

Holy Family Primary School



Mini News

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Term 4

Week 1

Welcome to Term 4

Religious Education Matters

Gospel Reflection

Lk 17:11-19 *It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner. And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'*

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus cures 10 lepers but only one returns to give thanks. We, as children of God, were saved through Baptism but that Salvation requires us to be always giving thanks for what we have received. While giving thanks should be a daily thing for us, the best place that we can celebrate giving thanks and praise to God is by attending Sunday Mass. Statistics show that only 1 in 8 Catholics regularly attend Sunday Mass which is not much better than the 1 out of 10 that returned to give thanks to Jesus. To receive Salvation we need to be the one to keep returning to Jesus but also to try to take others with us.



Sacrament Of Confirmation

Last term the students in Years 5 & 6 received forms regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation. The preparation sessions for this will be on the 17th and 24th of October with the celebration on the 31st with Bishop Anthony. We would love to have some parents involved in the Parish Sacramental Program to help the children along their faith journey. If you would like to be involved (you do not need to have a child receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation) please let me know.

Prayer Table

At the start of last term I asked for volunteer families to set the prayer table in our School Office Foyer. This will be commencing next week.

- Wk2 Shamoun Family (Isabella Yr5)
- Wk3 Edwards Family (Charlotte Yr3, Harry Yr2)
- Wk4 Wehbe Family (John-Paul Yr5, Angelina Yr1)

If you are interested in this wonderful chance to bring your family prayer life to our school community please fill in the form below, cut it off and return to school. When your family is rostered on you will be required to set the prayer table, with items that are significant to your family, on the Friday afternoon ready for the following week. We would also like you to write a couple of lines for the newsletter explaining why the items on the prayer table are important to your family or a special intention you would like us to pray for.

The _____ family would like to be on the prayer table roster.

Name and class of children _____

Parent Pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop Place

There are currently 18 parents and grandparents who have accepted the invitation to join us on a parent visit to Mary MacKillop Place on Tuesday 15th October. We are thrilled to advise that Fr. Stack will also be joining us for this special day.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share in the story of Mary MacKillop, spend some time walking in her footsteps and an opportunity to pray at her grave. There are still seats available if any more parents would like to join us next Tuesday. Please contact the office if you would like to attend.

There is no charge for this activity.

The bus leaves at 8:30, returns at 3:00 and lunch is provided.



School Uniform Expectations:

With the return to school we remind all families of the following...



1. during Term 4 school hats must be worn at all times in the school playground
2. School sport shoes must be predominantly white - **coloured shoes and coloured laces are not permitted.** From next week, notes will be forwarded to those families where children are continuing to choose not to wear the correct sport shoes.

Thank you to all families who support school uniform expectations, and who take great pride in ensuring that their children follow school rules and expectations.

Calendar

October

Tuesday 15th October	Mary MacKillop Place parent pilgrimage.
Thursday 17th October	Nude Food Day.
	Year 3 Excursion to Sydney Wildlife Zoo Darling Harbour.
	3.30pm Sacrament of Confirmation—Session 1.



Happy Birthday!

We congratulate Teressa Ishac, Maurice Saouma, Adau Mawien, Matty Mekonnen, Johnny Kayrouz, Myah Abi Kabalane, Sebastian Mansour, Madison Nohra and Julian Georges who celebrated their birthdays in the holidays and this week!



Tuckshop Closed.

Reminder to parents that the tuckshop is closed this week. Parents are to provide their children with a healthy recess, lunch and bottled water.

Thank you.





Community News