >

SEARCH

AI Source

### Newsletters

Our main form of communication between home and school is the weekly newsletter, sent home on Wednesday and archived on this website.

**Week 7 Term 3 2014**

General school news: Student Awards, Religious Matters, Calendar, Birthday Wishes, Community News, Mass Parade, School Fees, Internet, Fathers' Day

### Archive

- Year 2014
- Year 2013
- Year 2012
- Year 2011
- Year 2010
- Year 2009

### Subscribe to our online newsletter

Holy Family Primary, Granville East can deliver up-to-date news and events straight to your email inbox.

Sign-up now to receive our online newsletter.

First Name: \*

Last Name: \*

Email Address: \*

Email format: \*

Age Range: \*

Gender: \*

Postcode: \*

Status: \*

Receive Announcements: \*

Subscribe to E-News

### Receive Our Feeds

Did you know that you can receive automatic RSS updates from any page of this website the moment they are updated? Find out how.