



Holy Family Primary School

Mini News

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Term 1

Week 7

Student Awards

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

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| Daniel Yaacoub | Jelina Boudolh |
| Olivia Isaac | Joseph Habib |
| Maggie Manu | Annalise Salit |
| Cody Gergi | Joshua Roughley |
| Kristina Jbarah | Janis Silverwood |
| Edward Tu | Bianca Wehbe |
| Helena Taouk | Emmanuel Majak |



Religious Education Matters

Scripture Reflection

In his letter to Timothy, St Paul shares a little of what the early disciple of Jesus must have gone through and suffered in the early years of the Church: *'With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy.'*

We are now one week into Lent and time to reflect on how we have started. The promises we made (often like New Year resolutions) may have been a bit too big for us mere humans or maybe we need a little extra help. Call on the spirit and love of those early disciples as we try to spread the Good News and in do something a little extra this Lent in the name of Jesus.

Catholic Schools Week

This **Friday** afternoon at **2:00** we will be having a prayer celebration in the **hall** for Catholic Schools Week. Throughout this week, classes are preparing spaces around the walls of the hall in the theme of *More than a great education*. We hope that you will be able to join us for prayer and take some time to see the wonderful work on display.

Meditation

As we have mentioned previously classes are introducing the children to Christian Meditation. Meditation is not about getting into altered states of consciousness or seeing and experiencing anything out of the ordinary. It is about entering more fully into the ordinary and discovering thereby the absolute wonder of it, the presence of God: that the ordinary is shot through with the extraordinary.

Meditation brings about change in the people who do it. The change can best be described in what St Paul called the *"Harvest of the Spirit"* (Galatians 5:22).

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and self-control.



In Christ we Live, Love and Learn.



St. Patrick's Day 2014- Monday 17th March

St Patrick's Day was always a very special day for Fr Stack and we would like to make St Patrick's Day 2014 a very special day of remembering him, and all things Irish!

Monday 17th March will be a **green mufti day**. Wear your green clothes and be ready for some Irish fun. Our canteen will also have some special green treats for the day.



Harmony Day– Friday 21st March

At Holy Family, we are celebrating **Harmony Day on Friday 21st March**. The theme for this year is **"Together We Can."**

The children can wear cultural costumes on the day, something that represents their cultural heritage. Please make sure that the children wear appropriate footwear that is safe.

This year we are celebrating Harmony Day with a group of African-Brazilian dancers performing for the children during the day. This group focuses on dance, martial arts, acrobatics, music and song. The students will love keeping the beat as the Capoeiristas display their energy and athleticism.

To encourage the children to understand and enjoy our multi cultural community, we would like to extend an invitation to parents and grandparents to come and share a **PICNIC LUNCH at 1:00pm** with their children. It is a good opportunity to bring along a blanket and some traditional food to share with your family in the playground or on our grass area.

At **2:00pm we will share prayer** to celebrate Harmony Day in the hall, giving our community the opportunity to recognise what makes us Australian and how we all belong. Parents are invited to share this prayer with us. We are looking forward to sharing this day with you.

Mrs Lynn Coleman & Mr Steve Bawden

School Photos 2014

School photos will take place on Monday 24th March.

Student envelopes have been distributed to each student with this week's newsletter. This envelope must be returned by Friday 21st March with payment in the envelope.

Every student must return their individual envelope.

Family group envelopes are available from the school office. They require separate payment.



BOYS' HAIRSTYLES

Upon enrolment at Holy Family School, all parents signed an agreement to be bound by the School Uniform Guidelines, including hairstyles. The following excerpt is from the Parent Handbook that all families have been issued and that can be found on the school website:

Student haircuts are to be in a sensible and conventional style. There are to be no extremes of fashion in hairstyle, cut or colour. Shaving of any part of the head or undercuts, and haircuts with a number 1 or 2 blade are not permitted. Rat's tails are not permitted.

- ***NO number 1 or number 2 blade cuts***
- ***NO undercuts***
- ***NO 'lines' to be cut into hair***
- ***NO extremes of spikes or sweep overs***



In recent weeks there have been a number of families who have chosen to not meet this school expectation, allowing their sons to get haircuts that do not meet these guidelines. One reason given is that "their father took them to the hair cut appointment" - both parents signed enrolment forms so both parents are bound to follow school expectations. The other excuse given is "that's what my child wanted" - children need to learn from an early age that following community (e.g school) expectations and rules is part of life.

When parents choose to get hairstyles outside of school agreed styles, they are modelling to their child that it's OK to not follow community rules and expectations.

Calendar

March

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| Friday 14th March | Student Work Samples sent home—Religious Education |
| Monday 17th March | St. Patrick's Day green mufti day |
| Wednesday 19th March | Feast of St. Joseph |



Birthday Wishes!

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week: Christal Achi, Janelle Sallit, Geoffrey Mok and Tayla Kayrouz.

Community News

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OPEN DAY

7 May 2014
3.30pm - 6pm

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Accepting enrolments for Year 7 2015

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