



Holy Family Primary School Newsletter

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Term 3

Week 8

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OTHER NOTES DISTRIBUTED THIS WEEK:

Advance Notice of Term 4 Staff Day:

**Tuesday
7th October**

Staff will be
reviewing 2014 NAPLAN
results and planning
support programs.

Students return
Wednesday 8th October

Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Family—but especially our Dads!

This weekend we celebrate the special men in our lives; and while Sunday is officially known as Father's Day, I believe it is opportunity to celebrate all the special men who guide us and care for us.

Dads

Grandfathers

Uncles

God Fathers

Step Fathers

Priests

Male Teachers

Research shows that male role models are critically important in every child's life. Boys and girls equally look to the significant men in their lives for example and guidance.

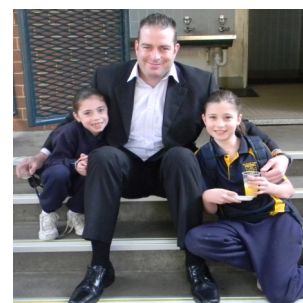
One significant area of research is around a child's educational achievement when male role models are involved. This research has shown that when male family members are involved in homework and school life, a child's academic achievements, and opinions of school, are further developed. So dads, what is this asking us to do:

- ➔ Share the load with Mum in supervising, and helping with homework. Learning isn't just women's business!
- ➔ Let your children see you reading. Read the children their bed time story, let them see you reading the newspaper, a book, a magazine. Boys in particular will think that if dad is reading, it must be an OK thing to do.
- ➔ If you have a day off work, come to school! Join us for morning assembly, help out in the classroom, come along to a school Mass or prayer time, do the afternoon pick-up. Mum will enjoy the break and the children will love sharing their school life with you.
- ➔ Take time to ask your children about the best part of their day. They want to know that you are interested in their learning.

This Sunday we will all stop and give thanks for the special men in our lives, the ways in which they have guided us, but most importantly the way they have made us feel. May the day be a very special one for everyone.

Yours in family,

Mrs. Sue Guilfoyle
Principal



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Student Awards

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

Mark Sorojevic	Cadi Jones
Violet Makdissi	Jonny Silverwood
Robert Sorojevic	Peace Coker-Macfory
Natalia Gabrael	Britney Youssef
Joshua Makdissi	Aisha Seasay
Julia-Anne Habib	Rita Nohra
Hamid Nehme	Helena Taouk



Religious Education Matters

Scripture Reflection Mt 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Year 4 have been learning about Reconciliation in class and many of our Year 3 students celebrated their 1st Reconciliation earlier this term. This week Jesus talks about the most common (and, at times, probably the most difficult) reconciliations we encounter. That is between brothers and sisters or other family members. Jesus tells us that 'where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.' So if we approach these reconciliation with the thought of Jesus with us then the outcome must surely be based on love.

Father's Day

We hope that many Dad's and important men in the lives of our children will be able to join us for Mass this Thursday at 9:15. For those are unable, we wish you a wonderful Father's Day.



FATHER'S PRAYER

Lord, bless me as a father
 Watch over me and protect me from harm of any kind.
 Grant me your wisdom, your grace and the strength to live a life of goodness.
 Help me to honour my family with words of respect forgiveness and love.
 To listen with my heart as well as my head
 To give and not count the cost
 To be patient and persevering when all seems lost.
 Bless me Lord this day
 Bless and protect me all through my life. Amen

Mr Steve Bawden
 Religious Coordinator

Staff News



Mr Munday: After being our Acting Assistant Principal for the past six months, the Catholic Education Office has now appointed Mr Munday permanently to this position. Our school is indeed very lucky to share in Mr Munday's passion for his vocation, and the great care of each student. More great learning developments are ahead for Holy Family with Mr Munday's appointment to this position.

Mrs Guilfoyle: Mrs Guilfoyle will be having the final two weeks of Term 3 as long service leave. In her absence, Mr Munday will be responsible for the school, ably assisted by the school's leadership team and all staff members.



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Learning Matters from the Assistant Principal

The first ever HFS Poetry Slam

With last week being National Literacy and Numeracy Week, I started off my lesson in Year 6 with a challenge – I ‘performed’ the opening lines from my favourite Australian poem and poet, and challenged the students to find out who wrote it and what the poem was called.

*The colours of the setting sun
Withdrew across the Western land --
He raised the sliprails, one by one,
And shot them home with trembling hand;
Her brown hands clung -- her face grew pale --
Ah! quivering chin and eyes that brim! --
One quick, fierce kiss across the rail,
And, 'Good-bye, Mary!' 'Good-bye, Jim!'*

Within fifteen minutes Vernessa had solved the mystery – while doing her class work, might I add. Nicely done! So I shared another. And another. And another. Soon the room was buzzing with excitement about poetry.

To cut a long story short, so many students were interested that I decided it would be a good time for a Poetry Slam. Which was really just a cool name for getting together and performing our favs (no scoring this time).

Last Friday we gathered in the Year 6 room at break time, all ages welcome, and performed our favourite poems as well as a couple written by students themselves.

EVERY performance was welcomed and ended with rousing applause, and at the end of it all I asked whether we should do it again.

“YES!” They screamed as one.

Stay tuned for more information about the next Poetry Slam and encourage your kids to read poems, memorise them, enjoy them, write them, make up silly rhymes, anything – and be sure to share them with me!

p.s. Vernessa was right: Henry Lawson, *The Sliprail and the Spur*.

Mr Benjamin Munday
Assistant Principal



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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

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The screenshot shows the Holy Family Primary East Granville website. The header includes the school's name and a navigation menu with links to SCHOOL, PARENTS, LEARNING & TEACHING, NEWS & EVENTS, and CONTACT US. The main content area features a 'Newsletters' section with a search bar, a list of newsletters (Week 7 Term 3 2014), and an archive of newsletters from 2009 to 2014. Below the archive is a 'Subscribe to our online newsletter' form. The form includes fields for First Name, Last Name, Email Address, Email Format (HTML or TEXT), Age Range, Gender (Male or Female), Postcode, Status, and a checkbox for 'Receive Announcements'. A 'Subscribe to E-News' button is at the bottom of the form. A sidebar on the right contains a 'Receive Our Feeds' section with a link to the RSS feed.

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Year 6 Trip to Canberra



Year 6 Canberra Trip

Australian Government Assistance for National Capitol Excursion

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capitol. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their national capitol as part of their civics and citizen education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.



War Memorial

Year Six recently went to Canberra and visited the War Memorial, which was a highly educational experience. We initially went into the Discovery Room to have a "hands on" experience of what it was like in the trenches and on a warship. While exploring the War Memorial, we learnt a lot about the history of our Australian military and their efforts and involvement in various wars. We learnt of their sufferings and difficulties that they endured while they were defending our country. We were able to see an information video on the war in Afghanistan, the Vietnam war and the war against Japan. While we were looking at the different war exhibitions, we saw many objects that were used in those wars including planes, submarines and helicopters. To end our wonderful trip of the War Memorial, we went to pay our respect to the Unknown Soldier, and to remember those who fought for our country. "Lest we forget" is what we say to remember those who fought for our country.

Australian Institute of Sport

Yr 6 arrived at the Australian Institute of Sport at 7:30pm. The first part of our visit was to Sportex, the interactive sport facility, with our guide Joe. His specialty sport was soccer. Some of the sports in the interactive facility were wheelchair basketball, rock climbing, soccer shootout and canoeing, just to mention a few.

Following that, our guide then took us to other training areas such as the swimming pool, the gymnastic centre and the gymnasium where we saw the women's volleyball team training. We found this experience very entertaining because they were so tall and extremely skilled.

Electoral Education Centre

On our Year 6 excursion to Canberra, one of the places we visited was the Electoral Education Centre. There we watched a short film about how democracy started in Australia. In the presentation, they used holograms of people to tell the story in 3D. Following that, we went to another display room where we were able to answer questions about how the voting system works. These were very fascinating activities.

Next, we were involved in a role-play that allowed us experience how preferential voting works. We realised how important our voting system is and why everyone should enrol to have a voice.

Questacon

During our amazing trip to Canberra, we were lucky enough to visit Questacon. Our time at Questacon was fun and a rich educational experience for all Year 6 students. When we arrived at Questacon, we went to an area mainly focused on water activities. What really caught our eye was the brilliant water exhibition, which was located in the entrance. Out of all the activities, we enjoyed the Drop Slide and the Earthquake House the most. The Drop Slide involves holding onto a bar and when you let go, you drop down a steep slide vertically until you slide down coming to a horizontal stop. The Earthquake House gave us a chance to experience an earthquake with the magnitude of 5.5 on the Richter Scale. Overall, we had a rich learning experience and a fantastic time at Questacon.

Old Parliament House

When we arrived at the Australian Museum of Democracy in the Old Parliament House, we had to wear fancy white gloves so that the oil from our fingers did not stick to the old materials and fabrics. We first visited the Discovery Room to learn about how early democracy was established in Australia. While we were in the Discovery Room, we had to answer a series of questions about our government using touch screens. We learned about our new Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove, and the importance of his role as the Queen's representative.

Parliament House

The third and most amazing place Year 6 attended in Canberra was the New Parliament House. We went to see the Senate and the House of Representatives. While we were in the Senate and the House of Representatives, we were asked many fascinating questions which were related to these two chambers. In the House of Representatives, a bill is discussed by the members and then passed on to the Senate where eventually it may become a law. We got to do a role-play where all students were involved in making this happen. We saw lots of portraits of Prime Ministers and learnt a lot about how parliament works.

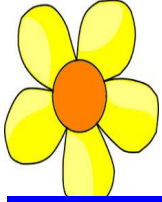


Calendar



September

Thursday 4th September	9:10am Fathers' Day Mass
	Fathers' Day Stall



Birthday Wishes!

*Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week:
Faith Frangie and Amensa Angbo.*

Father's Day Stall



Father's Day Stall:

Just like we did for Mother's Day, we will be having a Father's Day Stall. The stall will take place on **Thursday, 4th September** and the gifts will be priced at \$2 and \$5, please provide your child with the correct money as change is limited.

There are a variety of practical and thoughtful gifts to choose from. Siblings will have an opportunity to visit the stall at the same time so they can choose different gifts for their dad. We look forward to making our dad, or that special man in our life, feel special on Father's Day.



School Fees

School fees are now overdue. 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

Father's Day Appeal for Retired Priests on 6 & 7 September

Pope Francis tweeted, "Support your priests with your love and prayers, that they may always be shepherds after Christ's heart." Some of our shepherds have retired from active ministry. Your contribution the Bishop's Annual Father's Day Appeal for Retired Priests is a way of acknowledging the priests who have ministered throughout our Diocese over the years and are now in need of assistance. Please give generously to this tax-deductible appeal.

Dates: 6 & 7 September 2014.

Make a donation online: www.csfparra.org.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Invest in your most precious asset ... your marriage!

Dates: 12-14 September 2014.

Venue: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville.

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