

INTO THE DEEP! New Religious Education Curriculum

The process of developing a new Learning Framework for Religious Education has been a co-creation with students, parents, teachers, clergy and system leaders. At the heart of the process was the commitment that the student wonderings about their faith would be the catalyst and the inspiration of the Learning Framework. The new approach is based on an experiential and inquiry based pedagogy and responds to learning elements of the Review of Religious Education that took place in 2014.

The draft Learning Framework for Religious Education was trialed in 2019 and our school took up the exciting opportunity to be a part of the trial in Kindergarten. All our teachers will participate in a Professional Learning Program for the new Learning Framework throughout 2020 and will be well prepared for its implementation. This is an exciting opportunity for our community to further enhance our approach to Religious Education and promises to offer great learning for our staff and students. We will undergo a process to develop new and exciting learning opportunities for all students within our school community.

We look forward to sharing this wonderful experience with you throughout the year through our Newsletter, Social Media, Liturgical Celebrations and by inviting Parents into the school to be a part of the learning.

2020 Religious Education Goal

All students will participate in meaningful *experiential opportunities* and lead *liturgical celebrations*, *co-planned with expert teachers*.

Experiential opportunities - Any activity that allows for children to have an experience of a particular concept/idea OR that allows for them to put into practice what they have learnt.

Liturgical celebrations - Any community celebration that has religious connections, for example a Mass at the Church or a Liturgy in our school grounds.

Co-planned - Students will play a part in the planning process. Students will make informed decisions about which songs to include, different prayers, etc.

Expert teachers - As a school community, we are always working for better outcomes for our students. One of the biggest ways we can achieve this is by developing the professional knowledge of our teachers. This includes their 'expert knowledge' about Liturgy and Church celebrations. Part of our professional learning agenda this year means teachers will be becoming experts in planning Liturgies.



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From the Principal...

Dear Holy Family Families,

Welcome Back!

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer break. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. Unfortunately many of our Australian community have battled with the fires and drought with devastating consequences. As a community of believers I ask that you keep all those impacted by the fires, draught and personal hardships in your prayers each day.

I am so delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you and your children.

All signs point to another incredible and productive school year. Our skilled and devoted staff are planning and preparing for your child(ren). Our enthusiastic office team are enrolling new families, ordering needed materials and updating student files. Our hard working and conscientious groundsman and cleaners have spent time thoroughly cleaning the school. We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning.

Welcome New Staff and Students

Each year brings positive change. This includes a few additions to our staff. We are delighted to welcome Miss Stephanie Eid and Miss Charmaine Cobel, our wonderful new Kindergarten teachers. They bring a solid skill set and a gentle, sensitive approach to meeting children's learning needs. We are fortunate to welcome Miss Maree Mekdessi to our full time staff. Maree is familiar with our community working as a casual in 2019. Maree enthusiastically joins the Year 3 team. Welcome Mr Joseph Eid to our Year 6 team. Joseph has a talent for making all those he comes in contact with, both children and adults feel valued and respected. Also leading physical education during 2020 we welcome Mrs Rita Atileh working with students Kindergarten to Year 6 three days a week. We are truly blessed to have such an enthusiastic group of educators join our community.

We are also lucky to welcome many new families and students to our community. I am certain all existing families will extend the hand of friendship to our new families helping them settle smoothly into life as part of the Holy Family School community.



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Attendance: The Silent blocker of learning Success



Over the years the school has informed parents about the need to ensure your child is at school every day unless sick. Regular school attendance encourages continuous learning and success both socially and academically.

The average CEDP attendance rate across other schools is 90%. This year I will monitor and advertise grade attendance rates. Although the school has made significant changes to improve the quality of teaching and learning and are working with students to improve individual learning, some students are away regularly which unravels the positive learning opportunities that are available to all students. **In short, interrupted learning reduces the opportunity to learn.**

Parents have full control over this. Parents need to ensure that your children are at school on time, everyday unless they are sick. With technology today, I can run reports on all students and identify patterns of absences for that student.

I encourage parents to please schedule holidays during school vacation times. A lengthy absence from school will disrupt the flow of learning. If you are experiencing difficulty getting your child to school, please contact the school for assistance. We are here to work as a team to encourage a positive mindset about school.

My question to you:

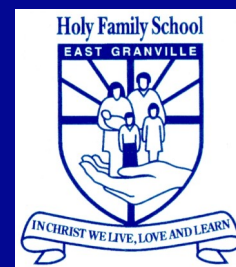
- ♦ What kind of message are you sending your child if you allow your child to stay at home for no other reason than they want to?
- ♦ What will this look like when they are in high school?
- ♦ How behind will they be compared to their friends as a result of high rates of school absences?

Parents you have the power to change this!



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Learning Goals

Thank you to our Kindergarten and Year 1 parents for bringing your children in for their Best Start and MAI interviews. Students from Years 2 to 6 have been having their MAI interviews during class time. These interviews are one way for the teachers to understand your child as a learner. Over the next couple of weeks students and teachers will discuss and design learning goals for every child in the school, providing an individualised learning path for each student.

Parent Information Evening

All families are strongly encouraged to **save Tuesday 11th February** so that you are available to attend our Parent Information Evening. This year the staff and students are focusing on lifting the profile and valuing learning as an essential criteria for life. The mantra that you will hear throughout all learning spaces is ***We are Learners.***

YES we are! Parents you are also part of this journey and we wish you to walk this journey each day in partnership with us. By attending the Parent Teacher Information evening is the first step in taking up this challenge, getting to know your child's teacher and being a role model to your child.

Band

Again in 2020 the Band program is being offered to Years 4, 5 and 6 students. The Band program is taught in class groups in these grades within their regular class timetable. The school has invested a lot of money to make sure that there are enough instruments available to the students in these three grades. The CEDP Captivate Team provides the school with specialist teachers and teaching resources for the delivery of this program. Individual and small group lessons in addition to the classroom program are also provided to enable students to continue their learning beyond the classroom.

Students in Year 5 and 6 take their instruments home so that they can practise the skills they have learnt in class. Children need only practice 10minutes per night and I encourage all parents to assist and remind their children to do this. The benefits will be remarkable. This is another avenue of learning for our children, something that many are not able to access outside of school.

Invitation for Year 4, 5 and 6 Parents

At 5:30pm Tuesday 11th February (just before Parent Evening) in the Hall

The Band Teachers will be giving a brief overview about what Band is all about and how you can actively support this program.

Looking forward to seeing you there!





Afternoon Pickup

A gentle reminder that parents are to enter the school playground for afternoon pick-up at 3:00pm once the gates have been opened and not before. I would encourage parents to gather on P1 (under the shade sails) rather than gathering outside classrooms as the students are still learning and the noise from parent conversations can be distracting and disruptive. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Great Internet Safety Resource for parents

Parent eSafety Resources

Start the chat before
someone else does



Safer Internet Day
2020 | Tuesday
11 February
Together for a better internet

Start the chat about online safety and help make every day a Safer Internet Day!

Join in the Safer Internet Day buzz

This year Safer Internet Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, 11 February 2020. The theme is 'Together for a better internet' and Australia's eSafety Commissioner is encouraging parents to mark the day by starting family conversations about online safety.

You can download our Safer Internet Day resources at esafety.gov.au/sid and use them to start the chat about online safety with your family.

Explore Australia's online safety hub

Check out eSafety's great range of advice and resources. Get started by visiting our **parents and carers** pages and reading the practical tips for kicking off an online safety conversation. You can also download our **'Parents guide to online safety' booklet** (available in 5 languages), look through **eSafety Kids** with your family or get familiar with our **step by step advice** for reporting different types of online abuse. **Find out more at esafety.gov.au**

Join our free parent webinar

The session will cover how to start the chat about harmful content, contact with strangers and cyberbullying.

Helping Kids Thrive Online

12th February 2020 at 8:00 PM (AEDT) 14th February at 2020 12:00 PM (AEDT) **Register now at esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars**



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Fundraising Meeting

Our first fundraising Committee meeting for 2020 is scheduled for Monday at 9:00am after morning assembly in the Library. **All parents are welcome to discuss possible initiatives for the Year.**



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Road Safety Around Schools

As we have started the school year we need to be mindful of driving, parking and using the pedestrian crossing. As the safety of our students is paramount I urge all parents to follow road driving laws and pay particular attention to parking zones and times.

In 2019 we introduced the Clyde St pick up zone as a way to ease parking congestion around the school. If you are new to our community notes have been sent out regarding this or you can see Mrs Keane in the office for further details.

The council sends out parking rangers on various occasions and the police also patrol the area on a regular basis. I would hate for our parents to get booked but if you are doing the wrong thing then a ticket and loss of points will be a consequence of your actions. The school has no control over the use of public roads and streets.

Please ensure safety for all.

Kind regards,

Let us remember that as many hands build a house, so many hearts make this school.

Mrs Cheryl Fortini

Principal

Please note as we strive to be a more environmentally responsible the **newsletter will no longer be printed** and only available online. A note with instructions on how to access online will be sent home soon. Thank you for your understanding. If you are unable to access the internet please see Miss Keane at the front office in Term 1.

SCHOOL FEES

School Fee Statements will be mailed by the Catholic Education Office in the following weeks with instructions on how to make payments.

If you have any concerns or issues making payments after receiving your statement please see Ms Ali in the office.

Any students leaving in 2020 must give 10 weeks written notice, a form is available from the office.

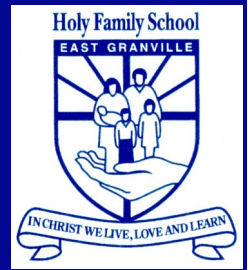


BIRTHDAY WISHES !

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday in January



Thomas Aguer	Danny Awad
Ivamere Cagiloaloa	Jason Chen
Rita El Ghoubaira	Melissa El Hayek
Jonathon El-Khoury	Zac El-Khoury
Samuel Georges	Deon Gergi
Elizabeth Halapio	Elias Helou
William Isaac	Tiana Katrib
Patrick Kirby	Aanya Lama
Suhang Limbu	Jiesen Lin
Charles Mansour	Aahana Pandey
Erika Tabach	Taonga Tembo-Sievers
Annabelle Wehbe	Jesse Weng



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3 February 2020

Dear friends,

Re: Coronavirus

You will be aware through the media that this virus which originated in China is unfortunately gaining momentum and the World Health Organization has now declared a public health emergency.

As a result of this declaration and also advice from the NSW Department of Health, and after consulting Bishop Vincent the following directives apply in the celebration of Mass in the Diocese of Parramatta from 1 February 2020.

- In those parishes and communities in the Diocese of Parramatta where Holy Communion is distributed in Both Kinds, this practice will cease. Communion of the Precious Blood will be for the celebrant only.
- For the time being priests/deacons are not to invite parishioners to exchange the Greeting of Peace.
- All ministers of Holy Communion (both Ordinary and Extraordinary) are to use hand sanitisers before the distribution of Holy Communion commences.

These measures will be reviewed in due course and when advice is received that the threat of the virus has receded, and the emergency declaration is lifted, you will be advised accordingly, and the measures will be reversed.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev Peter G. Williams
Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia
Diocese of Parramatta





How to best be informed about what is happening at Holy Family East Granville At Holy Family

there are three main resources to help keep you informed as to what is taking place. These are:

1. The fortnightly newsletter
2. SkoolBag App
3. Facebook

Newsletter:

The newsletter is published on the school website every fortnight at the following link:

<http://www.hfgranville.catholic.edu.au/Community/Newsletters>

On the right hand side of this page is a subscription form. Once subscribed you will receive an email notifying you when the newsletter has been uploaded.

Links and notices to the newsletter will also be made available by SkoolBag and our school Facebook page.

SkoolBag App:



To access the SkoolBag app, on the Apple App Store or Google Play store simply download the SkoolBag app as shown.

Once downloaded and opened the app, tap the add/remove button on the top of the screen and then search for Holy Family Granville. Once you have searched this, tap the '+' icon on the right of the school name and then you will be subscribed to Holy Family on SkoolBag.

Facebook:

To access our schools Facebook page simply search 'HFSPEG' in the Facebook search bar, or search the whole school name 'Holy Family Primary School, East Granville'.

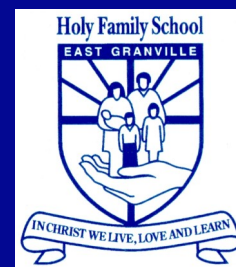
If on a computer, the schools Facebook page can be accessed by going to the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/HFPSEG/>

You do not need a Facebook account to view the school Facebook page.

On the Facebook page we will regularly post photos and videos of events and activities that take place within the whole school and classrooms. Additionally, information is posted on the Facebook page to best inform you of any events or changes that may be taking place.





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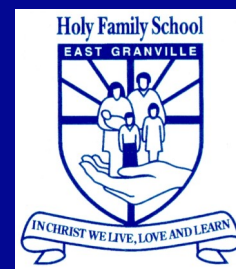
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HFS Parent Calendar - Term 1, 2020		
Week	Date	Event
1	Wednesday 29/1	Yr 2-6 Students Return
	Friday 31/1	Kindergarten and Yr 1 Students Return
3	Monday 10/02	Fundraising meeting 9 am - All parents welcome
	Tuesday 11/2	Meet the Teacher 5:30pm-7:30pm
	Wednesday 12/2	Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival - Mt Druitt Pool
4	Tuesday 19/2	Environment Performance Incursion
	Wednesday 20/2	Fundraising for Fire Relief- Red/Orange Day
	Friday 21/2	Opening School Mass 9:15am
		Year 6 Commissioning 10:00am
5	Wednesday 26/2	Ash Wednesday Mass
	Friday 1/3	Whole School Assembly (Grades 1, 3, 5, 6 Presenting)
6	Monday 2/3	Fundraising meeting 9 am - All parents welcome
	Tuesday 3/3	Parent Learning Walk—9 am
	Wednesday 4/3	Open Day 2:00-5:00pm
	Friday 6/3	Cross Country
7	Thursday 12/3	Women In Sport Roadshow
8	Tuesday 19/3	St Joseph's Day Whole School Liturgy 9:15am
9	Wednesday 25/3	The Annunciation of the Lord Liturgy 11:40am
10	Thursday 2/4	Student Led Conferences 5:00-7:00pm
	Friday 3/4	Whole School Assembly Grades K, 2, 4
11	Monday 6/4	Palm Sunday Liturgy
	Tuesday 7/4	School Photos
	Wednesday 8/4	Holy Week Liturgy Last Day for Students for Term 1
	Thursday 9/4	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

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