



Holy Family Primary School Newsletter

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Term 3

Week 4

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School Punctuality

All students must be present at school for morning assembly-

8:50am.

If students arrive after this time, they must get a late note from the school office.

School concludes at **3:10pm** and all students must be collected by **3:30pm**. A number of parents are repeatedly late, meaning staff are delayed from after school meetings.

Please be considerate of others.

Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Family,

On Friday 8th August we celebrate Mary MacKillop and the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph. This is very important for us as a school founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph. We should be very proud of our connection to Mary MacKillop her vision brought alive here at Holy Family. If not for Mary MacKillop, our school would not have much of its special character, traditions and practices.

It is important that as time goes on, we continue to keep alive the story of Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph.

How then did they come to be the foundation of our school?

1938 Catholic education began in Granville when on 2nd February two Sisters of St. Joseph started St. Joseph's Convent School. This school began in an old hall on the corner of Hudson St. & The Trongate.

1946 Holy Family parish declared as a parish in its own right- now separated from Holy Trinity, Granville.

1952 St. Joseph's Convent School is renamed Holy Family Primary School when it moves out of the hall, into permanent buildings (our current Yr 1 & Library building).

1987 Sisters of St. Joseph conclude their leadership of our school.

How do we keep alive the story and mission of Mary MacKillop?

- Celebrating the Feast of Mary MacKillop on the 8th August allows us to tell her story to the children, to celebrate her mission and to give thanks to God for her life and work.
- Each part of our school has on display a portrait of Mary MacKillop, symbolising that she remains present in all of us, and in the life of our school.
- Our Junior Joeys group ensures that as a school community we continue to work for those in the world that need help and justice.
- Each year we award fourteen students the Mary MacKillop Award for living their faith through word and deed.
- From 2015 we will be renaming our school sport houses, and one of these will be known as MacKillop.

Mary MacKillop founded the Sisters of St. Joseph on the belief of "Never see a need without doing something about it". Today we are called to continue to keep this alive in our school, our Church and our country. By living this mission we are honouring all those who worked so hard to give us all that we have here at Holy Family today.

Yours in family,

Mrs. Sue Guilfoyle
Principal



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Student Awards

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

Angelina El Boutty
Sebastian El Katrib
Sebastian Mansour
Mathiang Mathiang
Chanel Kalouche
Christian Frangie
Julie Hoang

Kayleen Davis
Peter Tabach
Rhianna Brown
Joelle Taouk
Tony Soukkar
Joey Issa
Teressa Ishac



Religious Education Matters



On Thursday evening many of the children in **Year 3** will be making their first Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Sacrament helps us build our relationship with God and prepare us to receive our First Holy Communion later in the year. To prepare for their Sacrament of Reconciliation, Year 3 students have been attending special classes where they have been learning about the importance of Reconciliation. Here are some things that they have learnt:

“Reconciliation is important because you tell the priest about what bad choices you have made, and if you are really sorry, he will pray to God and ask for God to forgive you.” – *Marko*

“I am looking forward to my Reconciliation because I get to talk to the priest. I will tell him some of the sins I have done, and then I will get blessed and be forgiven by God.” – *Nicholas*

“I am excited to make my Reconciliation because I want to go into one of the confessional booths. It is important because I will tell the priest all my sins and he won't tell anyone else. Then he will ask God to forgive me.” – *Harry*

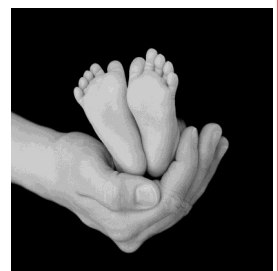
“After my first Reconciliation, I can keep on going to a priest to ask for forgiveness. It is important to say sorry to God because I am a part of His family.” – *Britney*

“Reconciliation is important because we get to see the priest and tell him about some things that we have done wrong. The priest will help me show God I am sorry by apologising and saying a prayer.” – *Lucy*

Best Wishes to Miss Doherty

This Friday we farewell Miss Doherty as she begins a period of leave in preparation for her first child, due in September. We take this opportunity to thank Kim for all that she has contributed to the students and staff of Holy Family these past years.

Our prayer for Kim and her husband Ariel is that every happiness will be theirs during the exciting times ahead. We look forward to meeting this beautiful new baby in the future.



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Learning Matters from the Assistant Principal

Ever wonder about what we do at school?

Have you ever spoken one of these sentences?

"That's not how we did it when I was at school..."

"What's that word? Sound it out."

If you answer "Yes" to either (or both) of these questions, then next Monday morning might help to clear some things up for you.

You are invited to a SNAPSHOT OF LEARNING at HFS.

Straight after assembly on Monday of Week 5, join me in the Fr Stack Library for a brief introduction to how we teach READING at HFS.

Then, you'll have the chance to see excellent teaching of reading taking place in Year 1.

Afterwards, we'll head back to the Fr Stack Library where I'll be answering questions about what you've seen, and any other questions you might have about reading.

The whole session will take about 40 minutes (10 minutes + 10 minutes + 20 minutes) depending on how curious you are with your questions!

We hope to welcome many parents from all grades to the session.

See you there,

Mr Munday

p.s. The WriteOn writing competition has begun at HFS for Years 1-6. Encourage your children to submit their entries to me by next Friday for a chance to make it to the next round!

Staff Learning at Holy Family

The staff of Holy Family are very committed to their ongoing development as teachers, ensuring that they remain current with all educational directions - ensuring that students receive the very best learning opportunities. In recent times, the staff have attended the following courses and programs:

Reading in the Kinder- Year 2 Classroom:	Mrs El Hawzi & Mr Munday
Reading in the Year 3- Year 6 Classroom:	Mrs Elias, Mrs Guilfoyle & Mr Munday
Reading Recovery Training:	Miss Warwick
EMU Maths Intervention Teacher Training:	Miss Chammas
EMU Maths Intervention Teacher Refresher:	Miss Gray
Numeracy Leaders Program:	Mrs Bratby
Numeracy in the Year 3- Year Classroom:	Mrs Bratby, Mrs Coleman, Mrs Laws & Mrs Tredinnick
Early Career Teacher Program:	Miss Baily, Miss Camilleri, Miss D'Argent, Mrs Laws
Drama Literacy in the Classroom:	Mr West
Religious Literacy Program:	Mr Bawden, Mrs Guilfoyle & Mrs Tredinnick
Planning for Individual Education Programs:	Mr Munday & Miss Warwick
Environmentally Sustainable Schools;	Mr Bawden & Mrs Tredinnick
Sport Network:	Miss Peachey
Administration Staff Network Meetings:	Ms Ali & Mrs Maskell
Principal's Masterclass Program:	Mrs Guilfoyle



In addition to this, each week we have Teacher Educators from the Catholic Education Office working in classrooms alongside our staff, to assist in developing best practice in Literacy & Numeracy education.

In sharing this extensive list of current professional learning programs, we trust that it affirms what dedicated staff we have, and explains why sometimes your child's teacher is not in school.

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Parent Representative Group

The 2014 PRG Members are:

Mrs Valore (Caterina Kinder)
Mrs Hakko (Edward Yr1)
Mrs Mary Wehbe (Angelina Yr 2 & John-Paul Yr 6)
Mrs Le Claire (Jorja 5L).

This group will meet with Mrs Guilfoyle on a regular basis to discuss matters that are important within our school, or that are currently having an impact on school life. Key matters discussed last week included:

School Uniform: Concerns over the number of families not following school guidelines on school uniforms including wearing of the Winter tie, white sport shoes and inappropriate haircuts. The staff will continue to enforce these expectations and discussions will be held with parents and students who do not support school expectations.

Internet Safety: The school was congratulated on its handling of recent out of school, online safety concerns for our students when it was found that many students had illegal Instagram & Facebook accounts. While this is a parent matter, the school was applauded for informing parents of the guidelines and concerns.

Trongate Parking: The matter of overcrowded after-school parking in The Trongate was again raised as an issue. Mrs Guilfoyle shared that Parramatta Council Traffic Management reviewed this situation in 2010 & 2011 and there is nothing extra that we can do. We do not have enough street space between the pedestrian crossing, the driveway, the disabled parking and the Hudson St roundabout, to install a Kiss & Drop Zone.

Parking problems really come back to community courtesy - not parking out the front of the church for extended periods, not stopping in the bus zone or disabled parking area, and moving quickly from parking spots so that others may access these.



Parent Helpers in the Classroom: In Term 4, staff will be hoping for parents to assist in classroom and school programs. In preparation for this we will prepare information about required volunteer's child protection training and we will prepare a Parent Helpers' Code of Conduct to ensure that there are no misunderstandings about privacy and protocols.

Sport Houses: After discussion amongst the staff, a proposal was put to the PRG to rename our school sport houses so that they represent important parts of our school history. The PRG are in favour of this proposal, and from 2015 our school sport houses will be known as:

BLUE:	MACKILLOP - after Mary MacKillop
GREEN:	STACK - after Fr Stack PP 1976-2014
RED:	MARTIN - after Fr Martin PP 1961-1975
GOLD:	KERRIGAN - after Fr Kerrigan, our first PP, 1946-1961

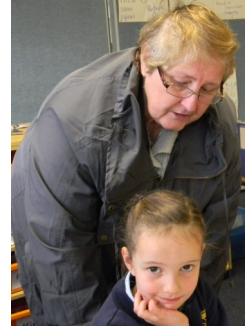
In choosing these names, we will honour the foundation and building of our school by our three parish priests, and the legacy of Mary MacKillop's Sisters of St Joseph who worked beside priests and parishioners in building Holy Family.

School Christmas Raffle: Planning will begin shortly for a monster Christmas Raffle to support the reduction of our swimming program costs. If you can suggest any businesses that may be able to make donations to our raffle, please contact the school office or a member of the PRG.



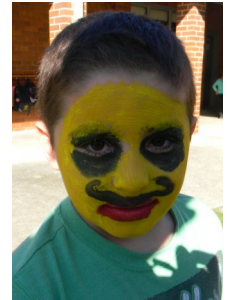
Feast of Anne & Joachim

On Friday 25th July, the students of Holy Family were able to celebrate their grandparents through prayer, song and classrooms visits. We thank all grandparents who joined us to represent the great gifts that you are to these young people.



Yr 6 Mini Fete

Thank you to everyone who supported the Year 6 Mini Fete. It was a great afternoon of fun and we raised \$2,500 to help us reduce the cost of our Yr 6 excursion to Canberra. Thank you for helping us with this wonderful activity and for helping our parents save some money on our Canberra trip. Yr 6 Students.



Calendar



August

Thursday 7th August	7:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Friday 8th August	<u>Feast of Mary MacKillop</u> 2:00pm Prayer Liturgy in the Hall
Tuesday 12th August	11:30am Voice of Youth Public Speaking Cluster Final. HFP host school



Birthday Wishes!

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week: George Gebrael, Andrew Bechara, Patrick Halib and Jade Farah.

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on the 20th August 2014. Could all sheets be returned by this date or if you are recording online, this has also to be completed by 22nd August.

If you have any problems, please see Mrs Gordon in the Library.



School Fees



Term 3 School Fees have now been issued and are due by Tuesday 19th August. **Thankyou to everyone that has already paid the school fees.**
Please note, payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPAY or at the Post Office.

Community News

Holy Hour for Vocations: 21 August

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations on the 3rd Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time. To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director: tel 0409 172 700, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

Date: Thursday 21 August, from 7pm-8pm.

Venue: Blessed Sacrament Chapel, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta.

'Marriage – A Vocation to Love': 24 August

The second diocesan Faith in Marriage Conference is organised by CatholicCare Parramatta. Incorporating the Ray Reid Memorial Lecture about the blessing and graces of marriage, this conference is for married couples, engaged couples and any individual interested in marriage.

Program: Opening & Blessing, Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP; Ray Reid Memorial Lecture, Dr Ryan Messmore; Keynotes Prof Neil Ormerod and Ms Jo Lamble. Speakers will share their insights, observations and experiences for building and enriching marriages.

Date: Sunday 24 August 2014, 9.30am-4.30pm.

Venue: Edith Angel Hall, Our Lady of Mercy College, Ross St, Parramatta.

Registration: \$25 per person (\$50 per couple) includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea and is payable prior to the Conference. To register tel (02) 9933 0222, marriage@ccss.org.au

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