



Holy Family Primary School Newsletter

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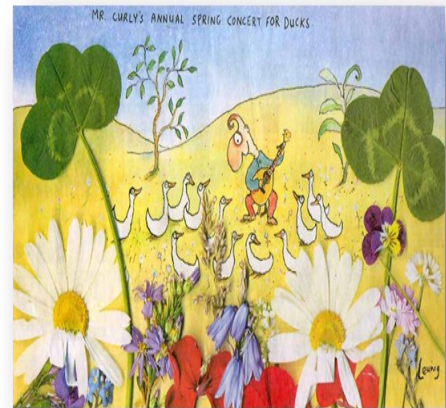
9th September 2015

Term 3

Week 9

Religious Education Matters

Dear God,
We celebrate spring's return
and the rejuvenation of the natural world.
Let us be moved by this vast and gentle insistence
that goodness shall return,
that warmth and life shall succeed,
and help us to understand our place within this miracle.
Let us see that as a bird builds its nest,
bravely,
with bits and pieces,
so we must build human faith.
It is a simple duty;
it is our highest art;
it is our natural and vital role
within the miracle of spring:
the creation of faith.
Amen.



Thanks to Michael Leunig for this beautiful prayer in celebration of SPRING!

Homeless Clothing Drive

Next week we will be having a clothing drive to help the less fortunate in the Parramatta area. Please bring in any unwanted clothing that is in **good** condition.

Warm clothing is always needed but, as we are coming into Spring and Summer, lighter clothing would be most welcome. Each class will have a spot in the room to collect these. If these could be brought in by Wednesday Week 10, 16th September.

Thank you for your generosity

Sacrament of Confirmation

We would like to offer a friendly reminder about the upcoming Confirmation Parent Information Evening. If you have enrolled your child into the Confirmation program, we ask you attend this meeting as to not miss out on vital information.

During the meeting, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be explained in detail and educational material and lesson dates will be provided and extensively discussed. We ask that you please mark your calendar with the following important date:

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING
Monday 14th September 2015 – 7PM
MacKillop Hall – cnr Grimwood and Randle Streets, Granville

In Christ we Live, Love and Learn.

Student Awards

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

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| <i>Alvin Khanal</i> | <i>Isabelle Pandit</i> |
| <i>Jason Achi</i> | <i>Rachelle Tawk</i> |
| <i>Matty Mekonnen</i> | <i>Ayush Gyawali</i> |
| <i>Taylor Yacoub</i> | <i>Sam Hannouch</i> |
| <i>Georgia Hannouch</i> | <i>Jonathan Tuakalau</i> |
| <i>Aisha Seasay</i> | <i>Bachir Kayrouz</i> |
| <i>Milad Issa</i> | <i>Isabel Rizk</i> |



Principal's Message

Parent Learning Walk

Our second parent walk for the term took place on Monday morning. Several parents attended. The feedback was very positive. We will have one Parent Learning Walk next term. The new dates for Term 4 will be on the parent calendar sent home to families at the end of the term.

- Some points of feedback from parents about Monday morning's Parent Snapshot of Learning:
 - ◇ Strong affirmation for the 'strengths and goals' prominently displayed in Year 5
 - ◇ Positive response to the Maths warmup observed in Year 4
 - ◇ Noticing that the 'Brain Push-up' observed in Year 3 is similar to team building/training exercises used in the workforce these days
 - ◇ Comment made on the collaborative, complex, real world Mathematics observed in Year 6

Parent Representative Group Meeting followed our Parent Learning Walk

Some of the items discussed

- Mrs Baird informed the meeting about Peer Review of Compliance that took place in Week 8. The process of preparing and presenting was outlined - Stage One presented Mathematics and Religious Education. We passed with flying colours and had an opportunity to learn from other schools also presenting.
- Mrs Baird informed the meeting that several Principals and CEDP staff will visit Tuesday morning for a Learning Walk - this is a standard practice in the Diocese of Parramatta. We will get valuable feedback from this.
- There were no items tabled from parents for the agenda.

Principal's Learning Walk

On Tuesday, several Principals from our neighbouring schools joined us to walk through our learning spaces. The Principals and CEO staff were very impressed with the learning that was so evident in the classes. Our school focus is clear, our determination to improve students learning is our priority and the staff are committed to working together with our families to ensure that learning is rich and targeted to the needs of our students. We are all on the same page to build a great faith community.

Winter Wonderland

Just a reminder that our parish is holding a fun night of trivia and dancing on Friday the 11th of September at MacKillop Hall(Holy Trinity Hall) for students from Year 5 and older. If you would like to attend, please contact the parish office on office@granvilleparish.org.au. It is shaping up to be a fantastic night of entertainment.

School Family Disco Postponed

Due to my unexpected leave, I have postponed the Family Disco until next term. The new date will be advertised in the Term 4 Parent Calendar.

Mrs Baird on Leave

Mrs Baird will be on medical leave starting today until the end of term. If you have any concerns please see Mr Munday.

Mr Munday on Leave

Mr Munday will be on Leave for the first three weeks of Term 4. Mr Bawden will be acting Assistant Principal during Mr Munday's absence. We wish Mr Munday a relaxing time with his family and look forward to hearing the stories of his journey when he returns in week 4. God bless.

Live Jesus in your heart

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Mrs Baird

Year 3

For us to keep God's wondrous creation beautiful we have to look after our environment.

1. We have to turn off lights when we come out of a room.
2. Turn off appliances at the powerpoint e.g. the kettle.
3. Keep doors and windows closed when using the air-con.
4. Recycle paper and plastics.
5. Use environmentally friendly products.



By Maggie



Recycling means reusing products that we would normally throw away. It is important to recycle to keep our world clean for many generations into the future.

By Sarah

One way we can save the environment is by not wasting water—don't run the water while brushing your teeth and hair, or while washing the dishes.

Try not to use too much petrol so it doesn't fill the air with pollution.

Solar energy is another way to reduce air pollution. Solar panels create electricity without air pollution.

By Rosie and Annalise



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Calendar



September

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| Friday 11th September | Work Samples — Literacy |
| | Assembly—Years K, 2, 4, 6 presenting |
| Tuesday 15th September | Year 1 excursion to Taronga Zoo |



Birthday Wishes!

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week : Amensa Angbo, Louie Sousan, Larissa Harb, Joshua Makdissi, Raymond Anjoul, Stephen Lemoto and Jamella Sharma.

School Fees

Thankyou to everyone that has already paid the school fees.
Please note, school fee payments for Term 3 need to be finalised by the end of this week. The Catholic Education Office has strict guidelines, so it is suggested that all over due payments are required now to avoid further action. If you are having difficulty in paying your school fees please contact Ms Ali to arrange an appointment with Mrs Baird to discuss this matter. Thank you

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPAY or at the Post Office

Diocesan and Community News

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

Thursday 24 September
 10 am – 12 noon

School Holiday Hands-on Science Program ROCKET WORKSHOP

Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Make and launch your own paper rocket and watch water rockets being launched. The program will also include a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and SAFE and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting). Cost \$15 child/adult

Saturday 26 September
 7 pm – 10 pm

Astronomy Night CHECKING OUT OUR NEIGHBOURS

A close up look at our solar system with some the latest news about Pluto. 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

Thursday 1 October
 10 am – 12 noon

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Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Make and launch your own paper rocket and watch water rockets being launched. The program will also include a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and SAFE and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting). Cost \$15

Saturday 3 October
 7pm – 9 pm

Astronomy Night THE LIVES OF STARS

How do stars form and what happens when they die?
 The night will include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory's telescopes.

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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