



Holy Family Primary School Newsletter



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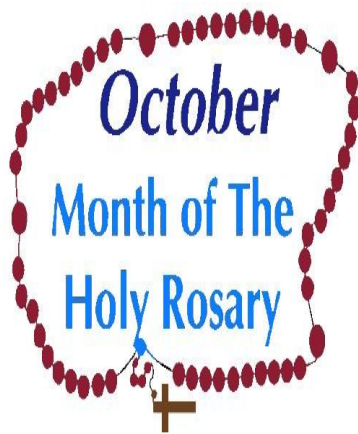
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Term 4

Week 1

Religious Education Matters

Welcome back to another very busy term. This term we have many exciting activities to enhance the learning of all our students.



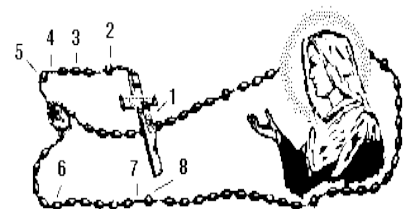
The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

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How To Pray The Rosary - The purpose of the Rosary is to help keep in memory certain principal events or mysteries in the history of our salvation, and to thank and praise God for them. There are twenty mysteries reflected upon in the Rosary, and these are divided into the five [JOYFUL MYSTERIES](#), the five [LUMINOUS MYSTERIES](#), the five [SORROWFUL MYSTERIES](#), and the five [GLORIOUS MYSTERIES](#). You may also wish to [pray the rosary online](#), with others or by yourself. As suggested by the Pope St. John Paul the Great, the [Joyful](#) mysteries are said on Monday and Saturday, the [Luminous](#) on Thursday, the [Sorrowful](#) on Tuesday and Friday, and the [Glorious](#) on Wednesday and Sunday (with this exception: Sundays of Christmas season - The Joyful; Sundays of Lent - Sorrowful).

1. Make the **Sign of the Cross** and say the "Apostles' Creed."
2. Say the "Our Father."
3. Say three "Hail Marys."
4. Say the "Glory be to the Father."
5. Announce the First Mystery; then say the "Our Father."
6. Say ten "Hail Marys," while meditating on the Mystery.
7. Say the "Glory be to the Father."
8. Announce the Second Mystery; then say the "Our Father." Repeat 6 and 7 and continue with Third, Fourth and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.



In Christ we Live, Love and Learn.

After the Rosary:

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O GOD, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

After each decade say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy."

Rosary in the Library

To celebrate the Month of the Rosary we will be praying one decade of the Rosary each morning during Week 2 and 3. This will be at 8:30 in the Library with all parents and students welcome.

Parent Learning Walk

Last term we had two very successful Parent Learning Walks. The purpose of these walks is to provide an opportunity for parents to see the great learning in action. For those who have not had an opportunity to attend, the walks begin at 9.15am. As a group we visit several classes and parents have an opportunity to ask the students questions about what they are learning. After our walk, parents have an opportunity to talk with several teachers about what they saw or questions they have about 21st century learning.

Our Next walk will take place on **Thursday the 15th of October**. I look forward to sharing this experience with you.

Annual Financial Audit

On Monday the 12th of October the school will undertake its annual Financial Audit. All areas of the school finances will be monitored to ensure we continue our high standard of efficiency. I sincerely thank Ms Ali, Mrs Maskell and Mrs Smith for the outstanding work they do each day to keep our school running so well.

School Office limited services available

On **Wednesday the 14th of October**, our wonderful office staff will be attending a full day of First Aid training. Due to this we will have casual staff in manning the phones. Our normal services on this day will be suspended. If you require any urgent information from Ms Ali or Mrs Maskell, please contact them before or after Wednesday.



Best of Luck to our HSC students

We wish our HSC students the best of luck as they prepare to sit the HSC next week. Our prayers are with them and their families.

Mrs Baird at Principal's Master class

Mrs Baird will be at a two day Principal's Master Class on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th of October. Any issues or concerns, please see Mr Bawden.

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Parent's Information—Approaching other Students at school

When issues do occur between children at school, I am asking parents to discuss this with your child's teacher. The class teacher is the first point of call as they may have already dealt with the situation or it could be an on-going situation that the teacher has been working with the children to resolve. It is important that parents do not approach other children to try and solve issues. It is very unsettling for a child to be approached by a parent (stranger) and reprimanded by them. This can be very harmful to the child both emotionally and psychologically. I also ask that parents do not contact each other if an issue arises between your children.



I think we need to remember that we are dealing with little children and children are impulsive, spontaneous and most do not have the emotional skills to deal with many relationship issues. Children develop these skills by watching the adult role models around them. All children have a right to be heard and be treated with respect. As a faith community we must ensure that the dignity of each person is maintained regardless of the situation. Where it is possible I encourage teachers to counsel children away from the rest of the class. This is to ensure that the dignity of each child is preserved. This may mean that your child may not be aware that the situation is being managed. I ask parents not to assume that 'the teacher did nothing' to solve the issue. If at any time you are concerned, I encourage you to please speak with the teachers.

World Youth Day Raffle Tickets

Catholic Diocese of Parramatta is fundraising for World Youth Day 2016. Raffle tickets will be sent home with your child next Friday 16th. Raffle tickets are \$2 per ticket or \$20 per book.

If you do not want raffle tickets to be sent home please notify the office in writing by next week, Thursday 15th October.

HOLY FAMILY'S LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM - TERM 4

Holy Family's swimming program will be held in Weeks 7 & 8 from Monday 16th November to Wednesday 25th November.

The swimming permission note will go home early next week and all payments will be due by Friday 30th October.



A reminder the Student Survey and Medical Information will be attached separately and needs to be completed for each child in your family attending the swimming.

Calendar

October

Tuesday 13th October

National Rosary Day— led by Junior Joeys 10.30am



Birthday Wishes!

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week : Johnny Kayrouz, Myah Abi Kabalane, Annabella Hutchinson, Sebastian Mansour, Nicola Sammut and Julian Georges

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