



Holy Family Primary School Newsletter

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Wednesday 9th March 2016 Term 1

Week 7

Religious Education Matters

Firstly, I had a very warm welcome back to Holy Family. Thank you to everyone for their thoughts, prayers and support after the passing of our son.

Gospel Reflection

This week is sandwiched between 2 Gospel passages that reflect God's great Mercy. Last week we listened to the well known parable of the Lost Son. The father in the parable shows how God welcomes us back and forgives us when we return to Him. The father does not wait to hear what the fallen son has to say or his apology -

'He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him.'

In this Sunday's Gospel from John we hear about a woman accused of adultery. Jesus says to her accusers *'Let the one among you who is guiltless be the first to throw a stone at her.'*

Perhaps at times we have been accused.

Perhaps at times we have been discriminated against.

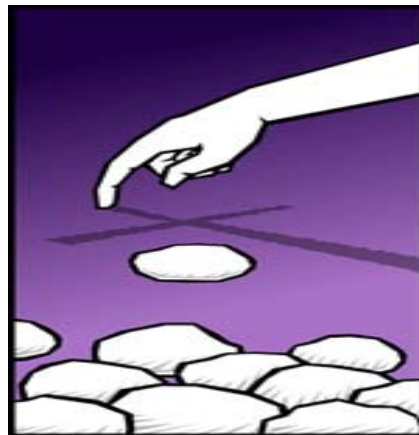
Perhaps at times we have been mistreated.

On the other hand we may have at times been willing to take a stick to others.

On the other hand we may have at times been quick to accuse someone.

Pope Francis says we need to be a sign and an instrument of the Father's mercy.

Jesus says ***'Nor do I condemn you.'***



Sewing Help

We are in need of some wonderful people who would be able to give a little time to sew some simple robes for our children to wear during our liturgical celebrations. If you are able to help could you please contact me.

Thank you
Stephen Bawden
Religious Education Coordinator

Student Awards

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

Kindy Chrisfed Benjamin & Gabriel Aoun

Year 1 Alvin Lee & Charbel Nakhoul

Year 2 Tayla Kayrouz & Annalise El Khoury

Year 3 Luke Laoulach & Myah Abi Kabalane

Year 4 Sam Hannouch & Emily Burke

Year 5 Aweit Majak & Miky Amelson

Year 6 Alyssa Agito & Mina Nohra



Principal's Message



Catholic Schools Week

Join Us as We Celebrate Communities
of Faith, Knowledge & Service!

Catholic Schools Week

From 6-12 March, our school will join with more than 620 Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate the annual Catholic Schools Week (CSW).

We are immensely proud of our Catholic heritage, and are committed to celebrating and showcasing the achievements of students in our school.

This year's theme is 'I belong. You belong. We belong.'

The 2016 CSW theme ties with the Church's celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which recognises our Catholic faith values of forgiveness, compassion, strength, aid and love.

Our school is proud of the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place in our classrooms every day, as well as the contribution our schools have made to Australian communities, in particular the more vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our wider community.

Thank you for your ongoing support during CSW 2016.

In Christ we Live, Love and Learn.

Parent Learning Walk and Parent Representative meeting

On Thursday we will experience our first Parent Walk for 2016. At 9.15am we will meet in the hall for a briefing before we visit three classrooms. We will gather following the walk to discuss what you witnessed and clarify any questions you may have. Our Parent Meeting will commence following the parent walk. All parents are very welcome to join. The purpose of the Parent Representative Group is for parents to have a voice in a safe and welcoming environment working together to improve all areas of our school. If you would like to place an item on the agenda, please contact the office.

Enrolment period begins for 2017

The enrolment period is now open for Kindergarten 2017. Enrolment packages can be collected from the school office or you can download it from our website. www.hfgranville.catholic.edu.au

Maths Minds

An extension to Salute

If adding one-digit numbers together does not seem challenging enough, the caller can hand out two cards to make it a two digit number. Ask the caller to explain the strategy they used to work out the total of the two numbers.



A big Hello and update from your School Canteen Operators "Mel's Tasty Bites".

We offer an online ordering system on our website that has been in place for the last couple of years, but as of next term, we will be using 'Flexi Schools Online Ordering system'.

As we have expanded so rapidly in such a short time, we have had to make this move... as our services as Healthy Canteen Operators is in high demand with new schools contacting us.

Once we are closer to next term, all details about this will be on our website.

DID YOU KNOW?

We have a Loyalty Card System, every time your child places a lunch order at the canteen, they receive a stamp on their card, once they reach 10 stamps, they receive a FREE lunch to the value of \$5.00... how cool is that? So be sure to pick up your loyalty card with your next lunch order.

Not sure what to do for your child's upcoming birthday?

We make fresh and homemade cupcakes for your special birthday girl or boy to share their special day with their friends at school. Place your order within 72 hours and a gorgeous tray of cupcakes will be ready for pick up by the teacher on your little one's special day.

We offer many more services, so be sure to stay tuned by Liking our Facebook Page and visiting our website often.

www.melstastybites.com

Also just a reminder to all school staff, parents and students that lunch orders need to be placed no later than 9.30am every day.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us via our 'Contact form' on our website.

Thank You

Mel



Liturgy & Open Class Rooms



Family Picnic

We celebrate

Catholic Schools



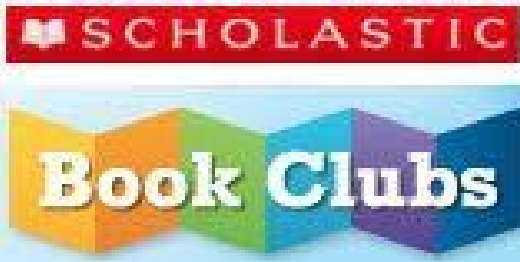
School Fees

Please note that ALL school Fees were due this week.

Any school fee payment arrangement made in 2015 does not automatically continue. This also includes those families that have automatic payments deducted from Centrelink.

Please contact Ms Ali in the office to make a new school fee arrangement or if you are having difficulty in paying your school fees.

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



Scholastic Book Club

Ordering closes on 21st March 2016.

All orders need to be in by that date.

Thank you

Lyn Gordon Library Assistant

Cross Country – Monday 21st March 2016

On Monday, 21st March, our school will hold the yearly Cross Country for years 3-6 at Colquhorn Park during school hours approx. 9am – 12 noon.

Students participate in these events according to their age groups as shown in the following table. It is the age they turn this year.

AGE GROUPS	DISTANCE
8-9 Years-old Boys & Girls	2,000 meters
10 Years-Old Boys & Girls	2,000 meters
11 Years-Old Boys & Girls 12 Years –Old Boys & Girls	3,000 meters

- On the day, all students need to wear their sports uniform, hat and sunscreen.
- Students will also need to take their recess and water bottles with them in a plastic bag.

Clean Up Our School Day Thursday March 3rd 2016

Last Thursday, all of Holy Family School was involved in Clean Up Our School day. The Environmental Committee organised a great day where everyone helped make our school a much more tidier and cleaner environment. It was a fantastic way to build our awareness of the impact waste has within natural and man-made surroundings. The students eagerly participated in the day, showing great pride in their school's environment.



Calendar

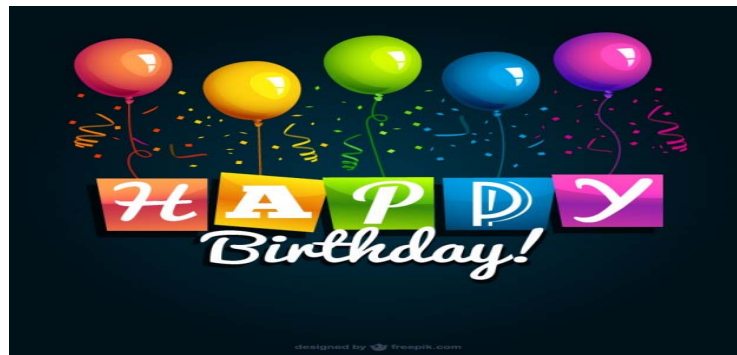


March

Thursday 10th March	9:15am Parent Learning Walk and Parent Representative meeting

Birthday Wishes!
Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week

*Serena Obili, Rizul Wagle,
Jeffrey El Kady & Elizabeth El Boutty*



Diocesan and Community News



PARENT FORUM @ Delany College



CYBER SAFETY

Tuesday 22nd March 2016
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Admission Free - All Welcome

To Register go to <http://tinyurl.com/DelanyCyberSafety>

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Diocesan and Community News

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

CCSS Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age whether you are a parent or not.

Next gathering: 16th March. **Please note change of Venue:** Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre, 1 Canyon Rd, Baulkham Hills. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

CCSS Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Support Group, is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those struggling through a separation or divorce. **Next Gathering:** 23rd February **Venue:** CCSS Centre, 38 Prince St, Blacktown. **Time:** 7.30 – 9.30. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



PENRITH OBSERVATORY

SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

DADS & KIDS ASTRONOMY NIGHT

The Penrith Observatory will be hosting a "Dads and Kids Astronomy Night" on Saturday 19 March from 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm. All fathers, grandfathers, kids and grandkids are invited to attend. This evening is for everyone and age is no barrier to spending an evening with the family and the stars.

Professor Miroslav Filipovic, Director of the Penrith Observatory, will make a presentation on "Aliens – Nooo!" – What is the likelihood of aliens and are really unique?

The presentation will be followed by a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6m telescope, and viewing of the night sky through the university's computerised telescopes. The Western Sydney Amateur Astronomy Group will also be on hand to help with the viewings.

To book and pay for tickets visit the "What's On" page at westernsydney.edu.au/observatory

COST: \$18 for adults, \$12 for children/concessions or \$50 for a family

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