Wednesday 14th September 2016            Term 3            Week    9

Religious Education Matters

Mercy Action of the Week
Admit your jealousy to yourself and your confessor.

Gospel Reflection

*Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.* Luke 16:10

You go to the shop and the cashier accidentally gives you too much change. What do you do? You find a $10 note on the ground with no way of knowing whom it belongs to. What do you do? You find a bag with a large amount of money in it. What do you do?

Every day we are faced with decisions that test our honesty. Should the amount of money, or whatever else is involved, determine our actions? How many times have we heard “It’s just a little lie”? In this week’s Gospel Jesus tells us that it is not about the amount but it is a question of what is right. If you and I make sure that we are honest in the small things, then we can be sure that we will be honest in the big things. If people know that they can trust us in small things, they will know that they can trust us in the big things too.

Lord Jesus, I want to repeat these words of the centurion. I do believe in You and in Your Real Presence in the Eucharist. In my times of doubt or weakness of faith, I will call out to You, “Only say the word and I shall be healed.” AMEN

In Christ we Live, Love and Learn.
We congratulate this week’s Student of the Week Award recipients:

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Welcome back Mrs ElHawzi
Today Mrs ElHawzi returned from parent leave to rejoin our Holy Family community. Mrs ElHawzi is the new Year 6 teacher, taking over from Mrs Pietroff.

Student Vacation
Just a reminder that the children will be on student vacation from the 26th of September and returning to school on Monday the 10th of October. The children return in summer uniform.

Student Attendance
Each fortnight I print a student attendance report. This report calculates the number of days each child has been absent from school and the reason the child was not at school. It also alerts me to patterns of absent behaviour, for example the children who are away most Fridays or Mondays. Talking about your child’s great learning opportunities each day is so important so that our children develop positive behaviours towards school and that they understand the importance of attending each day. I have included an information chart regarding the effects of chronic student absences. Please read it and think about the long term effects of students who do not attend school for reasons other than ill health.
The Delany Cup

Over the past three weeks, four students Mosa Lemoto, Larissa El Hayek, Mikhail Amelsom and Britney Youssef from Year 5 had the opportunity to partake in a debating competition held at Delany College at Granville. The competition involved six other local Catholic Primary Schools in the Parramatta Diocese. In the competition, students had the opportunity to express their viewpoints on a number of current events, learn about the process of debating and receive feedback from the Delany students.

Last Wednesday, the 7th of September the Year 5 debating team celebrated another win against Our Lady Queen of Peace. The debate addressed the topic ‘School Holidays should be longer’. The Year 8 adjudicators from Delany were impressed with the teams evidence commenting on the statistics used and the refutes mirrored the other teams arguments.

The four students who were a part of the Holy Family School Year 5 debating team really enjoyed the experience.

“I felt excited that I got to participate in the Delany Cup. I really enjoyed meeting other students from different schools and making new friends”. Larissa El Hayek

“During the first debate before I spoke I couldn’t stop smiling and I was very nervous. For the other two debates I was bubbling with confidence, we knew what to do and what to expect and I think this helped us to win”. Mikhail Amelsom

“Being apart of the debating team was a great experience. I got to debate in front of different schools, parents and teachers and was able to express my opinion on topics I believe in”. Britney Youssef

“The people who were at Delany were very welcoming and polite to everyone. Being part of the debating team has built up my confidence of speaking”. The adjudicators gave me a lot of good feedback to become a better debater”. Mosa Lemoto
Calendar

September

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Birthday Wishes!

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week

- Jayden Nakhoul
- Tiana Nakhoul
- Stephen Lemoto
- Nicholas Anjoul
- Louie Sousan
- Larissa Harb
- Amensa Angbo
- Dylan Vu
- Joshua Makdissi
- Eden Feketi

School Fees

Term 3 School Fees are now due. Thankyou to everyone that has already paid the school fees.

Please note, payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPAY or at the Post Office.

Lost clothing

I ask parents to please label your child's clothing, lunch box and drink bottles. We have many lost items already. Items that are labelled find their way back to their owners.
St Bernadette’s Castle Hill

St. Bernadette’s 60th Anniversary Celebration

- Please join us
- 22nd October 2016
- Novotel Sydney Norwest
- 1 Columbus Court, Baulkham Hills
- 6:30 – 11:30pm
- $75 per person
- Includes food, beverages and entertainment.

BOOKINGS: www.sbcphf.com
ENQUIRIES: sbcphf@gmail.com

Post students, teachers, families, friends and parishioners all welcome.

School Holiday Fun

CARES
Community & Road Education Services

Auto Place X Peter Brock Dr, Prospect

Tuesday 4th October 2016
10AM – 2PM

- Come along during the school holidays and ride in a safe environment with real traffic lights.
- Bring your own bike and helmet
- Face Painting
- Painting is on site and free
- Bring a picnic
- Sausage sizzle and drinks
- Adult Supervision required

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