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DATES TO REMEMBER	
Last day for Term 4	Wednesday 19th December 2018
MAI/Best Start Testing	Wednesday 30th January 2019
MAI/Best Start Testing	Thursday 31st January 2019
First day for Term 1- Kindergarten to Year 6	Friday 1st February 2019

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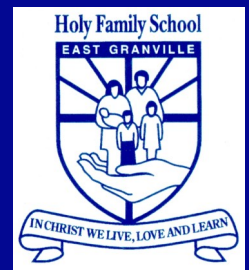
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We say farewell to our loved teachers

Ms Delcie D'Mello

Delcie has been a member of our school community for many years. During her time here Delcie has held the role of Learning support teacher and classroom teacher. Delcie has made a very special contribution to our Holy Family. Her open and generous heart has endeared her to the students and staff. Delcie will now share her talents and gifts with the staff of St Luke's at Marsden Park. Delcie you are a beautiful person inside and out and we have been blessed to have known you. Please keep a little bit of Holy Family in your heart as you venture to begin the next chapter of your life. May God bless you always.

Mr Michael Oude Vrielink

Michael your surname may be hard to say but you will be hard to forget. Your generous spirit and warm smile will be remembered here at Holy family long after you have left. Michael has been an active member of Holy Family not only as a classroom teacher but also running our Coding club with Mr P during lunch times this year. Mr O's talents as a teacher and as a ballroom dancer have really added a wealth of richness to our school. These talents will now be shared at his new school of Mary Immaculate at Bossley Park as a permanent teacher. Michael we will miss you, go gently my friend.

Ms Aimee Antoun

Aimee, your infectious smile and kind heart are only some of your talents that you have shared with our community. Mother Teresa at Westmead saw the brilliance of our Mrs Antoun and have appointed her permanent teacher for 2019. Mrs Antoun you have been a part of our family for many years and you have really made an impact on the quality of learning for the students in your care. Thank you so much for being the person you are.

Ms Debbie Smith

There are some people on staff that do so many important things to keep our school organised that our children and parents do not see. Mrs Smith has been at our school for many years. This year she has been working with me to keep me organised. Mrs Smith is a beautiful person who always places the needs of the children first and works to ensure that staff and the school are happy and moving forward. I will miss Mrs Smith but I am sure she will be enjoying herself at Our Lady of the Rosary next year in her new role. May God always keep you safe Deb.

Miss Rachelle El Hage

Miss El Hage is a gentle and creative teacher who has made an enormous impact on her students in Year 5 this year. Miss El Hage has only been with us for one year but during that time she has built very strong relationships with her students and staff. I will be very sorry to see Miss El Hage go but the community of St Bernadette's' Castle Hill are very lucky to have her working with them next year. God bless you always Rachelle.

Miss Jennifer Lawrence

Miss Lawrence will also be leaving us this year. Miss Lawrence has been a very dynamic teacher and has made a significant difference to the learning of the children in her care. Miss Lawrence will be embarking on different career path next year and we wish her all the best. Please be happy and safe and remember the good times you have had here at Holy Family.

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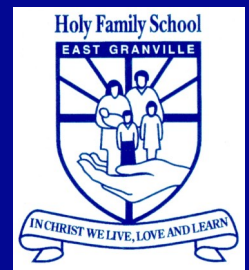
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Ms Christine Smallwood

Mrs Smallwood has been given a great opportunity to work at Our Lady of the Way Emu Plains. We thank you Mrs Smallwood for the love you have given our beautiful children, the many times you have emptied the dishwasher for the staff and the great friendship you have shared with the staff and families. Take care of you and we hope that you will always remember our community with fondness.

Mr Andrew Kehris

Mr Kehris has been with us now for a year and a half. He is an amazing and very creative teacher. Mr Kehris has held many roles here at Holy Family and he has touched the lives of so many children and staff. Mr Kehris will be leaving us next week as he embarks on a very interesting and exciting journey to England where he will be teaching and enjoying the sights and life of another country. Mr Kehris we will miss your smiling face, go safely and enjoy what the world has to offer.

Ms Simone Edouard

I feel that this is the second time we have said goodbye to our good friend Simone Edouard. We have been very lucky to have had Simone with us for most of 2018. Simone brings a lovely ray of sunshine to our staff. Not only is she a very talented teacher she also has a very generous heart. Simone has been appointed as a permanent staff member at St Anthony of Padua at Austral. We congratulate you Simone on this wonderful appointment.

Ms Marese Peachey

Do you all remember Ms Peachey? Well, Ms Peachy has moved far away and she has decided that she really enjoys her time with her family and friends. Ms Peachy has decided to leave Holy Family. It was a very hard decision for her to make but she will always have such special memories of the beautiful children and our community.

Mrs Jessica Tredinnick

Mrs Tredinnick has been with us for many years. She is one of those teachers that when you watch her teach she inspires others to do the best they can do. Mrs Tredinnick is an outstanding teacher, a true steward of Jesus and a great leader of learning. Jessica has been a loved member of staff and as usual, her greatness was noticed by the team at St Mary Mackillop, Penrith where she will be promoted to the position of Coordinator 2. They have gained quality in you Jessica. Your presence at our school will be truly missed.

Mrs Sabrina Boyton

I wish to sincerely thank Mrs Boyton who has been an important part of our Holy Family for several months. Although your stay has been short, you have left your mark on our community. Mrs Boyton will be continuing her work and sharing her talents at school closer to home. Good bye and good luck you will be missed.

Mel's Tasty Bites

This year the company of Mel's Tasty Bites has decided not to renew their contract with Holy Family. Mel and her team have supported our school and always provided a great service to our school. We wish Mel all the best for the future. A new company will begin in the new year- "Apple A Day". Menu and price list will go home to the community in week one of Term 1 2019.

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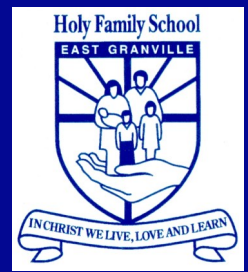
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We say goodbye to our Year 6 students

I wish to acknowledge a group in our school who are absolutely phenomenal. They have brought love, respect and excitement into our school. Year 6 I first met you when you were in Year 3 and boy haven't you grown. Not only in height but also in maturity and responsibility. You have been the leaders of Holy Family and you have stepped up to the role and exceeded all my expectations. You are ready for high school. You are ready to face all of life's challenges, you are ready to be the great citizens that your parents and I know you can be. Go gently with our Lord and enjoy your life.

Thank you

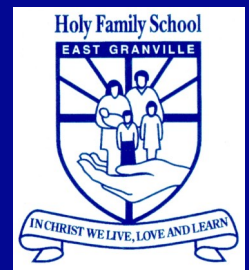
Parents our school would not be the same without you. You make our school a community. I wish to thank you for the trust you have in us and the relationship we have together to ensure that your children are given every possible opportunity to succeed. God bless you all and thank you.

Farewell Message from Mrs Baird

I was sitting in my lounge at home with my laptop thinking about what I was going to say as my farewell message. I kept thinking to myself I still have so much to do at Holy Family, I have so much to share with the community of beautiful people and so much to learn from this great staff, children and families. At the end I thought it is not about how much time I spend with someone but the quality of time you spend. Whether I am here with you for four years or forty, every day I have been blessed because you have all been in my life. I have shared the happy times, the not so happy. We have laughed, prayed and thanked our Lord for each other, our gifts and talents and the love that we give so freely to each other. I have grown as a leader because you have shown me what it means to lead. I have built very special relationships with you all because you allowed me to enter into your lives and share your experiences, I have witnessed the love of Jesus in our conversations and through your actions, I have worked hard everyday I have been with you not because I had to but because I wanted to. I wanted to be here with you, growing in love and in the image of our God, learning with you, and really living what it means to live in a faith community. I am blessed to have known each of you and I sincerely thank each of you for making my time with you quality, special and inspirational.

In the time I have shared with you I have repeated this phrase- If we work together we can achieve so much- we are a great team. Parents you have gifted our world with your children, they are the definition of gifts from God and I know they will continue to make you proud. Children never take your family for granted. Always remember to thank them and show them that you appreciate their love and guidance. Parents and children you are Holy Family, I encourage you to make your time here special and rewarding.





Farewell Message from Mrs Baird cont.

I wish to take this moment to speak to the staff of Holy Family. Everyday you arrive at Holy Family with smiles and passion and a visible commitment to share your knowledge and skills with your students. You have chosen probably one of the most challenging careers in our time. You all carry yourself with such integrity and purpose and it has truly been a pleasure to work alongside you everyday. I call you friends and each day we have spent together has been quality.

I wish to make special mention to our school executive. Mrs Fortini, Mr Bawden, Mr Baker, Miss Sargent and Mrs Ardu- you are outstanding not just in what you do here each day but as Jesus people. Every week we sit together and think, how are we going to make the learning better at Holy Family. Every week we work together to reach our goal to make Holy Family the best we can be. We have done it. We are a community of learners, of Jesus people, a real community lead by a spiritual leader in Fr Andrew. I am who I am today because of what I have shared and learned from you. We are a phenomenal team and I will truly miss working with each one of you. My dear friends in the office, Mrs Ali, Mrs Boyton, Mrs Smith, Mrs Rizk, Mrs Gordon, Ken, Carmen, Cindy, Sue, Christine, Elizabeth thank you. It has been my absolute pleasure to have been a part of your life. I know I can not thank everyone individually, but please be assured that you have entered my heart and you will not be forgotten.

My final words to you all; Make every day quality.

God Bless
Yvette Baird



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STUDENT AWARDS

We congratulate **Week 8** Student of the Week Award recipients :

Kindy	Mia Houshmand	Izabella Khouri
Year 1	Olivia Katrib	Roberta Koroma
Year 2	Anushka Raya	Gethyn Griffiths
Year 3	Tiana Nakhoul	Catherine Kpaka
Year 4	Eliane El Ghoubaira	Amensa Angbo
Year 5	Kaitlin Commodore	Chanel Makdissi
Year 6	Ashton James	Peter Farah

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We congratulate **Week 9** Student of the Week Award recipients :

Kindy	Tonya Al Boustany	Jayden Lizardo
Year 1	Gabriel Isaac	Bernadette Georges
Year 2	Thomas Aguer	Mia Xue
Year 3	Sebastian El Khoury	Jordan Ghosn
Year 4	Angelina El Boutty	Caterina Valore
Year 5	Myah Abi Kabalane	Gabriel Nakhoul
Year 6	Peter Farrah	Bethany Agito

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PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Week 9 Term 4

VALUE: Honesty



Kindy	Makayla Merhi	Huien Xue
Kindy	Hana Wardrop	Anchit Tiwari
Year 1	Christian El Khoury	Valeska Nassif
Year 1	Danny Awad	Liufau Saulala
Year 2	Sarah Taouk	Krista Kumar
Year 2	Thomas Aguer	George Khawly
Year 3	Tyrell Firmin	Maria Takai
Year 3	Marie Tawk	Chris Georges
Year 4	Elias Helou	Isha Shabbir
Year 4	Jelina Boudolh	Dylan Vu
Year 5	Chanel Makdissi	Virgilio Agito
Year 5	Madison Saouma	Christopher Aoun
Year 6	Aweng Aguer	Johnathan Chakoush
Year 6	Taylor Yacoub	Robert Sorojevic

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UPSTANDER AWARDS

A student who has stood up for another student who was being treated unfairly or bullied



Kindy	Emelia Lum	Nicolas El Chediac
Year 1	Sebastian Ghosn	Olivia Katrib
Year 2	Miriam Nohra	Brian Sikimeti
Year 3	Marvin Nassif	Annabelle Wehbe
Year 4	Annalise El Khoury	Ashwin Kumar
Year 5	Simon Kanaan	Ethan El Katrib
Year 6	Sam Hannouch	Antonia Aoun



GOLDEN RULE AWARDS

A student who goes beyond the normal Catholic
Values we uphold at Holy Family



Kindy	Henry Hu	Dylan Zhang
Year 1	Jake Borg	Caitlyn Merhi
Year 2	Brandon Commodore	Abellyn Lagivola
Year 3	Elias El Kadi	Clara Maria El Kadi
Year 4	Adam Assan- Larry	Suzanna Hannouch
Year 5	Suruchi Shrestha	Florence Zaitouni
Year 6	Ladye Love Saulala	Sosefo Taufa



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

A student who has a high degree of achievement
in academic studies



Kindy	Michael Commodore	Simona Zappia
Year 1	David Niulala	Isabella Bazevski
Year 2	Jeremiah Nakhoul	Cherelle Agito
Year 3	Charbel Nakhoul	Sonia Khawly
Year 4	Laura Spina	Sienna Shamoun
Year 5	Prince Nyakoi	Julian Georges
Year 6	Sarah Kahila	Rosie Faddoul

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HFS Parent Calendar - Term 1, 2019

Week	Date	Event
1	Tuesday 29/1	Staff Development Day
	Wednesday 30/1	MAI/Best Start Testing
	Thursday 31/1	MAI/Best Start Testing
	Friday 1/2	All Students Return
2	Wednesday 6/2	Swimming Carnival Years 3-6
3	Tuesday 12/3	Meet the Teacher 5:00pm-6:30pm
	Wednesday 13/2	Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival - Mt Druitt Pool
	Thursday 14/2	Environment Incursion
4	Tuesday 19/2	Parent Forum 6:00pm-7:00pm
	Thursday 21/2	Opening School Mass 9:15am
		Year 6 Commissioning 10:00am
5	Wednesday 27/2	Year 6 Delany College Learning Day
	Friday 1/3	Fundraising Meeting
6	Tuesday 5/3	Open Day
		Ash Wednesday Mass 9:15am
	Wednesday 6/3	Parent Learning Walk
	Friday 8/3	Whole School Assembly Grades 1, 3, 5
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	Sunday 17/3	St Patrick's Day
8	Tuesday 19/3	St Joseph's Day Mass
	Thursday 21/3	Cross Country
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10		Whole School Assembly Grades K, 2, 4, 6
11	Friday 12/4	Stations of the Cross

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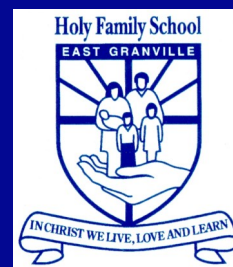
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

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2019 Diocesan School Fees

13 December 2018

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the Annual Diocesan fees schedule for 2019. The new schedule includes a very modest 2.7% increase on the fees from 2018.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 2.7% increase. School-based fees cover the costs of important things such as technology and school administration.

School fees are generally billed in instalments during Terms 1, 2 and 3. The fee is made up of three main parts:

1. Diocesan tuition fee

These are set by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and are the same for every school. There are **significant sibling discounts** for families with more than one child at a Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta school (it does not have to be the same school).

Those discounts and a list of the annual Diocesan tuition fees for 2019 are outlined below.

2019 Diocesan tuition fee schedule (per year)

	1 st child (100%)	2 nd child (75%)	3 rd child (50%)	4 th Child (0%)
Kindergarten	\$1,206	\$903	\$603	No fee
Years 1 – 6	\$1,557	\$1,167	\$780	No fee
Years 7 – 8	\$2,157	\$1,617	\$1,080	No fee
Years 9 – 10	\$2,394	\$1,794	\$1,197	No fee
Years 11 – 12	\$3,057	\$2,292	\$1,530	No fee

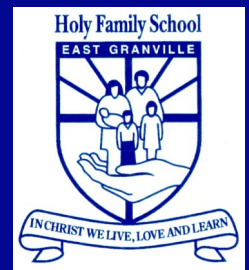
2. Diocesan Building Levy

This fee is set by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and is the same for every school. The annual Diocesan building levy for 2019 is \$804. **There is only one Diocesan building levy per family with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College, Kingswood** and it is billed in instalments over the first 3 terms of the year. A sibling discount of 50% is granted to families with children within the bordering Archdiocese of Sydney and Dioceses of Wollongong and Broken Bay.

3. School-based fees

These are determined by the school according to the needs of that school and billable for each child. School-based fees are often called 'resource fees' or 'activity fees'. These fees help schools cover the costs of things like teaching resources, technology, excursions etc.





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This fee varies between schools. Please contact the school to find out more about their school-based fees.

As a guide, the Diocesan tuition fee represents roughly half the overall fee per year.

Here's how we can help

We appreciate that from time to time, some families experience financial challenges. As well as sibling discounts, confidential fee support is available through the following means:

- **Flexible payment options**

Families enrolled in CEDP schools are offered flexible payment options at the start of each year. These options provide opportunities to select a payment plan that best suits you. Payments can be made by direct debit or BPay on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis at no additional charge.

- **Fee assistance**

We understand financial circumstances can change and that these changes can impact on families. Please speak with your school principal confidentially if your family experiences financial difficulty or hardship so an appropriate arrangement can be made.

- **Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund**

In addition to fee assistance programs, the Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund is available to families who experience difficulty meeting the cost of school fees due to financial hardship. Part or full scholarships are also available to students enrolling in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta schools. Further information is available on our website www.scholarshipparra.catholic.edu.au.

- **Byallawa co-contribution scheme**

The Byallawa co-contribution scheme provides assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to ensure a quality Catholic education is affordable and accessible*. Further information is available at www.scholarshipparra.catholic.edu.au.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Catholic schools.

Yours sincerely

Gregory B Whitby AM KSG
Executive Director
Catholic Education
Parramatta of Diocese



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2019 Staff

Cheryl Fortini	Principal	
Stephen Bawden	Assistant Principal	Diversity Leader Reading Recovery Teacher
Jacqui Shoobridge	Counsellor	
Melina Leonello	Student Services	CEDP
Natalie Kehris	Leader of Learning Kindergarten	Sports Coordinator
April Fernandez	Leader of Learning Kindergarten	
Chantal Dalger	Leader of Learning Year 1	
Laure Haidar (Term 1/2) Nicole Irwin- Starting Term 2	Leader of Learning Year 1	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Diane Michael	Leader of Learning Year 1	Thursday, Friday
Natalie Bratby	Leader of Learning Year 2	Monday, Tuesday
Amanda El Hawzie	Leader of Learning Year 2	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Kristina Takchi	Leader of Learning Year 2	
Alicia Nelson	Leader of Learning Year 3	
Judy Kari	Leader of Learning Year 3	
Jessica Khoury	Leader of Learning Year 4	
Jess Chiha	Leader of Learning Year 4	Monday, Tuesday
Josie Lianos	Leader of Learning Year 4	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Matthew Puumalainen	Leader of Learning Year 5	Website Coordinator Technology Leader

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Melyssa Melee	Leader of Learning Year 5	
Andrew Baker	Leader of Learning Year 6	Religious Education Coordinator Curriculum Leader
Annie Barry	Leader of Learning Year 6	
Kim Doherty	RFF	Creative Arts Wednesday /Thursday
Vanessa Elias	RFF	Creative Arts- Tuesday
Suzanne Moujali	RFF	Music Specialist
Vanessa Elias	Executive Release Andrew Baker	Wednesday
Rebecca Eid Bern Van Eyke	Specialist Teachers	
Dorothee Wallace Baker	EMU Diversity Coach	Early Years
Anne Vo	EMU	Middle Years
Fiona Ardus	Instructional Leader	Literacy Specialist
Rebecca Sargent	Instructional Leader	Numeracy Specialist

Heidi Ali	Level 6	Cindy Celik	Teacher Aid
Sabrina Boyton	Level 4	Sue Issa	Teacher Aid
Ken Beardsley	Groundsman	Elizabeth Younan	Teacher Aid
Lyn Gordon	Library Assistant	Iman Maronesy	Teacher Aid
Carmen Borg	Cleaner	Josip Markovic	IT Trainee
Fadia Rizk	Attendance Officer Family Liaison	Tracey Digiuseppe	Primary Business Manager

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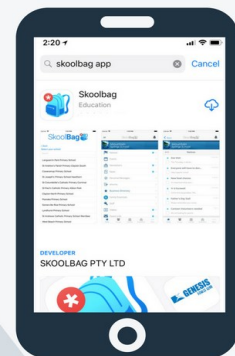


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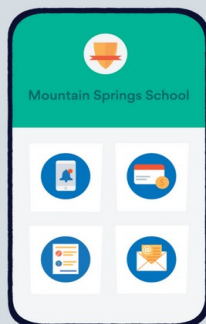
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