

Religious Education Matters

In Year 3 we have been using Brain Push-Ups to help us organise our bodies and our brains to be good learners. During Brain Push-Ups we complete activities that allow us to cooperate with our classmates by following the mantra 'embody, speak and write'. Here are some of the Brain Push-Ups we have participated in this term that connects to our Science Unit.



When Would Water Melt?

Ice (solid water) could melt when you put it under a light bulb, which contains heat. The heat transfers onto the ice and makes it melt.

By Augelique, Marie-Jo and Sosefo

What Causes the Seasons?

The earth tilts on its axis causing the Seasons. When half of the earth is pointing towards the sun that means that it's warmer, and when the earth is pointing away from the sun that means it is colder.

By Antonia, Aweng and Joseph



What Causes Day and Night?

When half of the earth is pointing towards the sun that half of the earth is daytime. When the other half of the earth is pointing towards the shadow of the moon that half of the earth is night time. When the earth rotates on its axis the half of the earth facing the sun rotates towards the moonlight shadow and the other half towards the sun. This is what causes day and night.

By Emily, Erica, Ellie and Robert

Student Awards

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

Ngor Mathiang

Ayuen Majak

Myah Abi Kabalane

Sarah Wehbe

Galia Germanos

Isabella Burke

Aushlesa Ghale

Sulieti Manu

Joseph Saba

Violet Makdessi

David Soukkar

Hanna Saba

Sam Georges

Brandon Faddoul



Principal's Message

We welcome back Mr Munday and Miss D'Argent this week from leave.

World Teachers' Day

On Thursday we will be celebrating the gifts of our wonderful teachers. The passion, expertise and dedication shown by our teachers is second to none. On Thursday we will celebrate together as a faith community and pray for all teachers here and around the world. Please join us in the hall at 2.20pm.



Enrolment 2016

We have limited places available in 2016. If you have friends or family who would like to enrol at Holy Family, please encourage them to fill out an enrolment application. Applications can be collected from our office or downloaded from our website.

Year 5 Leadership Retreat

On Monday the 2nd and 3rd of November, Year 5 will participate in a leadership retreat. Miss Kehris, Miss Cao, Mr Bawden and Mrs Chia will accompany the children on this overnight retreat. The focus of this retreat is for the students to develop collaborative leadership skills in the context of their Catholic commitment to our Lord Jesus.

This will be the last year that Year 5 will have an overnight retreat. Next year this program will occur as a day excursion.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

On Thursday the 5th of November, many of our students will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for our students as they prepare for this very important part of their faith journey. I wish to thank Mr Bawden for coordinating this celebration and to Fr Andrew for preparing our students for the Sacrament.

Staff Development Day

On the 4th of November the teachers will be continuing their professional learning.

The children do not attend school on this day.



Renowned Educational Theorist Mr Michael Fullan visits Australia

Mr Michael Fullan will be speaking at a conference on the 2nd of November. Mr Fullan has been a key advisor to the Diocese and is returning to continue discussing strategies to improve student learning and developing effective leadership. Mr Munday and Mrs Baird will be attending this conference. Mrs Coleman will be running the school on this day.

Calendar



October

Thursday 29th October	2:30pm World Teacher's Day prayer
Tuesday 3rd November	Year 5 Camp



Birthday Wishes!

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week : Cody Gergi, Awaer Mathiang, Mark Sorojevic, Kayla Brown, Isabelle Pandit and Sukkum Limbu.



Swimming Program

All Swimming Program payments are due this Friday 30th October. Parents that choose to pay off the Swimming Program are asked to make regular payments so that all accounts can be finalised. Thank you for your cooperation.

Diocesan and Community News

ASTRONOMY NIGHT - Saturday 31 October – 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm

All Hallows Eve: Halloween in the Stars, legends of ghosts past - Many ancient stories and myths involve the stars in our sky, these patterns were watched by our ancestors and one in particular led to the starting of the Witches' Sabbath. We investigate the stars and the stories behind what we know today as Halloween. Many of these come from Celtic roots, the Celts marked the stars of the Pleiades and when they reached their highest point it was thought the boundary between the living world and the deceased could be crossed.

The evening will also include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory's telescopes.

Fun for young and old alike. The first 50 paying people to show up in costume will receive a free Family Pass valid for 1 year.



Cost:

Astronomy Nights: \$18 adult, \$12 child/concession and \$50

Workshops: \$15 per child/adult

Bookings are essential:

Book and pay online: westernsydney.edu.au/observatory, What's On

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