



Holy Family Primary School Newsletter

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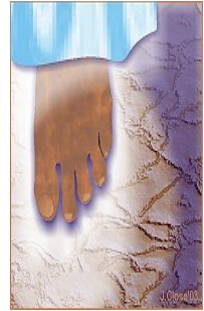
Term 1

Week 5

Religious Education Matters

2nd Sunday of Lent

In Mark's Gospel this week we read the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Upon a high mountain Jesus appears before Peter, James and John, dazzling white with Elijah and Moses. Peter, out of fear and desperate to please, wants to build three dwellings or tents to honour them. A voice came from the clouds, *"This is my Son, the Beloved: listen to Him!"* Jesus has no intention of remaining on the mountain but continuing on his ministry.



The key for us is to listen. To truly listen is to not just hear but to act on what we hear. It is easy to remain on the mountain top and be holy but as this Sunday's Responsorial Psalm asks us: *'I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.'* In our everyday we must try to *'listen to Him'* in all our interactions with others and choices we make.



God, speak to me

The man whispered, "God, speak to me."
And a meadowlark sang. But the man did not hear.
So the man yelled, "God, speak to me!"
Thunder rolled across the sky. But the man did not listen.
The man looked around and said, "God, let me see you."
A star shone brightly. But he noticed it not.
And the man shouted, "God, show me a miracle."
And a life was born. But the man was unaware.
So, the man cried out in despair,
"Touch me, God, and let me know that you are here!"
Where upon God reached down and touched the man.
But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.
~author unknown~

Speaking to God

Like any relationship, our relationship with God is meant to grow not just in receiving God's love, through listening, but in our love of God, through prayer and our actions. Prayer comes in many forms: **Adoration, Intercession, Petition, Praise and Thanksgiving.** Which one do you do most of?

The simplest and best prayer is:

*Lord, I am here
Lord, you are here*

Stephen Bawden
Religious Education Coordinator



In Christ we Live, Love and Learn.

Message from the Principal

For people who have changed jobs or have started work in a new industry, what can be a challenge is that you will never really know the history of what has transpired before. Some may view this as a disadvantage, I see it as an opportunity to rethink and review issues, events and committees so that the work we do is current and appropriate for today's challenge. I am a true believer in community. A community that work together for the good of others. In our context, 'others' refers to our beautiful children. All the energy, passion and dedication from our teachers, parents and wider community members is so our children have an opportunity to be creative thinkers and learners in an environment that actively lives the Gospel messages of our Lord.

Last week several parents asked me when we will be having our first Parent Representative Group meeting for the year. This is one of those moments that, being new, I am not sure what the purpose or expectations are for this meeting. I have organised a meeting next week where parents can attend and enjoy a cuppa and a chat with other parents. During this meeting we will discuss what purpose, expectations and commitment parents wish to take to make this committee active and purposeful in the life of the school. I will send a note home this week inviting parents to attend our 'have a cuppa and a chat' afternoon. I encourage parents to attend even if you have never attended these meetings. I look forward to sharing the afternoon with you.

Live Jesus in Your Hearts.

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Student Awards

<i>Alad Atak</i>	<i>Aluel Mawien</i>
<i>Tayla Kayrouz</i>	<i>Angelina El Katrib</i>
<i>Christopher Aoun</i>	<i>Olivia Isaac</i>
<i>Avaani Prakash</i>	<i>Mansour El Boutty</i>
<i>Joshuwa Roughley</i>	<i>Ivana Nehme</i>
<i>Janis Silverwood</i>	<i>Gabrielle Foketi</i>
<i>Rita Nohra</i>	<i>Andre Mamari</i>



CAPTIVATE Combined Choir Rehearsal

On Tuesday several schools visited Holy Family to begin rehearsals for our Combined Choir event to be held later in the year. The children participated enthusiastically under the instruction of Mr David Russell, Director of Music from the Catholic Education Office Parramatta. Our children not only sang beautifully, but were great hosts to the many schools who attended. My sincere thanks to Miss Nicole Merchant for her coordination of the event.



Mr Wade visits Holy Family

Mr Mr Wade, Principal of Delany College will be visiting our school on Wednesday the 4th of March to speak to our Stage 3 students. Mr Wade will have an opportunity to share the exciting opportunities available at Delany College and for the children to ask questions about life in High school. I wish to sincerely thank Mr Wade for spending time with our students and giving them an insight into the excitement that awaits after primary school.

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

This Friday, Hugo Ng will be competing at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival. Hugo will compete in the Butterfly event. We wish him the best of luck.

Hugo we are very proud of you!



Invitation to morning tea with our sister schools

This week Mr Munday and myself were invited to morning tea at Delany College along with our colleagues from neighbouring suburbs. This was a great opportunity to share the excellent work all schools in our Diocese are achieving and celebrate our achievements together as a faith community. I wish to thank Mr Wade for this hospitality.



Calendar



February/March

Friday 27th February	Diocesan Swimming Carnival .
	Clean Up Day.
	2:00pm School Assembly.
Sunday 1st March	2nd Sunday of Lent.
Tuesday 3rd March	Parish Mass—Led by Years 3 & 5.



Birthday Wishes!

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week: Nathan Habib, Britney Youssef, Angelina El Boutty, Joe Arida and Luciana Arida

Schools Clean Up Day

This Friday, 27th February is National Schools Clean Up Day. This is linked with Clean Up Australia Day which occurs on Sunday March 1st. This year, Holy Family School will be participating in this event. Throughout the day, classes will be involved in cleaning up various parts of the school's grounds. Students will then produce artworks to help educate the community about cleaning up our environment. Gloves and bags will be provided.



Diocesan and Community News

DELANY COLLEGE
 Grimwood St, Granville 9637 7788
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OPEN DAY

11 March 2015

3.30pm - 5.30pm

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OPEN DAY

Tuesday 10 March 2015

Come along anytime between

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Sherwood Road Merrylands

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ENROLLING NOW FOR 2016



Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.

OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 17 March 2015 4.00 - 6.30pm

Tour our school grounds, visit classrooms and view displays. A Year 7 2016 Information Night will be held following at 7.00pm with presentations from the school leadership team.

CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 27TH MARCH 2015.

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