



Holy Family Primary School Newsletter

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Term 1

Week 3

Religious Education Matters

All parents, families and friends are warmly invited to our

Opening School Mass

'Listen To God's Voice'



Date: Thursday 12th February, 2015
Time: 9:15am
Place: Holy Family Parish Church

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. The children of Holy Family will be attending Mass on Wednesday the 18th of February for Ash Wednesday. Mass, with distribution of ashes, will be at 9:10 in the church. This is a parish Mass and all our family and friends are invited to attend.

Sacramental Program

Notes went home to the children in Year 3 regarding the Parish Sacramental Program for Reconciliation. If parents have any older children who have missed out on making their Sacraments previously, and would like to make this great Sacrament of God's love, could they please see Mr Bawden to collect their forms.



Be made clean! Mark 1:41

Scripture Reflection

In this week's Gospel from Mark we see that no one was ever refused help by Jesus. How often do we shun those who seek help from us? Do we treat people as outcasts, as lepers were in the time of Jesus, or do we act as healing instruments in the world around us?

This Sunday's Responsorial Psalm, from Psalm 31 is "*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*" As we turn to the Lord in our times of need, so do others turn to us. Let us pray that we can be as welcoming as Jesus.

In Christ we Live, Love and Learn.

Message from the Principal

A time to renew and rejoice

In the Roman Catholic Church, Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. In the Eastern Catholic Churches, the first day of Lent is Clean Monday. Clean Monday is a reminder that we should begin Lent with good intentions and a desire to clean our spiritual house.

Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need. We are given the responsibility to prepare ourselves and rebuild our relationship with God.

Live Jesus in our Hearts

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Mrs Yvette Baird

Student Awards

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

Sonia Khawly

Laura Spina

Patrick Habib

Maggie Manu

Siad Ayoub

Alyssa Agito

Joanne Malkounian

Helena Youssef

Taonga Tembo-Sievers

Daniel Ghattas

Veronika Georges

Larissa El Hayek

Jasmine Achi



Swimming Carnival

WHAT A GREAT DAY!

Last Friday Primary students of Holy Family participated in the annual Swimming Carnival. The day was run with precision and all children had many opportunities to compete in a number of 100m, 50m and 25m events. Students also experienced novelty races and enjoyed free time in the water with their friends. It is with great pride that I congratulate the children on their sportsmanship and behaviour during the carnival. All children tried their best and participated with enthusiasm in all the races and events.

I congratulate the MacKillop Team as they had the overall highest points on the day.

First: MacKillop 139 point

Second: Martin 137 point

Third: Stack 134 points

Fourth: Kerrigan 117 points



The day would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of the staff at Holy Family. My sincere thanks for all the enthusiasm and passion the staff gave of themselves over the course of the day. Special thanks to Miss Peachey, for her outstanding organisation, Mrs Coleman for her expert announcing role and the teachers and parents who assisted on the day. I wish to personally thank the many teachers who swam with the children during their events as they needed a little encouragement to enter the water.

Miss Peachey will announce the Zone Squad in the very near future. Cumberland Zone Carnival will be at Parramatta Pool on the 17th of February.

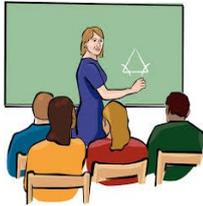


Birthday Wishes!

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week: Charbel Ghattas, Elaine El Ghoubaira, Samuel Edwards, Daniela Sinozic, Joseph Diab, Sarina Karimi and Alvin Khanal.

Meet The Teacher Night

This week you would have received a letter inviting all parents to a Meet the Teacher Night. This is a great opportunity for all parents to be informed of their child's class expectation and procedures and an opportunity for parents to clarify the information and hear the great learning that will happen this year. Please return the slip to school by Friday with the time that is convenient for you. This is a parent/carer only event. The teachers are looking forward to sharing this time with you .



Consistent Late Arrivals

I encourage all parents to make a concerted effort to arrive at school before the morning bell. It is important that the children begin the day without the stresses associated with being late to class each day. During the morning administration time, children are informed of the events of the day and any changes that may occur. Children become anxious if they are not sure of what is happening throughout the day. I urge parents to comply with this request. We all care about what is most important—your children.



Captivate Choir, Band and Drama Literacy

Choir and Band

Each year the students from Holy Family have an opportunity to participate in the CAPTIVATE program.

This year we will be combining with other schools in our Diocese for Choir. Selected children in Stage Three will be eligible to participate as part of the Diocesan band. A note will be sent home this week inviting children from Year 3- 6 to participate in the Combined Choir program. For your information, all rehearsals will be during school time and children will be traveling to each venue by bus. The final concert date will be advised shortly.

Band Program

The Stage Three Band program will commence this Friday under the guidance of Mrs Sam Hopwood.



Drama Literacy

Providing explicit opportunities for all students to gain competency in Literacy has been a priority goal at Holy Family. This year we will be working alongside many experts from the Catholic Education Office to deliver exciting programs for all our students. Each Friday the Drama Literacy team will work with the teachers and students to develop rich language opportunities in the area of reading comprehension. The excitement from the children at assembly on Friday when I welcomed back our visitors to Holy Family this year, is testament to the engagement and quality of this Literacy Program. The children's look of anticipation and enthusiasm said it all. I am sure the children are looking forward to sharing their learnings with you this year.



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